

# Falkland 1900-2000

## Year 1929

### (As researched by Jack Burgess)

#### 5th January 1929

Extract from *The Fife News*: **New Year** – “Wintry weather prevailed at the advent of New Year. The event was heralded quietly in the town, although several of the younger generation went first-footing.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **British Legion** – A branch of the British Legion has been formed in Falkland. The various Committees, with Mr R. Wallace as secretary, were appointed at a meeting held in the Institute last week, and arrangements are going on apace, a ‘smoker’ having been arranged to be held on the first Friday in February. Local ex-Service men should derive benefit from the movement.”

#### 12<sup>th</sup> January 1929

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

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Presentation** – “Mr George Finlay, who has been a troop leader in the local Boy Scouts for some time, and who is leaving soon for New Zealand, was met by the members of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Fife Troop at the Scout headquarters in Falkland, and presented with a pocket book, as a parting gift and token of esteem. Scout Wm. White made the presentation and Troop-Leader Finlay suitably replied.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Whist Drive** – “Another of the series of whist drives, under the auspices of Falkland War Memorial Institute, was held on Thursday evening last week. Fourteen tables were engaged, and Mr Thos. Schofield acted as timekeeper. The prize-winners were:-

Ladies – 1. Mrs A. Page, 185; consolation – Miss M. McKillop.

Gents. – 1. Jas. Birrell, 192; consolation – Miss C. Cowan (playing as gentleman).”

## **19<sup>th</sup> January 1929**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Heaters** – “The Town Council have had paraffin heaters placed in the Drill Hall.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Appeal** – “In response to an appeal made in the Parish Church on behalf of the Miners’ Fund, the congregation subscribed a sum of over £15.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Concert** – “Under the auspices of the Parish Church Woman’s Guild, a splendid concert was held in the Drill Hall on Friday evening. The Rev. J.K. Russell occupied the chair in the presence of a large and appreciative audience. The artists, who were a distinguished company, included Miss Lumsden, Eden Valley House, Freuchie, and Mr Geo. Watt, Collessie (violinists); Mr D. Leven, Auchtermuchty (trombone); Miss Bonthron, Newton House (elocutionist); Miss Taylor, Auchtermuchty; Miss Dunn, Collessie, and the Rev. W.G. Mitchell, Freuchie (soloists), and Miss Wilson and Mrs Scott Davidson (variety). Mrs Arnott, Weddersbie, Collessie, presided at the piano.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Sequel to Motoring Accident** – “The trial took place in Cupar Sheriff Court on Tuesday of Robert Daniel Crawford, farm assistant, c/o Dykes, Westfield, Falkland, who was charged with having, on 16<sup>th</sup> November, in Muir Street, Thornton, driven a motor car in a negligent manner on the wrong side of the road, and caused it to run against and knock down and injure Lizzie Paterson, schoolgirl, 18 Brown Crescent, Thornton, and Jean Taylor, schoolgirl, South End, Thornton. Accused was defended by Mr R.N. Robertson, solicitor, Cupar.

Giving evidence, Jean Taylor said she and her companion were walking along the east side of Main Street, Thornton. Witness was on the pavement and her companion was walking in the gutter as near to the pavement as possible. She heard nothing, but a car must have come up behind them, and she heard her companion call out, ‘Oh, Jean!’ She must have fallen on her head – that was all she knew until she came to herself in Dr Tait’s surgery. She had been confined to bed for about a week. Lizzie Paterson gave corroborative evidence. P.C. Archibald McLean, of Thornton, said he found blood-marks about two feet from the grass verging the footpath.

Accused’s statement was that he was driving about the centre of the road at about 12 m.p.h. The light from the street-lamp struck the windscreen of his car and was reflected back in his eyes and he was temporarily blinded. He immediately braked the car. Owing to his momentarily being dazzled, he must have struck the girls, who, as far as he could see, came out suddenly in front of him.

*Sheriff Dudley Stuart said there had been negligence. If anyone was dazzled by a lamp he had no business to go on, and if anything happened, he would be held responsible. He imposed a fine of 40s."*

## **26<sup>th</sup> January 1929**

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

*"Played at Woodside on Saturday afternoon. Half-time reflections of this match made one pause and ask oneself how many more goals the home team would add during the second half, because at the interval they were leading by 5 goals to 1. On the turn-about, however, Falkland asserted themselves and made a very spirited reply, and rattled on goals in rapid succession, completely changing the aspect of the game. The homesters only got one point in this period, and when the final whistle blew, they were leading by the odd goal in eleven. The match was under Markinch and District Welfare Combination auspices."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **B.O.A.F.G.** – *"The annual general meeting of the Lomond Oak Lodge (No. 387) was held in the Town Hall on Thursday evening last week, W.M. Bro. Robt. Kennedy presiding over a good attendance. In his remarks, the W.M. commented on the splendid financial position of the Lodge. During the year there was an increase in funds of £216, thus bringing the total funds to £2,474. Sickness benefit paid out amounted to £87. Eight new members were admitted to the Order, making the total membership 173. The balance-sheet and auditors' report were unanimously adopted, and Bro. T. Drysdale, auditor, made some explanatory remarks. Bro. J.S. Hardie, the retiring secretary, also spoke. The following office-bearers have been appointed for 1929:-*

*W.M. – Bro. Alex. T. Grant; D.M. – Bro. Peter Robertson; P.M. – Bro. Henry Birrell; S.W. – Bro. R.S. Drysdale; J.W. – Bro. Peter Birrell; I.G. – Bro. Alex. Lawson; O.S. – Bro. John Campbell; Treasurer – Bro. James Lawson; Secretary – Bro. Robt. Kennedy, Elmlea, Falkland; Sick Stewards (Falkland) – Bro. Peter G. Lawson; (Freuchie), Bro. Robt. Dewar; Trustees – Bro. G.S. Hardie, Bro. Wm. Gray, and Bro. James Duncan; Auditors – Bro. Thomas Drysdale and Bro. James Hay; Chaplain – Bro. John R. Lewis."*

Article in *The Fife News*: **Call to Falkland Minister**

**Rev. J.P. Batchelor for Alexandria**

*"At a meeting of Alexandria North U.F. Church congregation, Dumbartonshire, held on Monday night, the Rev. J.P. Batchelor, Falkland, was unanimously elected as minister of that church in room of the Rev. Kenneth MacLennan, who has been translated to Prestonpans U.F. Church.*

*Mr Batchelor was inducted to Falkland U.F. Church on 30<sup>th</sup> August 1917, having been called from Maud, Aberdeenshire, in succession to the Rev. J.H. Morrison, who was translated to Newhills, Aberdeen. Mr Batchelor, who is the second son of Mr A. Batchelor, Dundee, graduated M.A., and took his divinity course at Aberdeen. During his last year there, he conducted a mission station at Maud. He is convener of the Foreign Missions Committee of Cupar U.F. Presbytery, and as such is a strong and earnest pleader for that cause. He is a popular pastor in his congregation, and a forceful preacher.”*

## **2<sup>nd</sup> February 1929**

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

*“Played at Falkland on Saturday afternoon under Markinch and District Welfare Combination auspices. This match was of more than a passing interest, as was made evident by the large number of spectators present. No doubt the fixture being of the ‘local derby’ nature, created a tense atmosphere, while at the same time the teams are running neck and neck in the Combination. Falkland were first to settle down, and after about fifteen minutes, Thomson opened their account. The visitors replied strongly, but Meldrum gave them the right-about. Midfield play followed for a spell until the home left wing got possession. Birrell carried well up before centring, and with the Dunshelt defence completely at sea, Bett was left with nothing to do but tap the ball home. After these reverses, Dunshelt put more spirit into their play. Young, the centre forward, broke through, and his shot carried past the post, with Ritchie coming out to meet him. The referee appeared to err badly at this point, in granting a corner kick, as the ball went clearly past from Young’s foot. This corner kick eventually gave the visitors their opening goal, as during the scrimmage in the goalmouth, Dalrymple scored. Half-time arrived with Falkland leading by 2 goals to 1.*

*The Thistle started off again in promising fashion, and the United’s defence were early called upon to clear. Considering the slippery and ice-bound surface of the ground, the game was fought out on fast and clean lines. Dunshelt put on pressure and Dalrymple brought his side on level terms. Nettled at this sudden spurt on the part of their opponents, the Thistle swept down on the United’s citadel, and Bett again put his side in the lead. From this point onwards the homesters dominated the situation, and it came as no surprise when Bett added a fourth goal for Falkland, and incidentally secured his own ‘hat-trick’, truly a good performance for an outside right.”*

Article in *The Fife News*: **Curling – Forret v Falkland**

*“Played on Lindores Loch on Saturday for the R.C.C. Medal. W. walker, Cairneyhall, was umpire. Result:-*

**Falkland**

**Forret**

<i>W. Peggie</i>	18	<i>W. Rollo</i>	19
<i>D. Bonthron</i>	12	<i>J.A. Rollo</i>	24
	<b>30</b>		<b>43</b>

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

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Flu** – “Flu is raging in the village at present, and consequently working staffs at various places of business are somewhat depleted.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Smoking Concert** – “In connection with the recently formed branch of the British Legion, a ‘smoker’ is to be held in the Bruce Arms Hotel to-night (Friday).”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Dance** – “Under the auspices of the Lomond Oak Lodge, B.O.A.F.G. (No. 387), the annual dance was held in the Drill Hall on Friday night. Over fifty couples attended, and excellent music was discoursed by the Imperial Band, Cowdenbeath. Delegates were present from neighbouring Lodges. The catering arrangements were in the capable hands of a Ladies’ Committee. Bros. G. Birrell and Geo. Anderson discharged the duties of M.C.’s.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Old Folks’ Treat** – “At the invitation of the Falkland Co-operative Women’s Guild, the old folk of the burgh attended a social meeting and concert in the Drill Hall on Wednesday evening last week. Mrs Hardie, president, and Messrs R.S. Patterson and George Braid welcomed the guests. Delegates were present from neighbouring branches of the Guild. The following artists provided splendid entertainment for the company:-

*Miss Frew, Newburgh; Mr Henderson, Newburgh; Miss Wishart and Messrs W. and A. Gilmour and J. Ross, Coaltown of Balgonie. The accompaniments were played by Mrs Martin, Falkland.*

*Each member of the elderly company received a parcel, and to those who were unable to be present, parcels were delivered. To cater for the needs of the younger generation, a dance was held later, at which music was supplied by the Balmoral Orchestra.”*

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

*“After the lapse of two months, the first meeting for the year of Falkland District School Management Committee was held in Falkland School on Monday evening, the Rev. G. Scanlan, Strathmiglo, in the chair. The Clerk read a minute of the meeting held during December between representatives of the Falkland and*

*Ladybank districts regarding the proposed resuscitation of inter-school sports, from which it appeared that the meeting had decided not to attempt these unless the Committees assumed the entire responsibility. Mr Macgillivray, Auchtermuchty, the prime mover in the matter, gave further details of the discussion at the meeting, and it was agreed to defer action until the views of the Ladybank District Committee and the head teachers in the Falkland district were ascertained.”*

## **9<sup>th</sup> February 1929**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Meeting** – “At a congregational meeting held in U.F. Church Hall last week, the Kirk Session and congregation were unanimously in favour of the basis and plan of Church Union.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Services** – “In the absence of the Rev. J.P. Batchelor, through illness, Mr Donald McLean, Markinch, officiated at both morning and afternoon services in the U.F. Church on Sunday.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **B.O.A.F.G.** – “At a meeting of Lomond Oak Lodge (No. 387) held on Thursday evening last week, the office-bearers for the present year were installed in office. Bro. Geo. S. Hardie performed the installation ceremony.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Property Sales** – “Provost Hopkins has purchased the dwelling house known as Oakbank from the Misses Galloway, and is making extensive alterations. Mr A. Galloway has purchased the property containing his emporium and dwelling-house from the same proprietors.”



**Oakbank, Falkland**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **British Legion** – “Under the auspices of the local branch, a ‘smoker’ was held in the Bruce Arms Hotel, on Friday evening. There were thirty-two members present, and Mr David Bonthron occupied the chair. Major G.J.

Lumsden, president of the branch, spoke on the movement, and Messrs G.J. Cook, W. Wallace, and Anderson, representing Leven, Leslie, and Kirkcaldy branches, respectively, explained various points in connection with the work of the Legion. The following helped vocally towards the success of the function:-

Messrs W. Paterson, James Peggie, D. Riley, S. Brooman, J. Mather, W. Laverock, and G.J. Cook.

A pleasing event was the presentation of a banner from Leven branch to be hung in the Falkland headquarters.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Honouring Burns** – “The members of Falkland Burns Club held their annual dinner in the Commercial Hotel on Wednesday evening last week, Mr T. Williamson presiding. Mr Blair, Cardenden, played in the haggis, which was carried by Mr G.S. Hardie. The toasts submitted were as follows:-

‘The King’, the Chairman; ‘The Imperial Forces’, Mr Blair, reply, Councillor Riley; ‘The Immortal Memory’, the Rev. J.K. Russell; ‘Our Guests’, Councillor Baxter, reply, Rev. J.K. Russell and Mr Blair; ‘Town and Industry’, Dr F. Walker, reply, Councillor Nellies; ‘The Lasses’, Dr Walker, reply, Mr C. Oram; ‘The Chairman’, Councillor Hendry.

The following contributed towards the evening’s entertainment:-

Messrs Oram, Duncan, Collins, Gunn, Williamson, Kirkcaldy, Hastie, Paterson, Cowan, Baxter, Hardie, and Skinner.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Institute** – “Draughts and billiards teams representing Tayside Institute, Newburgh, and War Memorial Institute, Falkland, met in friendly combat at Falkland on Thursday evening last week. The result was as follows:-

Draughts – Falkland, 6 games; Newburgh, 3 games; draws, 3 games.

Billiards – Falkland, 3 games; Newburgh, 3 games; points majority in favour of Falkland, 41. Details:-

#### **DRAUGHTS**

<b>W</b>	<b>Falkland</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Tayside</b>	<b>W</b>
1	P. Robertson	1	R. Galloway	0
0	J. Douglas	0	A.H. Pearson	2
1	H. Robson	1	G.F. Clunie	0
2	A. Wishart	0	A. Taylor	0
0	C.R. Drysdale	1	A. Wilkie	1

2	J. Dakers	0	D. Lamond	0
6		3		3

### **BILLIARDS**

<b>Falkland</b>		<b>Tayside</b>	
C. Oram	120	A. Goodall	64
D. Clark	120	L.R. Ballantyne	65
A. Cowan	96	R. Williamson	120
W. Ross	119	G. Dow	120
J. Dakers	58	G. Lamond	120
J. Lawson	120	A. Robertson	103
	<b>633</b>		<b>592</b>

### **16<sup>th</sup> February 1929**

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

*“Played at Falkland on Saturday afternoon. The Royal Burgh team further improved their position in the Markinch and District Welfare Combination at the expense of Kennoway. Playing a strong game, the home team were leading by three goals to one at the half-way stage, and by sterling play in the second period, supplemented their total by two goals, thus winning by 5 goals to 1. For Falkland, Finlay (4) and Bett were the scorers, while Barnett was the visitors’ marksman.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Services** – *“The Rev. Anson Wood, Cupar, officiated at both morning and evening services in the Parish Church on Sunday.”*





**Rev. Anson R.C. Wood, B.A., (Oxon), B.D., St Michael's Church, Cupar**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Rev. J.P. Batchelor's Induction** – “The induction of Rev. James P. Batchelor, Falkland U.F. Church, as minister of Alexandria North U.F. Church has been fixed for 13<sup>th</sup> March. Mr Batchelor takes the place of Rev. Kenneth MacLennan, who has been translated to Prestonpans U.F. Church.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Octogenarian Dead** – “There was laid to rest in Falkland Cemetery on Wednesday afternoon, the remains of Mr Robert Strachan, aged 88 years. Deceased, who was a well-respected gentleman, carried on a tailoring business for many years, and after he relinquished this, he accepted the office of town crier, which position he held for over fifteen years, and from which he only resigned a few months ago on account of failing health. Mr Strachan's wife predeceased him several years ago, and a son is at present in U.S.A.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket Club** – “At a meeting held in the War Memorial Institute on Wednesday evening, the following office-bearers were appointed for the approaching season:-

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

*The Club is in a sound position financially, and members and players alike are looking forward to a successful season.”*

**23<sup>rd</sup> February 1929**

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

*“On Tuesday, two Leslie rinks went to Falkland and played a friendly with two Falkland rinks. Results:-*

*Leslie No. 1 – S. Plumb, J. Orr, ex-Provost Stark, and J.K. Dewar (skip) – 23*

*Falkland No. 1 – J. Craig, J. Jackson, C. Jackson, and W. Peggie (skip) – 10*

*Leslie No. 2 – C. Orr, G. Bell, J. Carmichael, and D.B. Shoolbraid (skip) – 19*

*Falkland No. 2 – A. Anderson, J. Jackson, W. Peggie jnr., and M. Smart (skip) – 13*

*Totals – Leslie 42; Falkland 23.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Labour Meeting** – “Mr W. Ross Garson, prospective Labour candidate for East Fife, addressed a meeting of the electors in the Town Hall last Friday evening. The wintry weather conditions adversely affected the attendance.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Whist Drive** – “Under the auspices of the local Unionist Association, a whist drive was held in the Drill Hall on Friday evening. The weather conditions at the time of the event were of a very wintry description, and no doubt accounted for the poor turnout, only eleven tables being engaged. Mr David Bonthronne acted as time-keeper. The prize-winners were:-

*Ladies – 1. Mrs Page; 2. Miss Henderson; consolation – Mrs Burgess; Highest half-time score – Mrs Page.*

*Gentlemen – 1. A.A. Robertson; 2. Mrs Baxter (playing as gent); consolation – James Douglas; Highest half-time score – Miss Craig (playing as gent); Travelling prize – John Baxter.*

*At the dance following, music was supplied by Smart’s Band from Kingskettle. Mr Stewart Drysdale acted as M.C.”*

## **2<sup>nd</sup> March 1929**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Snow** – “Snow commenced to fall on Sunday night and continued all Monday to a depth of several inches. A strong south-easterly wind caused drifting in many places.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Social Meetings** – “The Royal burgh was well catered for in the matter of ‘socials’ at the week-end. On Friday night the function was under the auspices of S.C.W.S., Ltd., Pleasance Linen Works, while on Saturday the gathering was sponsored by Markinch Co-operative Society Ltd. At the former function, Bailie Robertson, manager of the Linen Factory, occupied the chair in the presence of a large company. After tea had been partaken of, the audience were

*treated to a splendid concert by a party of artists from Strathmiglo. The programme rendered was as follows:-*

*Chorus by the party: solo, 'Mary', Miss L. Thomson; trio, 'Parsons of Puddle', Messrs Robertson, Rae and Moyes; solo, 'Marguerite', Miss Meldrum; dance, 'Highland Fling', Miss E. Briggs; duet, 'Extempore'. Messrs Brown and Robertson; concerted, 'Military Band', Miss Chapman; chorus, 'Drive Away your Troubles', by the party; duet, 'Dooley's Farm', Messrs Sutherland and Moyes; concerted, 'Liza's Lovers', Miss Meldrum and Mr Brown; duet, 'Oh Sarah, Oh 'Eney', Mr and Mrs Moyes; dance, 'Irish Jig', Miss E. Briggs; concerted, 'Martha Spanks', Mr Rae and party; chorus, 'Scotch Fantasia', by the party; Mr Wm. Scott Rae played the accompaniments.*

*At the dance following, over fifty couples were present and music was provided by The Radio Follies' Band from Cardenden. Messrs Thomas Hamilton and John McEwan discharged the duties of M.C.'s.*

*After the success of the social meeting held the previous year, the function on Saturday night was eagerly looked forward to by many of the townsfolk. When Mr George Braid, treasurer of the Markinch Society, took the chair, the Drill Hall was packed to its utmost capacity. After the service of tea, the large company were entertained to a delightful concert by a company of artists from Glasgow.*

*Programme:-*

*Trio, 'Songs of the Isles', Misses Laidlaw and Robertson and Mr Richardson; song, 'Nae Luck about the Hoose', Miss Robertson; song, 'The Auld Plaid Shawl', Mr Richardson; song, (humorous), 'The Wedding', Mr Torrance; dance, selected; song, 'The Auld Scotch Sangs'. Miss Laidlaw; song, 'Lochnagar', Miss Robertson; song, 'The Henpecked Soldier', Mr Torrance; duet, 'Lang, Lang Syne', Misses Laidlaw and Robertson; song, 'Take a Pair of Sparkling Eyes', Mr Richardson; dance, selected; song, 'I did not know', Miss Laidlaw; humorous song, Mr Torrance; trio, 'Songs of Scotland', Misses Laidlaw and Robertson and Mr Richardson; Mr P.G. Terras, Markinch, acted as accompanist.*

*During an interval in the programme, Mr Alexander McLeod, a Director of S.C.W.S., Ltd., addressed the audience. The usual votes of thanks were given, and the meeting closed with the singing of 'Auld Lang Syne'. A short dance followed, music being supplied by the local Balmoral Orchestra."*

**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 evening, when the Rev. G. Scanlan, Strathmiglo, presided over a small attendance.*

*A lengthy communication was read from Mr Sandilands, Master of Works to the Authority, detailing the basis on which school cleaners' wages were fixed, and it was resolved to deal with this at a future meeting.*

*The Clerk to Ladybank District S.M.C. wrote stating that his Committee had agreed to take no action in regard to the proposed inter-school sports. The Falkland Committee, though taking no action meantime, are therefore free to proceed on their own initiative.*

*Arrangements were made for ascertaining the repairs which might be carried out on schools during the summer vacation.*

*The attendance returns showed the prevalence of an extraordinary amount of sickness among pupils. For the month, Strathmiglo had the highest average with 87.6%, and Falkland the lowest with 68.8%.*

*A letter was read from Rev. J.P. Batchelor, Falkland, resigning his membership, on the occasion of his removal to Dumbartonshire, and, this having been accepted, it was remitted to the Clerk to thank Mr Batchelor for his past services, and also to take the necessary steps in connection with filling the vacancy."*

## **9<sup>th</sup> March 1929**

Intimation in *The Fife News*: **Scouts**

*"SCOUTMASTER WALLACE and the 22<sup>nd</sup> FIFE TROOP (FALKLAND) beg to thank all who helped towards the success of their Concert on 1<sup>st</sup> inst."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lantern Service** – *"A lantern service was held in the Parish Church on Sunday evening, when slides depicting 'The Life of Christ' were shown. The Rev. J.K. Russell filled the role of the lecturer, and Messrs Wm. Robertson and Chas. Ross manipulated the lantern."*

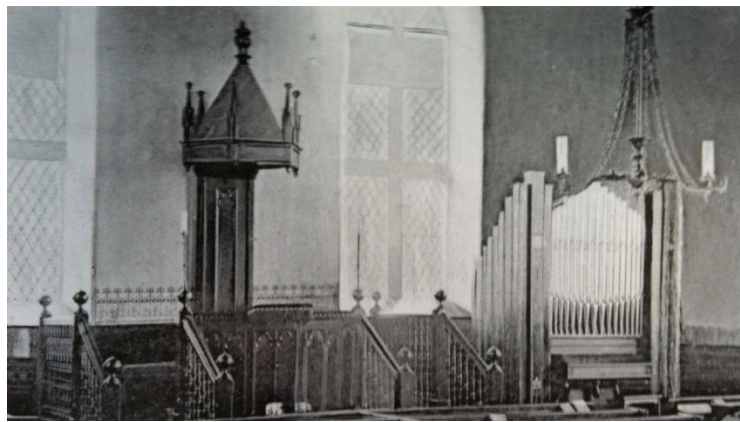
Extract from *The Fife News*: **Concert** – *"Under the auspices of the (local) 22<sup>nd</sup> Fife Troop of Boy Scouts, a very successful concert was held in the Drill Hall on Friday evening last week. Mr David Bonthron, Newton of Falkland, occupied the chair, in the presence of a large audience. The following well varied programme was ably sustained:-*

*Chorus, 'Fifeshire 22<sup>nd</sup> Scouts and Cubs'; trombone solos, Mr D. Leven, Auchtermuchty; song, Miss G. Rattray, Markinch; dance, Miss S. Haxton, Markinch; 'Banana', Cheater Brothers; violin selection, 'The Young Recruit', Mr Marshall Stark and pupils; sketch, 'Simple Simon', Boy Scouts; recitation, 'My Dolly', Miss D. Archibald; sketch, 'Naming the Baby', Girl Guides; trombone solo, Mr Leven; 'Had', Cheater Brothers; song, Miss Rattray; dance, Miss Haxton; violin selections, 'Recollections of Scotland', Mr Stark and pupils; 'Had Again', Cheater Brothers; 'Five*

*Minutes Noise', Falkland Pack; song, 'My Old Shako', Mr T. Drysdale. Miss C. Peggie played the accompaniments.*

*On the call of Scoutmaster Wallace, a vote of thanks was accorded the Chairman."*

Extract from *The Fife News: Minister's Departure* – "On the occasion of his leaving to take up the ministry of Alexandria U.F. Church, the Rev. J.P. Batchelor was honoured by the congregation of Falkland U.F. Church and friends at a social meeting held in the church on Monday evening. The Rev. W.J. Auld, Freuchie U.F. Church, occupied the chair. In his remarks, Mr Auld said that he had been almost seven years in Freuchie, and, from the time of his coming, had been on the most intimate terms with Mr Batchelor. He hoped that the congregation, although reluctant to part with Mr Batchelor, would wish him success in his new sphere."



**Falkland U.F. Church (Circa late 1920's)**

*"Everyone regretted the absence of Mrs Batchelor through illness, but at the same time were very glad to see the Manse family present. Mr Batchelor was presented with a wallet of Treasury notes at the hands of Mrs Baird, and Mr Walter Peggie, who officiated at this ceremony, said he been called upon to perform a pleasant, but, at the same time, perhaps, a sad duty. When they read in the papers some time ago of Mr Batchelor's call, they had to ponder over the loss it would mean to them all.*

*Mr Batchelor had been over eleven years with them, and the roots of his ministry had become firmly embedded in the congregational soil. During all that time, Mr Peggie said, he could not remember a Deacons' Court or Kirk Session meeting at which they had had to recourse to voting, so harmonious were the proceedings. Mr Batchelor had endeared himself to all the congregation, especially to the aged and infirm. In calling on Mrs Baird to hand over the gift, Mr Peggie asked Mr Batchelor to accept it as a tangible token of the respect and esteem in which he was held.*

*Mr Batchelor, in making reply, thanked one and all for their great kindness to him. In the first place, he was leaving Falkland with mixed feelings, as that had been his first charge, and it was to Falkland he brought his bride. They had become very much attached to Falkland folks, and they felt as if tearing themselves away. He could*

*always look on his family as Fifers, born and bred. Nothing gave a minister greater pleasure than to see his congregation making regular attendance at church, and he asked them earnestly to be present at least once every Sunday. He was going to a larger congregation, and hoped the prayers of the Falkland folks would follow him in his calling.*

*The Rev. J.K. Russell, Falkland Parish Church, remarked on the privilege he had been given in being admitted to the intimacy of the gathering. Mr Batchelor and himself had been on the most friendly terms ever since their becoming acquainted, and he wished to thank Mr Batchelor very sincerely for his splendid work in conducting all the services and ministerial labours during the Great War when he (Mr Russell) was away. Mr Batchelor had responded nobly to all that was asked of him, and he hoped that Mrs Batchelor would be restored to health and strength again, and that they would be able, along with their family, to enjoy their new charge.*

*During the evening, songs were rendered by Miss Penman and Messrs A. Archibald and T. Drysdale, and violin selections were given by Mr Marshall Stark. Miss C. Peggie presided at the organ. It being his last Sunday as a minister in Falkland, Mr Batchelor occupied the Parish Church pulpit in the morning, while Mr Russell conducted the service in the U.F. Church.”*

## **16<sup>th</sup> March 1929**

Article in *The Fife News*: **Football – Lomond Thistle v Leslie East End**

*“Played under Markinch and District Welfare Combination auspices at Falkland last Saturday afternoon. Scoring was heavy in this game, for when the final whistle went, each side had scored five goals. The locals put up a good performance in securing a draw, as MacNaughton, their right back, had to retire injured after ten minutes’ play. The Falkland team were leading by three goals to one at the interval. An incident of note was the ‘hat-trick’ by Finlay, the home team’s young centre-forward, who was playing his last game before going abroad.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Minister** – *“The Rev. J.P. Batchelor was, on Wednesday, inducted to his new charge at Alexandria North U.F. Church. At the congregational social in the evening to welcome the new minister, Rev. Mr Batchelor was presented with pulpit robes and other gifts.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Pulpit** – *“The Rev. Edward Beal, Strathmiglo, occupied the Parish Church pulpit on Sunday morning. In the U.F. Church, Mr Donald McLean, Markinch, officiated at both morning and afternoon services.”*



**Rev. Edward Beal**

**West Church, Strathmiglo**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Guild** – “At the weekly meeting of the Falkland Branch of Markinch Co-operative Women’s Guild, held in the Lower Town Hall on Tuesday evening, an address was given by Mrs McArthur of Markinch Educational Committee. There was a good attendance.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Presentation** – “On the occasion of his leaving the employment of the S.C.W.S., Ltd., Pleasance Linen Works, where he was an apprentice mechanic, Mr George Finlay was met by his fellow-workers on Wednesday evening and presented with a handsome suitcase. Mr James Hay, works manager, who presided at the ceremony, called upon Mr John Lewis, foreman mechanic, to say a few words. After appropriate remarks regarding Mr Finlay’s time at the factory, Mr Lewis wished him ‘bon voyage’, and asked Mr Robert Anderson, apprentice tenter, to hand over the gift. Mr Finlay, who is going to New Zealand, made suitable reply.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Whist Drive and Dance** – “The annual custom of Masonic Lodge St John (No. 35) of having an all-night dance was departed from this year, and a whist drive and dance was held instead. The function turned out very successfully, mainly through the efforts of Bro. David Clark (secy.) and a hard-working Committee, while the catering arrangements were carried out by a Committee of ladies. R.W.M. Bro. James Skinner welcomed the company, who included delegates from Markinch, Leslie, Ladybank, and B.O.A.F.G. ‘Lomond Oak’ Lodge (No. 387). Twenty tables were occupied at whist, and Bro. Alex. Cowan acted as timekeeper. The prize-winners were:-

Ladies – 1. Miss J. Ross; 2. Miss Mackie, Markinch; consolation – Miss Dryden, Newton of Falkland.

Gentlemen – 1. R. Hendry; 2. Andrew Mitchell, Leslie; consolation – Mr Mackie, Markinch.

*At the dance following, over fifty couples were present. Splendid music was provided by the Victoria Band from Cowdenbeath, and Bros. A. Cowan and P. Lawson were M.C.'s"*

## **23<sup>rd</sup> March 1929**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Fine** – “A fine of 10s was, in Cupar Sheriff Court on Tuesday, imposed upon Thomas Ross, floorcloth worker, High Street, Falkland, who admitted having at New Inn driven a motor bicycle without two independent brakes in good working order.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Service** – “Rev. W.J. Auld, Freuchie, who is acting Interim Moderator, conducted the morning service in the U.F. Church on Sunday. Mr Connel, Edinburgh, occupied the pulpit in the afternoon.”



**Rev. Wm. J. Auld, B.A. (Oxon.)**

**Scott Memorial Church, Freuchie**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Whist Drive** – “Under the auspices of the Falkland Branch of Markinch Co-operative Women’s Guild, a successful whist drive was held in the Lower Town Hall on Tuesday night. Thirteen tables were engaged, and Mrs G.S. Hardie, president of the branch acted as timekeeper. The prize-winners were:-

*Ladies* – 1. Miss J.K. Drysdale – 188; 2. Miss E. Page – 179; consolation – Miss C. Hardie.

*Gentlemen* – 1. A. Cowan – 185; 2. John Nelson – 182; consolation – Miss A. Brown (as gent).

*A short dance followed, and music was provided by Miss Margaret Lawson and Mr Thomas Imrie (violin). Mr Stewart Drysdale was M.C.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Curling Club Dinner** – “Falkland Curling Club’s annual dinner was held in the Commercial Hotel on Friday evening, when Mr James



Jackson, president, occupied the chair. There was a good attendance and several new members were initiated. The Chairman occupied the office of 'My Lord', while Mr George Morgan acted as 'My Lord's Officer'. The following toasts were submitted:-

'The King', the Chairman; 'Imperial Forces', Mr D. Bonthron, reply by Major G.J. Lumsden; 'Royal Caledonian Curling Club', Mr Walter Peggie, reply by Mr George Morgan; 'New Members', Mr M. St Clair, reply by Dr Walker; 'Neighbouring Clubs', Mr D. Bonthron, reply by Mr Lex Bonthron, Auchtermuchty; 'Falkland Curling Club', Mr W. Murray, Auchtermuchty, reply by the President; 'Town and Trade of Falkland', Major Lumsden, reply by Provost Hopkins; 'The Chairman', Mr A. Shanks.

The stoup was eventually purchased by Dr Walker. The following contributed towards the evening's entertainment:-

Major Lumsden, Messrs Jas. Jackson, T. Williamson, H. Baxter, Wm. Bryce, J. Cairns, T. Drysdale, W. Peggie, snr., W. Peggie, jnr., Dr Cameron, Mr M. St Clair, and Mr R. Andrews."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Concert** – "Under the auspices of the Parish Church Woman's Guild, a very successful concert was held in the Drill Hall on Friday evening last week. Rev. J.K. Russell presided over a well-filled hall. The artists, with the exception of Miss Briggs, were all local, and comported themselves in a very able manner. A long and varied programme was carried out as follows:-

Songs, 'Sweet Vale of Avoca' and 'Somewhere a Voice is Calling', Miss Oswald; 'A Rosebud by my Early Walk', Miss K. Lawson; 'Flora MacDonald's Lament', and 'Ae Fond Kiss', Miss H. Douglas; 'An Evening Scene' and 'Danny Boy', Miss J. Lister; 'Mary of Argyle' and 'Lay My Head Beneath a Rose', Miss F. Stark; 'Susie MacLean', 'The Boss o' the Hoose' and 'The End of the Road', Mr John J. Ross; duets, 'Life's Dream is O'er', Misses J. Douglas and C. Drysdale; 'The Crookit Bawbee', Miss Oswald and Mr Ross; dances, 'Highland Fling', 'Irish Jig', 'Sailor's Hornpipe', 'Dutch Dance', and 'Skirt Dance', Miss Briggs, Kirkcaldy; violin selections, 'Gathering of the Cland', 'Sanctuary of the Heart', and 'Juanita', Mr Marshall Stark; sketches, 'Poor Ma-in-Law', Misses J. Douglas and Marion Dryden, and Messrs M. Stark, R. Laing, and J. McEwan; 'Wanted a Wife', Misses C. Drysdale, F. Stark, J. Lister, Mary Dryden, and L. Mitchell and Messrs J.J. Ross and J. Lawson.

Following the concert a dance was held, for which music was supplied by Miss Pringle, Dunshelt, and Messrs Marshall Stark and James Birrell, Falkland."



### Falkland Guild Concert Party

Seated – J. Douglas, C. Drysdale, Ina Briggs, M. Dryden, B. Douglas

Standing – A. Oswald (Convener), R. Laing, J. Lister, J. McEwan, K. Lawson, M. Stark, M. Dryden, J. Lawson,

L. Mitchell, J. Ross (Stage Manager)

### 30<sup>th</sup> March 1929

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Services** – “Mr Gillespie, Cowdenbeath, officiated at both services in the U.F. Church on Sunday.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cinema** – “Commencing to-morrow night (Saturday) the local cinema is to be under new management.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Social** – “The annual social meeting, under the auspices of the Parish Church Bible Class, was held in Hardies’s Temperance Hotel on Friday evening. The Rev. J.K. Russell, minister, presided over a large gathering. After tea, a programme of songs, recitations, dancing, and games was carried through, and much enjoyed. The following contributed towards the evening’s entertainment:-

*Misses A. Oswald and J.K. Drysdale and J.K. Russell and Mr John J. Ross.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Woman’s Guild** – “At the invitation of the Woman’s Guild, Cupar and St Andrews Presbyterial Guild Council met in the Parish Church, on the afternoon of Saturday. Delegates to the number of 60, from parishes as far apart as Newport and Cameron and Kingskettle, gathered under the presidency of

Mrs Armstrong, Manse of Kilconquhar, and Falkland Guild were represented by quite a large contingent of members in addition. The Rev. J.K. Russell welcomed the 'friendly invasion' in the name of the Guild, and added a few words on the historical and ecclesiastical traditions of the Royal Burgh, in which the Council found itself meeting that afternoon.

During the course of the meeting, at which reports were given on the work of the various Guild branches, Mrs Morris, the Manse, Wormit, gave a helpful address on the part women have played as reconcilers in the home, and pleaded that the delegates should fulfil that role in the coming Union of the Churches.

At the close of the business, the Benediction was pronounced by the Rev. D. MacMichael, Largo, who was present as a representative of St Andrews Presbytery. Tea was thereafter served by the members of the Falkland Guild."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death – Bissett** – "At The Fleurs, Falkland, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> inst., Jean Bissett, second daughter of the late Bailie Bissett, Falkland."

## **6<sup>th</sup> April 1929**

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

"The above Clubs met at John Dixon Park, Markinch in a Markinch Welfare competition on Saturday. A hard and clean game was served up. The home Club showed some nice football, and were worthy of their victory by the odd goal in five.

Result – Amateurs 3; Thistle 2."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Services** – "Rev. Mr Young, Edinburgh, officiated at both morning and afternoon services in the U.F. Church on Sunday."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Holiday** – "Monday was observed as the annual spring holiday. Factories and shops were closed for the day, and several of the townsfolk availed themselves of the cheap travelling facilities offered by the railway company."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Billiards** – "Teams representing Falkland and Kettle met in a friendly encounter at Falkland War Memorial Institute on Thursday evening last week. The visitors were victorious by 4 games to 2, with a points majority of 25. Details:-

<b>Falkland</b>		<b>Kettle</b>	
T. Drysdale	100	R. Robertson	73
A. Cowan	95	W. Leitch	100

J. Lawson	97	T. Penrose	100
J. Dakers	91	J. Mills	100
W. Ross	100	J. Scott	81
C.R. Drysdale	46	J. Smart	100
	<b>529</b>		<b>554</b>

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket Club Dance** – “The annual dance, under the auspices of Falkland Cricket Club, was held in the Drill Hall last Friday night. Between 40 and 50 couples were present, and splendid music was discoursed by the Imperial Band, Cowdenbeath. The catering arrangements were admirably carried out by a Committee of ladies. The duties of M.C.’s were discharged by Messrs Robert Hopkins and Stewart Drysdale. List of Acceptances:-

*Ladies* – Misses L. Anderson, Kilgowrie Knowe; E. Anderson, Falkland; B. Anderson, do.; M. Archibald, do.; Briggs, Falkland; A. Baxter, do.; M. Bryce, do.; A. Bruce, do.; Mrs Baird, do.; M. and H. Craig, do.; J.F. Drysdale, do.; E. Drysdale, do.; R. Grant, do.; J. Howat, Newton of Falkland; C. Hardie, Falkland; Lindsay and party, Newton of Falkland; C. Lawson, Falkland; Mary Lawson, do.; J. Lawson, do.; K. Lawson, do.; Mackie, Markinch; A. Mather, Falkland; J. Nelson, do.; Penman, do.; C. Peggie, do.; P. Ratcliffe, Kilgowrieknowe; M. Sime, Freuchie; J. Smith, Falkland; A. Smith, do.; Mrs Schofield, do.; Misses M.J. Thomson, do.; M. Thomson, do.; B. Todd, Purin.

*Gentlemen* – Messrs G. Anderson, Westfield; G. Anderson, Kilgowrieknowe; J. Anderson, Westfield; A. Archibald, Falkland; D. Braid, Freuchie; R. Bogie, Kirkforthar Feus; W. Barnet, Kennoway; W. Bryce, Falkland; H. Birrell, do.; P. Birrell, do.; J. Birrell, do.; G. Baxter, do.; A. Cowan, do.; F. Coutts, do.; J. Dowie, Newton of Falkland; J. Dewar, Lathrisk; Jas. Dall, Freuchie; J. Dakers, Falkland; T. Drysdale, do.; W. Drysdale, do.; C.R. Drysdale, do.; R.S. Drysdale, do.; P. Gillespie, Kennoway; J. Gillespie, do.; R. Hopkins, Falkland; R. Kennedy, do.; R. Laing, Newton of Falkland; J. Laing, do.; J. Lawson, Falkland; P. Lawson, do.; A. Morton, Drums; Mackie, Markinch; W. Mitchell, Milltail; A. Meldrum, Falkland; W. Page, do.; W. Peggie, do.; J. Robertson, do.; P. Robertson, do.; H. Stewart, Cupar; J. Smith, Falkland; T.C. Schofield, do.; J. Wilkie, Newton of Falkland; T. Wilkie, do.”

### **13<sup>th</sup> April 1929**

Intimation in *The Fife News*: **Fife Education Authority**

**Falkland School Management Committee**

*“A Meeting of Falkland School Children’s Parents will be held in FALKLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL on MONDAY, 15<sup>th</sup> curt., at 7 p.m., for the purpose of electing a Parent’s Representative to the above Committee.*

*MELVILLE ST CLAIR, Clerk, Falkland, 10<sup>th</sup> April 1929.”*

Article in *The Fife News*: **Football – Lomond Thistle v Leslie East End**

*“Played at Falkland on Saturday. This match took the form of a benefit for a member of the home team, who was injured while playing several weeks ago. Unfortunately, the Thistle were playing under strength, and did not give of their best. The match all through was of a fairly even nature, and ended in a draw of two goals each. Michison and Laing were the scorers for Leslie, and for the home team, Birrell and Bett were the marksmen.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Hotel Change** – *“At St Andrews Burgh Licensing Court on Tuesday, Mr Alex. C. Macdonald, Bruce Arms, Falkland, was granted a license for the Alexandra Hotel, St Andrews. The Town Clerk explained that the actual rent was £175, and the applicant had purchased the property, subject to his getting the license. Mr Macdonald intended to give the hotel his personal supervision.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Pulpit** – *“Mr W. Taylor, who is at present home from West Africa, where he is a missionary, occupied the U.F. Church pulpit at both diets of worship on Sunday.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Whist Drive** – *“The local Golf Club are running a whist drive and dance in the Drill Hall to-night (Friday). The opening golf match of the season takes place to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon.”*

## **20<sup>th</sup> April 1929**

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

*“Lomond Thistle and Kinglassie Amateurs met at Falkland on Saturday afternoon. The local team put up a good display, and ran out winners by 3 goals to 1. Thomson, Bett and Duff scored for the homesters, while the visitors’ inside-left notched their only point.*

*On Tuesday evening, the Thistle met a team representing the Floorcloth Factory. After a hard game, the former won by 2 goals to nil.”*

Article in *The Fife News*: **Golf – Falkland’s Opening Match**

*“The opening match of Falkland Golf Club was held on Saturday afternoon. There was, unfortunately, only a small turnout, due, no doubt, to the cold conditions. Sides representing Captain and vice-Captain were in opposition and at the close, it was*

found that the former had won by 2 ½ games to 1 ½ . Play was over thirteen holes. The players were entertained to tea in the Clubhouse by Miss Venters. Details:-

<b>Captain</b>		<b>Vice-Captain</b>	
W.M. Venters	1	T. Drysdale	0
R. Anderson	½	J. Myles	½
C.R. Drysdale	1	D. Braid	0
H. Baxter	0	Miss J. Drysdale	1
	<b>2 ½</b>		<b>1 ½</b>

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

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf Club Whist Drive** – “Under the auspices of Falkland Golf Club, a whist drive was held in the Drill Hall on Friday evening last week. Thirteen tables were engaged, and Mr H. Baxter acted as timekeeper. The prize-winners were as follows:-

Ladies – 1. Miss J.K. Drysdale, 197; 2. Miss M. Hopkins, 188; consolation – Miss A. Baxter.

Gentlemen – 1. W. Bryce, 195; 2. W. Drysdale, 189; consolation – J. Duncan.

A dance followed, for which splendid music was provided by the Californian Jazz Band, Glenraig. Mr Stewart Drysdale acted as M.C.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Sale of Work** – “The U.F. Church Ladies’ Work Party had a sale of work, produce, and cake and candy in the Church Hall on Saturday afternoon. The function was well attended, and, during the time it lasted, brisk business was transacted. Rev. W.J. Bauld, Freuchie, performed the opening ceremony. The stall-holders were:-

Work Stall – Mrs Baird and Miss Jean Nelson

Cake and Produce Stall – Misses J. Smith and I. Dakers.

Candy Stall – Misses A. Meldrum and A. Wotherspoon.

Tea Stall – Mrs Archibald and assistants.

A sum of over £40 was realised.”

## **27<sup>th</sup> April 1929**

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

May 4	Stewart's College F.P.'s 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	Home
May 11	Perth Mayfield	Away
May 18	Perth Victoria	Home
May 25	Dunnikier	Away
June 1	Tillicoultry	Home
June 8	Kelty	Away
June 13	Howe of Fife Rugby Club	Home
June 15	Markinch	Home
June 20	Cupar 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	Away
June 22	Stratheden	Home
June 29	Springfield	Away
July 3	Kennoway	Home
July 6	Tillicoultry	Away
July 13	R.A.F., Leuchars	Home
July 20	Kelty	Home
July 27	Dunnikier	Home
Aug 3	Markinch	Away
Aug 7	Kennoway	Away
Aug 10	Springfield	Home
Aug 17	Stratheden	Away
Aug 24	Perth Victoria	Away
Aug 31	R.A.F., Leuchars	Away

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

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – “A return march between Lomond Thistle and an eleven representing the Floorcloth Factory was played on Tuesday evening. The result was in favour of the Thistle by 3 goals to 2.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Fines for Assault** – “Charges of assault were preferred against David Leitch Allan, farm servant, and his wife, Woodmill Farm cottar house, Falkland, in Cupar Sheriff Court, on Tuesday. Allan was accused of assaulting Henry Foreman, farm servant, by seizing him by the throat and kicking him on the leg, and Mrs Allan was charged with assaulting Janet Wallace or Allison, housekeeper, by knocking her down and jumping on her stomach with her booted feet. An agent said Allan got the worst of it, for when he was bending down Mrs Allison used her boot on him, and hit him over the head. The Fiscal said the row arose when the accused challenged Mrs Allison with moving a heavy trunk about her house, and breaking several dishes in their house. Hon. Sheriff Stark imposed a fine of 30s on Allan, and 20s on Mrs Allan.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Hon. Mrs Maule Ramsay** – “The Hon. Mrs Archibald Maule Ramsay of Kellie Castle, Arbroath, and of Falkland, is next month giving a dance in London jointly with a remote kinswoman of her husband’s, Baroness Ramsay, for Miss Ismay Crichton-Stuart, her eldest daughter. Even before her daughter’s debut last year, Mrs Maule Ramsay used to give dances for young people in Bryanston Square and Lancaster Gate, where they lived principally until her husband, Captain Ramsay, bought Kellie Castle, which they renovated at great cost. Formerly Miss Ismay Preston and a sister of the late Lord Gormanston, Mrs Archibald Maule Ramsay was a bridesmaid at the wedding in 1905 of her intimate friend, Miss Augusta Bellingham, to Lord Bute. Her own marriage to the bridegroom’s brother – and best man – the Late Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart, followed in the next year.”

#### **4<sup>th</sup> May 1929**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Services** – “Rev. Wm. Watson, Edinburgh, conducted the forenoon and afternoon services in the U.F. Church on Sunday. Rev. D. Laird, Springfield, occupied the pulpit of the Parish Church in the morning.”





**Rev. David Laird, M.A.**

### **Springfield**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Billiards** – “The final of the annual tournament for the Hopkins’ medal was held in the War Memorial Institute on Saturday afternoon. The contestants were Messrs D. McBain (minus 65) and George Baxter (minus 20). After a stern tussle, the former won by 150 points to 141.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Presentation** – “A number of ex-Servicemen and friends met in the Bruce Arms Hotel, Falkland – Mr David Bonthron presiding – to do honour to Major Macdonald, who has taken the Alexandra Hotel, St Andrews. Mr Neilson made the presentation of a gold cigarette case to Major Macdonald, who suitably replied. Songs were rendered, Mr Andrew Duncan was accompanist.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Whist Drive** – “The concluding whist drive of a series during the winter was held in the War Memorial Institute last Friday evening. Fifteen tables were engaged, and Mr Thomas C. Schofield acted as timekeeper. The prize-winners were as follows:-

Ladies – 1. Miss A. Meldrum, 202; 2. Mrs Stewart, Newton of Falkland, 193; consolation – Mrs Burgess.

Gentlemen – 1. R. Dakers, 194; 2. Wm. Bryce, 187; consolation – M. Stark.

Special prizes for the best average scores during the series were won by Miss A. Meldrum and W. Bryce.”

### **11<sup>th</sup> May 1929**

Article in *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Falkland v Stewart’s College 2<sup>nd</sup> XI (Edinburgh)**

“After a dull and showery morning, weather conditions were quite good when the above teams met at Scroggie Park, Falkland, on Saturday afternoon. That the wicket

was rather slow was emphasised by the visiting batsmen playing many balls too soon. Peter Lawson, the home captain, was in dazzling form with the ball, and captured 8 wickets for 9 runs. With the exception of Wright and Mason, the Stewart's batsmen lacked confidence, and were all disposed of for 35 runs.

The Falkland team's opening was very shaky, and only 14 runs had been scored when the third wicket fell. It was left to Schofield and St Clair – an old Stewart's boy – to make the runs, and right well did they do so. Both hit out vigorously, and put on over 20 runs before being separated. Schofield is a greatly improved batsman compared with a few seasons ago. He now believes in attacking the bowling, and scores freely all round the wicket. Baxter had a merry innings, and it was refreshing to see him open his shoulders.

Rain was now falling heavily, and it was decided to draw stumps, with the home team gaining an easy victory. Bowling for Falkland, P. Lawson had eight wickets for 9 runs, J. Lawson one for 11, and St Clair one for 3. For Stewart's College, White had two for 13, Winnicot two for 17, Pool two for 19, and Wright one for 18. Scores:-

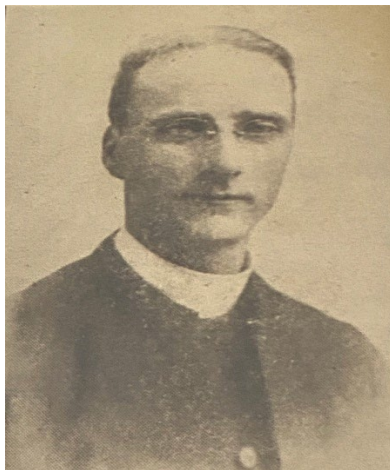
#### **Stewart's XI**

W. Finlay, b. P. Lawson	1
M. Wright, c. C.R. Drysdale, b. P. Lawson	8
T. Mason, b. J. Lawson	10
J. Lamb, c. Hopkins, b. P. Lawson	3
A. Kinnear, b. P. Lawson	2
J.B. Wilton, c. Anderson, b. P. Lawson	0
R.T. White, c. Schofield, b. P. Lawson	0
W.A.Kinsay, b. P. Lawson	2
Graham, not out	4
F. Pool, b. P. Lawson	0
Winnicot, c. Hopkins, b. St Clair	3
Extras	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>35</b>

#### **Falkland**

<i>C.R. Drysdale, c. Kinsay, b. Winnicot</i>	1
<i>T.C. Schofield, b. Wright</i>	28
<i>P. Lawson, c. Mason, b. Pool</i>	5
<i>R. Hopkins, c. Kinsay, b. Pool</i>	0
<i>P. Robertson, c. Mason, b. Winnicot</i>	5
<i>M. St Clair, b. White</i>	16
<i>G. Anderson, c. Finlay, b. White</i>	6
<i>J. Lawson, not out</i>	2
<i>G. Baxter, not out</i>	22
<i>R.S. Drysdale and H. Birrell did not bat</i>	
<i>Extras</i>	8
<b>Total for 7 wickets</b>	<b>93</b>

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. Revs. J.K. Russell and W.J. Auld, Freuchie, were the officiating ministers. The thanksgiving service in the U.F. Church was conducted by Mr Auld, while Rev. John Taylor, Collessie, was in the Parish Church pulpit.”



**Rev. John Taylor, M.A., Collessie**

**18<sup>th</sup> May 1929**

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

*“At Doo Cot Park, Perth, on Saturday afternoon. Had the weather been dry previously, there is no doubt the wicket at this palatial cricket ground would have been a batsman’s paradise. After a night’s rain, the ground was holding a bit, and the batsmen had to force the ball away over the close-cropped grass. The home lot batted first. P. Lawson and J. Lawson opened the bowling for Falkland, and the latter’s first five overs were maidens. The damp wicket caused the batsmen to go cautiously. Their period at the crease lasted over an hour-and-a-half, and they could have added several more runs had they ‘had a go.’ Smart, Simpson, McNab, and Normand got double figures in the side’s total of 71.*

*Falkland’s opening was decidedly shaky. Schofield and T. Drysdale were the only players to make anything of a show up to the halfway stage. When the fifth wicket fell the score-sheet registered only 34 runs, and it was feared a rot had set in. This fear was soon dispelled by the confident manner in which John Lawson and Stewart Drysdale set about the bowling. This pair of colts defied change after change, and 25 runs had been added when the latter left to a catch at the wicket. When Birrell – the last man – came in, there was an air of tension all round, as Falkland only required five runs for victory. Birrell realised his responsibility, however, and along with Lawson, pulled the game out of the fire. What at one time seemed a hopeless position was turned into a sterling victory, thus again demonstrating a fact which has been proved on several occasions, that every member of the Falkland team can handle a bat.*

*Bowling for Falkland, Schofield took three wickets for 12 runs, Birrell three for 15, J. Lawson two for 8, and St Clair two for 21. For Mayfield, Lauder had four for 19, Wallace three for 15, McNab one for 11, Blues one for 16, and Normand one for 22. Scores:-*

**Mayfield**

<i>J. Smart, c. and b. J. Lawson</i>	<i>21</i>
<i>F. Blues, b. St Clair</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>R. McDonald, c. J. Lawson, b. Birrell</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>A. Simpson, b. St Clair</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>W. McNab, c. Baxter, b. Birrell</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>D. Lauder, c. Baxter, b. J. Lawson</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>J. Normand, b. Birrell</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>J. Galloway, b. Schofield</i>	<i>1</i>

<i>J. McIntosh, c. P. Lawson, b. Schofield</i>	4
<i>P. Wallace, not out</i>	0
<i>D. Miller, b. Schofield</i>	0
<i>Extras</i>	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>71</b>

### **Falkland**

<i>C.R. Drysdale, c. Normand, b. Blues</i>	0
<i>T.C. Schofield, b. Lauder</i>	16
<i>P. Lawson, b. Normand</i>	2
<i>T. Drysdale, c. McIntosh, b. Wallace</i>	14
<i>M. St Clair, b. Lauder</i>	0
<i>G. Anderson, b. Lauder</i>	0
<i>G. Baxter, c. Simpson, b. Wallace</i>	1
<i>J. Lawson, c. McNab, b. Wallace</i>	38
<i>R.S. Drysdale, c. Simpson, b. McNab</i>	6
<i>H. Birrell, not out</i>	10
<i>F. Drysdale, c. Wallace, b. Lauder</i>	2
<i>Extras</i>	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>94</b>

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

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Former Teacher’s Death** – “The death has taken place at Harrogate of Mrs Lyall, a lady who belonged to Falkland, and who was for some time before her marriage a teacher there. Her husband was a captain in the merchant service, and she was on board on the high seas when he was fatally stabbed by a Lascar. Mrs Lyall is survived by her daughter.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Palace Guide Dead** – “Mr William Bruce, the Falkland Palace guide, passed away early last Friday morning, after a brief illness. A native of the Royal burgh, and son of a soldier, he joined the Army when quite a youth, and served for a long period in the Royal Garrison Artillery, mostly abroad. On leaving the Forces on pension, Mr Bruce was for some time compulsory officer at Abdie, and during the Great War he did valuable work as an instructor at Pike Island, off the West of Ireland. About eight years ago, he was appointed guide at Falkland Palace, a post for which he was well qualified. He was an ideal guide in every way, and visitors were much impressed by his historical knowledge and the way in which he imparted the information at his command. Mr Bruce was in attendance when Queen Mary visited the Palace in 1924, and had the honour of a conversation with Her Majesty. He is survived by a widow and daughter. The remains were laid to rest in Falkland Cemetery on Sunday afternoon, when the Rev. J.K. Russell, minister of the Parish Church, conducted the service at the graveside. Among the vast throng of mourners was a company of local ex-Servicemen, under Major A. Macdonald, to pay their last respects to a staunch comrade, and their wreath of Flanders poppies expressed silent esteem, along with the many other floral tributes from relatives and friends.”

Article in *The Fife News*: **East Fife Election – Unionist Candidature**

#### **At Falkland**

“On Tuesday evening, Commander Cochrane spoke at Falkland, Freuchie, and Kingskettle, and met with a good reception at each place, his addresses being attentively listened to.

The chair at Falkland was taken by Hon. Sheriff Stark, Cupar, in the unavoidable absence of Mr David Bonthron, Newton of Falkland, and Provost Hopkins. There was an attendance of about 50, including a large number of women.

Commander Cochrane, in the course of his address, said that a week ago five leaders of the Liberal party appeared on posters, but it appeared they now needed seven leaders, because two more heads appeared on the posters. How many heads they would have by the time the election came, heaven only knew.

Referring to the General Strike, he said nobody wished to go back to the conditions which prevailed in industry up to 1926. The change had come about through a change of feeling in the country, which the Government had backed. Mr Stanley Baldwin had realised the common-sense of the people; he never got rattled in the days of the General Strike. It had been said that he (the Commander) was opposed to Trade Unions. He had always supported Trade Unions, where necessary, in the interests of their members industrially. It was a different thing whether they should interfere with politics.

*In connection with the safeguarding of industries, he said he had never heard any rigid free trader admit that it made any difference whether they imported into this country manufactured goods or raw materials. It made all the difference in the world. If they could import raw materials, and manufacture the things here for their own people and for export, it was much better than importing goods and not making any attempt to manufacture them for themselves. (Applause).*

*No questions were asked.”*

## **25<sup>th</sup> May 1929**

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

*“Brilliant weather favoured the meeting of these teams at Scroggie Park, Falkland, on Saturday afternoon. Batting first on a good wicket, the visitors’ opening batsmen played cautiously. Eight overs were bowled before a separation was effected. Henderson batted well for his 14, but the others gave him little support.*

*Falkland started shakily, and not till St Clair was at the crease could Schofield get anyone to stay with him. This pair played a fine game, and the visitors’ total was safely passed. For the third time this season, Schofield demonstrated his usefulness with the bat, and pulled his side out of a tight corner. He was also well supported by Birrell.*

*Bowling for Falkland, P. Lawson took four wickets for 10 runs, St Clair three for 9, J. Lawson two for 12, and Birrell one for 11. For Victoria, Georgeson had four for 27, McKeith three for 16, and Melville three for 14. Scores:-*

### **Perth Victoria**

<i>J. McKerrow, b. J. Lawson</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>J.F. Henderson, c. C.S. Drysdale, b. Birrell</i>	<i>14</i>
<i>J.W. Melville, b. J. Lawson</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>D. Thomson, c. J. Lawson, b. P. Lawson</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>J. Harvey, b. P. Lawson</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>A. Allan, c. Baxter, b. St Clair</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>J.S. Georgeson, b. P. Lawson</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>J. Craigon, c. Anderson, b. St Clair</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>J. McKeith, b. P. Lawson</i>	<i>5</i>

<i>G. Craigon, not out</i>	5
<i>J. Trotter, c. Anderson, b. St Clair</i>	1
<i>Extras</i>	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>46</b>

### **Falkland**

<i>T.C. Schofield, c. McKeith, b. Melville</i>	41
<i>T. Drysdale, b. Georgeson</i>	0
<i>G. Baxter, b. Georgeson</i>	0
<i>J. Lawson, b. McKeith</i>	3
<i>C.R. Drysdale, b. McKeith</i>	0
<i>P. Lawson, c. Henderson, b. McKeith</i>	4
<i>R.S. Drysdale, b. Georgeson</i>	0
<i>M. St Clair, b. Georgeson</i>	7
<i>H. Birrell, c. McKeith, b. Melville</i>	13
<i>W. Page, not out</i>	1
<i>G. Anderson, c. Trotter, b. Melville</i>	0
<i>Extras</i>	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>76</b>

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

*“These teams have met twice lately in friendly games. At Falkland on Thursday evening last week, Rovers suffered defeat by 2 goals to 1, a penalty, which might have equalised the score, being missed. At the return match at Freuchie on Saturday afternoon, the scores were reversed, Freuchie being the leaders by the same score – 2 goals to 1.”*

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



## 1<sup>st</sup> June 1929

Intimation 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, 18<sup>th</sup> June 1929.”*

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

*“At Dunnikier on Saturday afternoon. The home team took first lease of the wicket, and Campbell was out to the first ball he received. Brown and Bryan steadied matters, and carried the score to 15 before the latter was sent back. Brown survived a confident appeal for a catch at the wicket off P. Lawson. Currie’s intention was to hit everything, but he soon paid the penalty, and Croall – the former Freuchie stalwart – did not stay long. Dempster 11 (not out) and Aitken were the only other batsmen to make anything of a show.*

*The Falkland batting, with the exception of perhaps P. Lawson and Hopkins, was streaky. The batsmen seemed somewhat undecided in their manner of attacking the bowling, with the result that several of them were caught in two minds. In his contribution of 14, Lawson hit a beautiful six, while Hopkins pulled the game round in favour of the visitors.*

*Bowling for Falkland, P. Lawson captured three wickets for 16 runs, J. Lawson three for 22, St Clair two for 4, and Birrell one for 9.*

*For Dunnikier, Currie took five for 10, Croall three for 19, Campbell one for 9, and J. Dempster one for 21. Scores:-*

#### **Dunnikier**

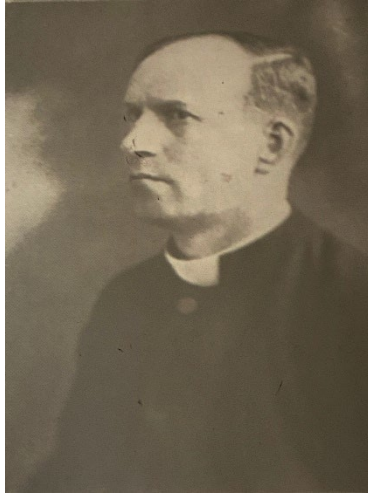
<i>R. Campbell, b. J. Lawson</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>W. Brown, c. J. Lawson, b. P. Lawson</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>Major Bryan, b. P. Lawson</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>W. Currie, c. Anderson, b. P. Lawson</i>	<i>9</i>
<i>E. Croall, b. Birrell</i>	<i>2</i>

<i>J. Dempster, not out</i>	11
<i>D. Murray, c. St Clair, b. J. Lawson</i>	2
<i>N.L.W. Aitken, c. and b. J. Lawson</i>	8
<i>W. Dempster, c. Anderson, b. St Clair</i>	0
<i>J. Cuthbert, run out</i>	0
<i>J. Greenaway, b. St Clair</i>	0
<i>Extra</i>	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>52</b>

### **Falkland**

<i>T.C. Schofield, c. Murray, b. Croall</i>	2
<i>C.R. Drysdale, c. Murray, b. Croall</i>	9
<i>J. Lawson, c. W. Dempster, b. Croall</i>	2
<i>P. Lawson, b. J. Dempster</i>	14
<i>T. Drysdale, b. Currie</i>	7
<i>G. Baxter, b. Currie</i>	2
<i>R. Hopkins, b. Campbell</i>	16
<i>M. St Clair, c. and b. Currie</i>	4
<i>H. Birrell, b. Currie</i>	2
<i>R.S. Drysdale, b. Currie</i>	1
<i>G. Anderson, not out</i>	0
<i>Extras</i>	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>62</b>

Extract from *The Fife News: Services* – “Rev. John Swan, Auchtermuchty, occupied the Parish Church pulpit on Sunday morning. Rev. Mr Alexander, Edinburgh, officiated at both morning and afternoon services in the U.F. Church.”



**The Rev. John Swan, M.A., St Stephen's Church, Auchtermuchty**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Political** – “Mr Evan McKie, Edinburgh, and Treasurer Boucher, Cupar, on behalf of Mr J. Duncan Millar, addressed meetings of the electors of Falkland during the past week. The meetings, which were well attended, were presided over by Bailie Grant and Mr Walter Peggie, respectively.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Boy Scouts** – “Under the auspices of the local troop, a fancy dress parade and cake and candy and jumble sale is to be held on Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> June, and the boys make their appeal to the public in the following two verses:-

*Six years have gone since we began,*

*To help the boy to be a man.*

*We've tried our best to do what's needed,*

*You best can see if we've succeeded.*

*Funds are needed to make sure,*

*That steady progress should endure.*

*So should you have some haberdash,*

*That we can turn into cash,*

*You'll have our grateful thanks.*

*If you, when to camp we go,*

*Will come and visit us, we know.*

*It's there you'll see the benefit,*

*And also the old Scoutmaster sit.*

*And wonder how the cash will last,  
Or when the boys will have a fast.  
Now, we thank you one and all,  
And hope you'll tell us when to call,  
Once more our grateful thanks."*

## **8<sup>th</sup> June 1929**

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

*"At Falkland on Saturday afternoon. The home Captain elected to bat on a fast wicket. Schofield early paid the penalty of trying to hit a slow one from Hunter. A profitable partnership then ensued between the brothers Drysdale, both playing freely, and 25 runs had been added when 'C.R.' left. The following three batsmen were rather easily disposed of, but Peter Lawson played an ideal innings, which included three boundaries. The innings closed at the respectable total of 80.*

*From the start, the visitors' tactics were very unenterprising. They were content to 'sit on the splice', as may be judged from the fact that the first nine overs which P. Lawson sent down were maidens. When the fourth wicket fell at 17, over an hour had been occupied in collecting this small total. The fifth wicket partnership was also a painstaking affair, and though the batsmen should be given credit for their dour defence, their batting could not be labelled 'Brighter Cricket'. Stumps were drawn at half-past six, the match resulting in a very tame draw.*

*Bowling for Tillicoultry, Morrison took seven wickets for 43 runs, Bon throne two for 14, and Hunter one for 20. For Falkland, P. Lawson had two for 12 and J. Lawson two for 14. Scores:-*

### **Falkland**

<i>T.C. Schofield, b. Hunter</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>C.R. Drysdale, b. Morrison</i>	<i>15</i>
<i>T. Drysdale, c. Golder, b. Morrison</i>	<i>28</i>
<i>J. Lawson, lbw., b. Bon throne</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>M. St Clair, st. Brandon, b. Morrison</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>G. Baxter, b. Bon throne</i>	<i>1</i>

<i>P. Lawson, b. Morrison</i>	22
<i>R. Hopkins, b. Morrison</i>	2
<i>H. Birrell, b. Morrison</i>	0
<i>R.S. Drysdale, lbw., b. Morrison</i>	5
<i>G. Anderson, not out</i>	1
<i>Extras</i>	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>80</b>

### **Tillicoultry**

<i>A. Morrison, c. Baxter, b. J. Lawson</i>	3
<i>R. Golder, b. P. Lawson</i>	4
<i>J. McGee, b. J. Lawson</i>	0
<i>J. Hewitt, run out</i>	7
<i>A. Bernard, run out</i>	20
<i>H. Brandon, c. St Clair, b. P. Lawson</i>	14
<i>C. Hall, not out</i>	1
<i>G. Hunter, not out</i>	6
<i>D. Liddle, R. Dickie and</i>	
<i>D. Bonthron did not bat.</i>	
<i>Extra</i>	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>56</b>

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Services** – “Rev. Mr Hamilton, Edinburgh, occupied the U.F. Church pulpit at both services on Sunday.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Article** – “The ‘Expository Times’ has an article on ‘The New Physics and Religious Thought’ by the Rev. J.H. Morrison, M.A., formerly minister of U.F. Church, Falkland, and now of Bucksburn, Aberdeen. It is an exceptionally interesting and instructive review of modern scientific thought and speculation.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Guild Drive** – “Under the auspices of the Falkland branch of Markinch Co-operative Women’s Guild, a charabanc drive was held on Saturday, Stirling being the party’s destination. The outward journey was via Milnathort, Yetts of Muckhart, Tillicoultry and Menstrie. On the way home a halt was made for tea at Dunfermline. The route thereafter was by way of Cowdenbeath and Kirkcaldy. All day the weather was of the best description, and one and all spent an enjoyable time.”

## **15<sup>th</sup> June 1929**

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

“Played at Kelty on Saturday. Captain Lawson won the toss, and sent the home team to bat, and it was early evident that runs were to be at a premium. The Falkland bowling and fielding were first-rate, and withing half an hour five of the Kelty batsmen were out for 10 runs. Reid was the only player to offer any resistance, and he was eventually taken in the slips. The last wicket fell at 27.

The visitors’ batting at the outset was very unimpressive, and half the side were out for 15. Up to this point Drysdale was the only batsman to make anything of the homesters’ bowling. It was not until Hopkins came to the crease that the game was pulled round. He batted confidently, and included in his contribution was a glorious 6.

Bowling for Falkland, P. Lawson took seven wickets for 10 runs and J. Lawson three for 17. For Kelty, Reid had six for 16, Bain two for 21, and Forrester one for 6.

Scores:-

### **Kelty**

H. Forrester, c. R.S. Drysdale, b. P. Lawson	5
T. Bain, c. Schofield, b. P. Lawson	0
T. Hunter, c. Anderson, b. P. Lawson	0
R. Reid, c. P. Lawson, b. J. Lawson	9
J. Hynd, b. J. Lawson	2
T. Anderson, c. P. Lawson, b. J. Lawson	0
J. Brown, b. P. Lawson	3
J. Martin, b. P. Lawson	0
R. Duncan, lbw., b. P. Lawson	0

<i>T. Keay, c. R.S. Drysdale, b. P. Lawson</i>	3
<i>J. McKay, not out</i>	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>

### **Falkland**

<i>T.C. Schofield, b. Bain</i>	1
<i>C.R. Drysdale, lbw., b. Reid</i>	14
<i>J. Lawson, c. and b. Reid</i>	1
<i>P. Lawson, c. and b. Reid</i>	0
<i>W. Page, run out</i>	1
<i>G. Baxter, b. Bain</i>	0
<i>R. Hopkins, not out</i>	17
<i>H. Birrell, b. Reid</i>	2
<i>R.S. Drysdale, c. Hunter, b. Reid</i>	0
<i>G. Anderson, c. Hynd, b. Reid</i>	6
<i>J. Lawson jnr., st. Hunter, b. Forrester</i>	1
<i>Extras</i>	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>45</b>

#### Article in *The Fife News*: **Former Falkland Minister as Author**

*“We observe that the Rev. J.H. Morrison, M.A., who was minister of the United Free Church of Scotland at Falkland for nearly 20 years, is gaining further distinction in the world of literature. His first successful effort, which gave him no little fame in clerical and missionary circles, was the production of ‘On the Trail of the Pioneers’. An outstanding feature in Mr Morrison’s production of this well-known book, readable by anyone whether or not in favour of Foreign Missions, is that he had not visited any of the fields of mission work so accurately described before writing. It was not long after the publication when the author, who had become suddenly famous, was appointed as a delegate to Livingstonia. The expedition referred to was in course of progress at the time of the outbreak of the Great War in 1914, and the traveller had*

to return to port by a circuitous route to avoid a threatened attack by the enemy's vessels at sea.

*Illustrated accounts were published of the tour in the U.F. Church 'Record' shortly after his return. Since then numerous well-known books have been published by Mr Morrison, including 'Streams in the Desert', 'Missionary Heroes', and also contributions to series of publications, such as 'The Church's Work Abroad', one of the volumes classed as 'The Layman's Library'. The latest reference in a well-known paper to the author relates to a publication of a somewhat different type. As the volume does not appear to have reached many in this locality, we repeat the paragraph which appeared in our last week's issue:-*

*'The New Physics and Religious Thought', by the Rev. J.H. Morrison, M.A., is an exceptionally interesting and instructive review of*

*"modern scientific thought and speculation.'*

*Mr Morrison came to Falkland about the time of the Union of the Free and U.P. Churches, and the prolonged unfortunate litigation which followed caused no little stir in the Churches all over Scotland. He left Falkland in 1917 for Newhills, near Aberdeen, where he is a popular and successful preacher and pastor."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Services** – *"Mr Taylor, who is at present home from West Africa, occupied the U.F. Church pulpit at both services on Sunday."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Parade** – *"Under the auspices of the local Boy Scout troop, a fancy dress parade and cake and candy sale is to be held at Falkland House Park to-morrow afternoon (Saturday). Scoutmaster Wallace and his helpers are hopeful of a good turnout of competitors at the parade and purchasers at the stalls."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Octogenarian Dead** – *"There passed away at his residence, Oakview, on Tuesday morning, Mr Robert Horne, aged 82 years. Deceased, who was much respected, came to Falkland 14 years ago to live in retirement. He had previously been in farming in East Lothian. Up to the time of his death, Mr Horne was an elder in Falkland U.F. Church, and was also enrolled in a similar capacity before coming to reside here. His wife predeceased him eighteen months ago, a short time after the celebration of their golden wedding."*

## **22<sup>nd</sup> June 1929**

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

*"At Scroggie Park, Falkland, on Saturday afternoon. While the home team have had a successful season so far, their most decisive victory was registered on Saturday, and Markinch had the misfortune to be the opposition. The home team's batting was more consistent than of late, and the 'tail wagged merrily'. Batting first on a splendid*



wicket, Chalmers and Law, for Markinch each opened with singles. Both seemed to be gradually settling down, when the latter was bowled. Gamba and Mair were easily disposed of, but J. Morrison, along with Chalmers, offered some resistance, and this couple took the score to 37 for the fourth wicket. After Morrison's departure, a rot set in, and, try as he might, Chalmers could not find anyone to stay with him. He was eventually taken in the slips after a splendid and patient innings. Certain members of the visitors' side were rather careless in their manner of running between the wickets, three of them being run out.

The Falkland team opened confidently, and Drysdale collected a couple of fours off Morrison. Bad luck again dogged Schofield, and he had the misfortune to step in front of a straight one. Peter Lawson was too anxious to hit, and paid the penalty, but Hopkins batted well, and along with Birrell sustained a good partnership. It was left to the latter batsman and Anderson to win the game, and they did so in no uncertain manner. Attacking the bowling from the outset, they scored with freedom all round the wicket, and the century mark was passed in a short time, thus giving Falkland their first total of over a hundred for the season. It was truly a fine performance for the two 'tail-enders', and their eighth wicket stand, which produced over 50 runs, was not the result of 'blind' hitting. The innings closed at 131.

Bowling for Falkland, P. Lawson captured four wickets for 24 runs, Birrell two for 9, and J. Lawson one for 18. For Markinch, Gamba took five for 53, Alex. Law four for 34, and F.T. Morrison one for 32. Scores:-

#### **Markinch**

<i>D. Chalmers, c. Birrell, b. P. Lawson</i>	32
<i>Alex. Law, b. P. Lawson</i>	2
<i>W. Gamba, lbw., b. J. Lawson</i>	1
<i>J. Mair, b. P. Lawson</i>	2
<i>J. Morrison, c. P. Lawson, b. Birrell</i>	8
<i>F.T. Morrison, run out</i>	0
<i>A. Jack, b. Birrell</i>	2
<i>G. Mackie, b. P. Lawson</i>	0
<i>Adam Law, run out</i>	3
<i>A. Bell, not out</i>	1
<i>T. Gibb, run out</i>	0

<i>Extras</i>	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>56</b>

### **Falkland**

<i>T.C. Schofield, lbw., b. F.T. Morrison</i>	3
<i>C.R. Drysdale, c. Adam Law, b. Gamba</i>	15
<i>P. Lawson, c. Alex. Law, b. Gamba</i>	12
<i>J. Lawson, b. Gamba</i>	1
<i>R. Hopkins, c. Morrison, b. Gamba</i>	10
<i>T. Drysdale, b. Alex. Law</i>	4
<i>H. Birrell, c. Alex. Law, b. Gamba</i>	40
<i>R.S. Drysdale, b. Alex. Law</i>	2
<i>G. Anderson, c. Bell, b. Alex. Law</i>	35
<i>T. Wilkie, c. J. Morrison, b. Alex. Law</i>	4
<i>J. Dowie, not out</i>	3
<i>Extras</i>	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>131</b>

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

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Outing** – “On Thursday evening last week, the Girls’ Auxiliary and Young Men’s Guild of St John’s U.F. Church had an enjoyable outing to Falkland.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Church Parade** – “The local troops of Girl Guides, Boy Scouts, and Cubs attended divine worship in the Parish Church on Sunday morning. They were under the commend of Miss J. Lister, Patrol Leader; Scoutmaster Robt. A. Wallace, and Cubmaster John J. Ross, respectively.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **New Guide** – “The Association of Assistants of the Edinburgh Merchant Company visited Falkland Palace at the week-end. The

company, numbering 29, were shown round by Mr Wm. Smith, the new Guide, who has had a connection with the Falkland estate for 41 years.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Scouts’ Successful Function** – “Falkland Boy Scouts are a go-ahead lot. On Saturday afternoon they held a cake and candy sale, and added variety to the event by introducing a fancy dress parade. While there have been larger entries at previous parades, there was, nevertheless, quite a good turnout, and, when the hour of meeting arrived, a motley throng had assembled at the Fountain. The procession, headed by Leslie and District Band, which had been engaged for the afternoon, marched through the principal streets of the burgh, and thence to Falkland House Park, for judging. The judges, Mrs Russell, The Manse; Mrs Robertson, Viewhill; and Mrs Anderson, Allan Park, had a difficult task in front of them, but they performed their duty to the satisfaction of all. Rev. J.K. Russell declared the sale open, and also thanked the judges. There is no doubt the glorious weather attracted many people to the park, and in two or three hours, ‘sold out’ was the verdict at the various stalls. During the proceedings, splendid music was discoursed by the band. A departure in connection with the function was a five-a-side football competition, for which eight teams entered. The stall-holders at the sale were:-

*Cake and Candy – Mrs Mather and Mrs Wallace.*

*Jumble Stall – Mr E. Mather.*

*Teas – Miss A. Oswald and assistants.*

*Ices – Miss L. Mitchell.*

*Side Shows – Boy Scouts*

*The prize-winners in the various competitions were as follows:-*

*Treasure Hunt – Miss Krebles.*

*Best collection taken in box – Miss Harrow.*

*Five-a-side football silver badges – Millwood Athletic.*

*Place kick – Mr Terras, Leslie Band.*

*The following is a list of prize-winners in fancy costume:-*

*Miss Janet Melville, Leslie (Aviator); Miss Jenny Nelson, Falkland (Indian Squaw); Mrs Scott (Policeman); Miss K. Skinner (Turkish Lady); Miss M. Mather (Spaniard); Mr P.M. Gilfillan, Edinburgh (Organ Grinder).*

*Girls – Daisy Archibald (Welsh Girl); Lexia Wallace (Balloon Girl); C. Mitchell (Indian); Helen Abernethy (Good Night).*

Boys – Jack Anderson (Housemaid); A. Mitchell (Boxer); Norman Martin (House to Let); Tommy Robertson (Onion Seller); Tom Page (Robinson Crusoe).

Scoutmaster Wallace and his troop have every reason to be proud of their afternoon's work, a sum of £20 being realised."

Article in *The Fife News*: **Cupar Farmer Sued by Falkland Merchant**

"A small debt action of considerable interest was called in Cupar Sheriff Court on Thursday last week. The action was at the instance of James Douglas, potato merchant, Falkland, who sued John Small, farmer, The Mount, Cupar, for £7 9s 11d, representing damage for alleged breach of contract in respect of a sale by defender to pursuer of five tons of Golden Wonder ware potatoes, delivered on or about 12<sup>th</sup> February last, which, he said, were frozen and unmarketable. Proof was fixed for 11<sup>th</sup> July. The claim was made up as follows:-

Railway charges on waggon from Cupar to Glasgow, £3 14s 11d; carriage to Cupar, 12s 6d; 100 sacks lost at 4 1/2, £1 17s 6d; loss of profit, £1 5s.

Liability for the sum sued was denied in respect that defender fully implemented his obligations under the contract. The potatoes were not frosted when handed over to the Railway Company. Defender held that his obligations terminated when he handed the potatoes over to the Railway Company, and he was not liable for the frosting occasioned while the potatoes were in transit if they were found to be frosted, which was not known and not admitted. In any event, he held the sum sued for was excessive.

Pursuer, he said, previously stated his claim for loss at £3 14s 11d, which he ultimately modified to £2 10s. Defender counter claims for £20.

For pursuer – Messrs J.A. Anderson & Co., Cupar; for defender – Mr Ian W. McInnes, Cupar."

## **29<sup>th</sup> June 1929**

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

"Cupar 2<sup>nd</sup> XI experienced hard luck in not gaining the verdict in their match with Falkland at Duffus Park, Cupar, on Thursday evening last week, but the visitors must be complimented on their strong stand, which enabled them to get a draw. When their last batsman went to the wicket, with five minutes left for play, Falkland were 68 runs behind, but stumps were drawn with the partnership still intact. A feature of the innings was the splendid score by W.R. Heggie, who, with D. Porter, put up an excellent opening partnership. Heggie hit up 66, which included ten boundaries, and Cupar declared with 142 for the loss of two wickets.

*A.C. Wilkie worked havoc and accounted for eight of the Falkland wickets. T.C. Schofield was the highest scorer for Falkland with 21, and there were several other good individual performances.*

*Bowling for the visitors, P. Lawson took two wickets at a cost of 52 runs, and for Cupar, A.C. Wilkie had eight for 15, and F. Campbell one for 31. Scores:-*

**Cupar 2<sup>nd</sup> XI**

<i>W.R. Heggie, not out</i>	66
<i>D. Porter, c. and b. P. Lawson</i>	28
<i>A.C. Wilkie, b. P. Lawson</i>	17
<i>F. Campbell, not out</i>	25
<i>C.C. Edmond, A.D. Porter, J. Haig, D. Dalrymple, C.B.C. Brown, N.S. McAra, and M. Melrose did not bat</i>	
<i>Extras</i>	6
<b>Total (for two wickets)</b>	<b>142</b>

**Falkland**

<i>C.R. Drysdale, b. Wilkie</i>	0
<i>T.C. Schofield, c. Porter, b. Wilkie</i>	21
<i>P. Robertson, b. Wilkie</i>	15
<i>P. Lawson, b. Wilkie</i>	0
<i>T. Drysdale, c. Haig, b. Wilkie</i>	1
<i>G. Baxter, b. Wilkie</i>	0
<i>R. Hopkins, c. Haig, b. Wilkie</i>	14
<i>J. Lawson, not out</i>	11
<i>G. Anderson, c. Dalrymple, b. Wilkie</i>	15
<i>S. Drysdale, b. Campbell</i>	2
<i>F. Drysdale, not out</i>	8
<i>Extras</i>	3

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

*“Played at Scroggie Park, Falkland, on Saturday afternoon. As far as the game was concerned, the prospect of a keenly contested ‘local derby’ did not materialise. Cross-chat between the rival camps of spectators and exclamations of dissent at certain decisions were about the only things that lent ‘atmosphere’ to the event, because as far as play went, the visiting team were out of it. Their display was really a ‘one man show’, and had Willie Low not been in form with both bat and ball, they would have been in a sorry plight. His bowling was of the first order, and his batting splendid on such an occasion. He played a typical innings, but could not get anyone to stay with him.*

*The home side’s batting was steady and consistent, although nothing risky was tried until Peter Lawson was at the wicket. Runs came steadily afterwards, and the respectable total of 78 had been reached when the last man was out. John Lawson was in splendid form with the ball for Falkland. His ‘swingers’ had the opposing batsmen continually in difficulties.*

*Bowling for Stratheden, Low took seven wickets for 28 runs, and D.H. Thomson three for 13. For Falkland, J. Lawson had six for 12, Birrell one for 1, and P. Lawson one for 17. Scores:-*

**Falkland**

<i>C.R. Drysdale, c. D.H. Thomson, b. Low</i>	2
<i>T.C. Schofield, b. Low</i>	9
<i>T. Drysdale, b. Low</i>	11
<i>G. Baxter, b. Low</i>	13
<i>J. Lawson, c. J. Brown, b. Low</i>	9
<i>P. Lawson, b. D.H. Thomson</i>	21
<i>R. Hopkins, c. Low, b. D.H. Thomson</i>	0
<i>H. Birrell, c. W. Chapman, b. Low</i>	8
<i>R.S. Drysdale, b. Low</i>	1
<i>G. Anderson, c. and b. D.H. Thomson</i>	1
<i>F. Drysdale, not out</i>	1

<i>Extras</i>	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>78</b>

### **Stratheden**

<i>D.H. Thomson, run out</i>	5
<i>J. Wannan, c. C.R. Drysdale, b. P. Lawson</i>	1
<i>J.S. Allan, b. J. Lawson</i>	1
<i>J.E. Thomson, b. J. Lawson</i>	3
<i>W. Low, c. P. Lawson, b. J. Lawson</i>	13
<i>W. Chapman, run out</i>	2
<i>A. Chapman, c. Baxter b. J. Lawson</i>	2
<i>R. McNaughton, c. R.S. Drysdale, b. J. Lawson</i>	4
<i>E. Brown, b. J. Lawson</i>	0
<i>J. Brown, not out</i>	0
<i>W. Thomson, b. Birrell</i>	0
<i>Extras</i>	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>35</b>

### Article in *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Falkland v Howe of Fife Rugby F.C.**

*“At Scroggie Park, Falkland, on Tuesday evening. The Royal burgh team’s run of success came to an end on this occasion, and the rugby men gained an easy victory.*

*Bowling for Falkland, J. Lawson took four wickets for 50 runs, P. Lawson two for 39, and Robertson one for 22. For the ‘Howe’, Coulter had four for 30, Campbell four for 32 and Keith one for 2. Scores:-*

### **Howe of Fife Rugby F.C.**

<i>J. Lindsay, c. F. Drysdale, b. P. Lawson</i>	4
<i>D. Smart, c. Page, b. J. Lawson</i>	49

<i>W.C. Coulter, b. J. Lawson</i>	7
<i>J.E. Thomson, lbw., b. Robertson</i>	3
<i>A. Wilkie, b. J. Lawson</i>	17
<i>A.D. Porter, b. J. Lawson</i>	18
<i>R. Keith, not out</i>	23
<i>S. Campbell, c. Robertson, b. P. Lawson</i>	4
<i>A. Grant, not out</i>	4
<i>A. Livingstone did not bat</i>	
<i>Extras</i>	8
<b>Total for 7 wickets (declared)</b>	<b>137</b>

#### **Falkland**

<i>T.C. Schofield, b. Coulter</i>	2
<i>C.R. Drysdale, lbw., b. Coulter</i>	9
<i>T. Drysdale, b. Campbell</i>	5
<i>P. Lawson, b. Coulter</i>	7
<i>J. Lawson, b. Campbell</i>	5
<i>H. Birrell, b. Campbell</i>	6
<i>W. Page, c. Campbell, b. Coulter</i>	1
<i>P. Robertson, c. and b. Keith</i>	22
<i>F. Drysdale, b. Campbell</i>	2
<i>G. Anderson, not out</i>	4
<i>R.S. Drysdale, run out</i>	1
<i>Extras</i>	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>70</b>



Extract from *The Fife News*: **Services** – “Mr Taylor, a divinity student from Edinburgh, preached with much acceptance, at both morning and afternoon services in the U.F. Church on Sunday.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Sunday School Pic-nic** – “The Parish Church Sunday School annual pic-nic was held on Saturday afternoon. The children, to the number of about a hundred, assembled outside the church, and accompanied by the minister, Rev. J.K. Russell, and teachers, parents, and friends, adjourned to Falkland House Park, which had been kindly granted for the occasion. The weather was glorious and the children enjoyed themselves to the utmost. To mark the close of another session, the usual prize-giving ceremony was held in the Church on Sunday, at the close of the morning service, when successful scholars were made the recipients of Bibles and books for efficiency and attendance.”

## **6<sup>th</sup> July 1929**

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

“At Falkland on Thursday evening last week. The local side had to thank several of their colts for a fine display, while the visitors’ first three batsmen put up a good show.

Bowling for Thornton, Barclay claimed six wickets for 35 runs, and Thomson three for 8. For Falkland, Birrell had five for 21, C.R. Drysdale two for 12, Robertson one for 4, and Lawson one for 20. Scores:-

### **Falkland**

T.C. Schofield, b. Barclay	1
C.R. Drysdale, c. Thomson, b. Barclay	5
T. Drysdale, c. Bunyan, b. Barclay	15
J. Lawson, c. and b. Barclay	25
P. Robertson, b. Barclay	8
H. Birrell, c. Jackson, b. Barclay	0
M. St Clair, b. Thomson	0
G. Anderson, b. Thomson	0
R.S. Drysdale, b. Thomson	0
F. Drysdale, not out	5

<i>J. Dowie, run out</i>	16
<i>Extras</i>	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>80</b>

**Thornton**

<i>W. Jackson, c. T. Drysdale, b. Birrell</i>	15
<i>A. Bunyan, c. Robertson, b. Lawson</i>	10
<i>C. Beattie, b. C.R. Drysdale</i>	11
<i>T. Thomson, run out</i>	0
<i>J. Barclay, c. Robertson, b. C.R. Drysdale</i>	0
<i>A. Watson, b. Birrell</i>	4
<i>R. Graham, b. Birrell</i>	6
<i>J. Provan, b. Birrell</i>	1
<i>J. Nicol, b. Birrell</i>	3
<i>W. Low, b. Robertson</i>	7
<i>D. Arnot, not out</i>	0
<i>Extra</i>	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>58</b>

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

“At Scroggie Park, Falkland, on Wednesday night. Scores:-

**Kennoway**

<i>R.S. Cranston, c. F. Drysdale, b. Lawson</i>	87
<i>R. Battes, c. F. Drysdale, b. Lawson</i>	3
<i>G. Honeyman, not out</i>	26
<i>A. Oliphant, b. Lawson</i>	12

Extras	4
<b>Total for 3 wickets</b>	<b>132</b>

### **Falkland**

P. Lawson, b. Rankine	38
C. Drysdale, c. Cranston, b. Rankine	24
J. Lawson, b. Oliphant	2
R. Hopkins, b. P. Gillespie	0
E. Robertson, b. Brown	0
H. Birrell, c. Findlay, b. Rankine	7
J. Shields, run out	4
G. Anderson, b. Oliphant	0
G. Dowie, b. Rankine	5
F. Drysdale, b. Rankine	14
T. Wilkie, not out	3
Extras	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>102</b>

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

“Springfield had Falkland as visitors on Saturday afternoon to Cochrane Park. The visitors batted first and compiled a score of 61, Schofield and G. Anderson being highest scores with 10 runs each. The home side started very shakily, the first five wickets going down for 8 runs. However, the remaining batsmen put up a stubborn defence, and eventually won the match by one run, C. Garland having 26 not out, and J. Lackie 16. The game was of a most exciting nature throughout. Scores:-

### **Falkland**

C. Drysdale, b. J. Garland	6
J. Schofield, b. J. Garland	10

<i>J. Drysdale, c. Lackie, b. C. Garland</i>	4
<i>G. Baxter, c. Donaldson, b. C. Garland</i>	4
<i>J. Lawson, c. J. Garland, b. C. Garland</i>	0
<i>H. Birrell, b. J. Garland</i>	0
<i>M. St Clair, st. Dowie, b. C. Garland</i>	9
<i>F. Drysdale, c. C. Garland, b. J. Garland</i>	5
<i>G. Anderson, c. Denholm, b. J. Garland</i>	10
<i>J. Dowie, c. and b. C. Garland</i>	5
<i>J. Wilkie, not out</i>	0
<i>Extras</i>	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>61</b>

### **Springfield**

<i>A. Donaldson, b. J. Lawson</i>	3
<i>L. Dowie, b. J. Lawson</i>	0
<i>W.D. Stewart, c. Drysdale, b. Birrell</i>	0
<i>T. Arthur, c. Drysdale, b. Birrell</i>	1
<i>C. Garland, not out</i>	26
<i>S. Cameron, b. Lawson</i>	0
<i>J. Lackie, b. Lawson</i>	16
<i>J. Garland, c. Anderson, b. Birrell</i>	7
<i>W. Glen, b. Lawson</i>	4
<i>Rev. W. McCraw, b. Lawson</i>	0
<i>W. Denholm, b. Lawson</i>	2
<i>Extras</i>	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>62</b>

Extract from *The Fife News*: **U.F. Pic-nic** – “The U.F. Church Sunday School annual pic-nic was held on the green adjoining the church on Saturday afternoon. There was a good turnout of children, along with parents and friends, and Rev. W.J. Auld, Freuchie, was also present. The weather conditions could not have been better, and a happy afternoon was spent.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Prize-winners at School** – “To mark the close of another scholastic year’s work, the annual prize-giving ceremony was held in the School on Friday, when the following were the successful pupils:-

Advanced Division – 2<sup>nd</sup> Year – Jack Anderson and John Anderson. 1<sup>st</sup> Year – Marjorie Douglas.

Seniors – I.- Betty Grant, James Lewis, Robert Craig, and Joan Newell. II – Margaret Higgs, Helen Armit, Alexandrina Wallace, Roy Fraser, Jasper Cation, and Stanley Hamilton. III – George Brown.

Juniors – I – Joan Gibb, Helen Wallace, George Cation. II – James Brooman, John Thomson.

Infants – Senior – Pat Cameron, Willie Fraser, Willie Hepburn, Rosie Hadden, Chrissie Hopkins, and Marion Dall. Junior – Willie Baxter and Topy Carstairs.

Essay Competitions – R.S.S.P.C.A Prize – Jack Anderson. B.W.T.A. Prizes – John Anderson, Jack Anderson and Betty Bryce.

Prize for Cookery – Betty Bryce.

Bailie Robertson, convener of the local School Management Committee, presented the prizes and addressed the pupils.”

Article in *The Fife News*: **Falkland Vital Statistics**

“At the monthly meeting of Falkland Town Council, held on Wednesday night, Bailie Robertson presiding, the chief item of business was the annual report by Dr Morris, Ladybank, medical officer of health for the burgh.

Dr Morris estimated the population at 719 – 10 less than last year. In the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> May, births numbered 10, and deaths 19 – being 13, 9, and 26.4 per 1000, respectively.”

## **13<sup>th</sup> July 1929**

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

“At Tillicultry on Saturday. Caution seemed to be the home team’s watchword from the very start. Their total of 67 took two and a quarter hours to collect, and

*Morrison's contribution of 43 was the result of almost two hours' batting. Given a 'life' off the first ball of the match, he 'put the shutters up' thereafter, and was only tempted to hit at occasional loose balls. Bernard was the only other player to put up any resistance, and refused to be drawn.*

*The visitors' batting was of a livelier order, Drysdale being in good form. Within an hour the home total was passed, and it was only through taking risks that several of the tail-enders wickets fell cheaply. Victory went to the more enterprising side by 27 runs.*

*Bowling for Falkland, Birrell took eight wickets for 16 runs, and P. Lawson two for 18. For Tillicoultry, Brandon had three for 13, Morrison three for 33, P. Hunter two for 13, and Bonthron two for 15. Scores:-*

### **Tillicoultry**

<i>A. Morrison, b. Birrell</i>	<i>43</i>
<i>R. Golder, b. P. Lawson</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>D. Liddle, c. P. Lawson, b. Birrell</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>J. Hewitt, c. P. Lawson, b. Birrell</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>H. Brandon, c. J. Lawson, b. P. Lawson</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>A. Bernard, lbw., b. Birrell</i>	<i>15</i>
<i>C. Hall, b. Birrell</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>J. Hunter, b. Birrell</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>J.L. Findlay, c. P. Lawson, b. Birrell</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>P. Hunter, b. Birrell</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>D. Bonthron, not out</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Extra</i>	<i>1</i>
<b>Total</b>	<b>67</b>

### **Falkland**

<i>P. Lawson, st. Findlay, b. Morrison</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>C.R. Drysdale, c. P. Hunter, b. Brandon</i>	<i>43</i>
<i>M. St Clair, lbw., b. Bonthron</i>	<i>4</i>

<i>G. Baxter, c. Liddle, b. Morrison</i>	7
<i>J. Lawson, b. Bonthron</i>	0
<i>H. Birrell, b. Morrison</i>	1
<i>R. Hopkins, b. Brandon</i>	8
<i>F. Drysdale, b. P. Hunter</i>	1
<i>G. Anderson, b. P. Hunter</i>	6
<i>J. Dowie, c. Hewitt, b. Brandon</i>	8
<i>T. Wilkie, not out</i>	4
<i>Extras</i>	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>94</b>

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Fishing** – “Fishing on Loch Leven on Wednesday night, Mr David Bonthron and his sons, Mr Alex. And Mr Gaston, accompanied by Mr Rogers, Kettle, caught 49 trout.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Services** – “In common with other congregations, services of thanksgiving for the King’s recovery were held in the Parish and U.F. Churches on Sunday morning. The officiating preachers were Mr Dickson, Edinburgh, and Rev. W.J. Mitchell, Longniddry.”

Article in *The Fife News*: **Falkland Merchant Sues Cupar Farmer**

### **Action over Frosted Potatoes**

“An action of much interest to farmers was heard in Cupar Sheriff Court on Thursday. John Douglas, potato merchant, Falkland, sued John Small, farmer, The Mount, Cupar, for £7 9s 11d damages for breach of contract in connection with the sale of 5 tons of Golden Wonder potatoes to the pursuer by the defender. The case for the pursuer was that the potatoes were frozen before they were put on rail, and the defence was that the potatoes were put on rail in good condition. The defender counter-claimed for the price of the potatoes,, restricted to £20.

Mr J.L. Anderson, writer, Cupar, appeared for the pursuer, and Mr I.W. McInnes, W.S., Cupar, was for defender.

A report upon the weather conditions upon the dates when the potatoes were loaded and put on rail, which had been prepared by the Meteorological Office at Leuchars, was submitted, and accepted by both agents.”

### **Pursuer's Evidence**

*“Giving evidence, pursuer said he had been in business as a potato merchant for 12 years. On 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1929, he bought from the defender a waggon of 5 tons of potatoes at £5 15s per ton. The conditions of the contract were that defender had to load the potatoes at Cupar Station, and he (witness) was not entitled to accept the potatoes if they were frosted. In his view it was a condition of these contracts that the potatoes should be loaded in fresh weather, so that they might not be frozen. The potatoes were re-sold to Paul & Weir, potato merchants, Glasgow, at a price of £6 per ton. Paul & Weir sent the bags to Cupar for the potatoes. Two days after they were loaded, witness received a telegram from Paul & Weir, stating that the potatoes were frosted, and they must refuse them, and a letter followed the next day, stating that in the opinion of Paul & Weir the potatoes had been frosted before being put on rail. Witness informed defender that the potatoes had been refused, and defender told him to try to make the best of them. That was the common practice in the potato trade.*

*Defender ultimately went to see the potatoes, and again advised witness to make the most of them. Witness was informed by Paul & Weir that the potatoes were useless, and had had to be carted to a dump in Glasgow. They sent him an account for £6 4s 11d for the rail carriage and the price of 100 bags. Until the counter-claim was lodged, defender never made any claim upon witness for the price of the potatoes. Witness offered to let him off with 50s per ton, but defender would not entertain it.*

*The week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> February was one of exceptional frost. It was not prudent for anyone to load perishable potatoes in such weather, and a farmer loading potatoes during such weather must take the risk. Defender had ample time to load the potatoes during fresh weather.*

*In cross-examination, pursuer said Mr Small's contract ended when he delivered the potatoes at Cupar Station, provided they were in good condition. He could not believe that the seed, passed through the riddle along with the ware, would not be frosted as well as the ware. If the seed had not been frosted, it might be possible that the ware were frosted through being exposed in a railway truck for two days, and in transit in Glasgow.*

*In answer to his agent, pursuer said it took a little time for the frost to manifest itself, and if he had examined the potatoes before they left Cupar Station, they might not have shown signs of frost.”*

### **Not Sufficiently Strawed**

*“James D. Irvine, 16 Haldane Street, Scotstoun, Glasgow, manager of Paul & Weir, Glasgow, said when the waggon of potatoes arrived on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> February, it was put into a covered shed, and was examined the following morning. He did not think the potatoes were sufficiently strawed for the abnormal weather. If the potatoes*



*had been put on rail in good condition, he would not have expected to find them frosted right through the waggon, but they were all frosted, and were not even fit for pig feeding. When Mr Small saw them, they were like a switchback railway, the bags had sagged so much. In the opinion of witness, the potatoes were frosted before being put on rail.*

*After further evidence, the pursuer's proof was closed, and an adjournment was made till next Friday, when evidence for the defender will be heard."*

## **20<sup>th</sup> July 1929**

Article in *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Falkland v R.A.F. (Leuchars)**

*"There was an exciting finish in this match at Scroggie Park, Falkland, on Saturday. Batting first, Falkland were all out for 55, only T. Drysdale reaching double figures. The airmen made a good start, but their later batsmen fell short of victory by 5 runs.*

*Bowling for R.A.F., Corporal Smith had five wickets for 24 runs, A.C. Moon three for 21, A. Argles one for 8, and A.C. Crawford one for 0, while for Falkland, H. Birrell had six for 23, P. Lawson two for 13, and J. Lawson one for 13. Scores:-*

### ***Falkland***

<i>T.C. Schofield, b. Moon</i>	<i>9</i>
<i>P. Lawson, b. Moon</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>T. Drysdale, b. Smith</i>	<i>14</i>
<i>H. Birrell, c. Romanes, b. Moon</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>R. Hopkins, b. Smith</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>M. St Clair, c. Romanes, b. Smith</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>J. Lawson, b. Smith</i>	<i>9</i>
<i>J. Dowie, c. Nowell, b. Argles</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>G. Anderson, c. and b. Smith</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>T. Wilkie, not out</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>R.S. Drysdale, b. Crawford</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Extras</i>	<i>2</i>
<b><i>Total</i></b>	<b><i>55</i></b>

### **R.A.F.**

<i>Cpl. Smith, lbw., b. Birrell</i>	12
<i>Cpl. Nowell, c. Wilkie, b. Birrell</i>	16
<i>A.C. Moon, lbw., b. Birrell</i>	3
<i>A.C. Crawford, b. Birrell</i>	4
<i>Lt., Kennedy, b. Birrell</i>	2
<i>Cpl., Romanes, c. P. Lawson, b. J. Lawson</i>	1
<i>A. Argles, b. P. Lawson</i>	4
<i>A.C. Westerman, c. Anderson, b. Birrell</i>	0
<i>Mate Granston, c. Anderson, b. P. Lawson</i>	1
<i>W. Wade, run out</i>	8
<i>M. Lumsden, not out</i>	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>51</b>

### **27<sup>th</sup> July 1929**

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

*“Falkland were again without several of their regular players when Kelty provided the opposition at Scroggie Park on Saturday. Kelty had the first knock, and but for T. Hunter, their display would have been a sorrowful one. He had 42, and the others had only 22 between them.*

*With only 67 to beat, Falkland’s task was not a big one, but it proved too formidable, the side being out for 54.*

*Bowling for Falkland, J. Lawson had four for 22, and H. Birrell three for 19. For Kelty, R. Reid had five for 9, and J. McDonald two for 14. Scores:-*

### **Kelty**

<i>I. Ingles, lbw., b. J. Lawson</i>	3
<i>T. Bain, b. Keith</i>	0

<i>T. Hunter, c. Dowie, b. J. Lawson</i>	42
<i>T. Anderson, c. Anderson, b. Birrell</i>	5
<i>R. Reid, b. Keith</i>	3
<i>J. Hynd, c. Dowie, b. Birrell</i>	6
<i>H. Forrester, c. Drysdale, b. Birrell</i>	2
<i>J. McDonald, b. J. Lawson</i>	1
<i>R. Hogg, lbw., b. P. Lawson</i>	1
<i>J. Martin, not out</i>	1
<i>A. Pryde, c. Keith, b. J. Lawson</i>	0
<i>Extras</i>	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>67</b>

### **Falkland**

<i>T.C. Schofield, b. Bain</i>	1
<i>D. Smart, c. Anderson, b. Bain</i>	4
<i>R. Keith, not out</i>	18
<i>J. Lawson, b. Forrester</i>	8
<i>P. Lawson, c. Inglis, b. McDonald</i>	8
<i>H. Birrell, b. Reid</i>	1
<i>J. Dowie, c. Anderson, b. McDonald</i>	0
<i>G. Anderson, b. McDonald</i>	9
<i>T. Wilkie, c. Inglis, b. Reid</i>	2
<i>R.S. Drysdale, b. Reid</i>	1
<i>J. Ross, b. Reid</i>	0
<i>Extras</i>	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>54</b>

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Factories** – “Work was resumed on Monday and Tuesday mornings at the Floorcloth and Linen Factories respectively.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Service** – “Mr George Pearce, secretary of the London City Mission, conducted the morning service in the Parish Church on Sunday.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Services** – “Mr Mowatt, a divinity student from Edinburgh, occupied the U.F. Church pulpit at both services on Sunday.”

### **3<sup>rd</sup> August 1929**

Article in *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Falkland v Dunnikier – ‘Lost Ball’**

“Played at Scroggie Park, Falkland. The Royal burgh team sustained their second successive defeat on Saturday. Their batting has not been consistent of late, due, probably, to the loss of practice through the intervention of holidays. Batting first, Dunnikier started disastrously, four wickets being down for three runs. Bain, the former Kirkcaldy crack, gradually brought the game round, and was ably backed up by Aitken and Bryan, the latter having 13 not out.

The home batsmen were too eager to hit, and consequently paid the penalty for impatience. P. Lawson and Baxter were the only members of the side to reach double figures. An incident of note during the Falkland innings was a ‘lost ball’. A hit by Baxter landed in the long grass near the boundary, and there being no fielder in the vicinity at the time, some difficulty was experienced recovering the ball, with the result that one of the fieldsmen called ‘Lost ball’. This is an unusual incident in cricket circles, and the ruling is that in addition to the runs made by the batsmen prior to the call of ‘Lost ball’, six runs are added.

Bowling for Falkland, P. Lawson captured six wickets for 17 runs, and J. Lawson four for 20. For Dunnikier, Bain took four for 23, Currie three for 2, Croall two for 10, and Campbell one for 7. Scores:-

#### **Dunnikier**

R. Campbell, b. J. Lawson	1
W. Currie, b. J. Lawson	0
J.C. Bain, c. P. Lawson, b. J. Lawson	17
J. Dunbar, c. C.R. Drysdale, b. P. Lawson	0
D. Murray, b. P. Lawson	0
J. Cuthbert, c. Baxter, b. P. Lawson	6
J. Heggie, c. Dowie, b. P. Lawson	0

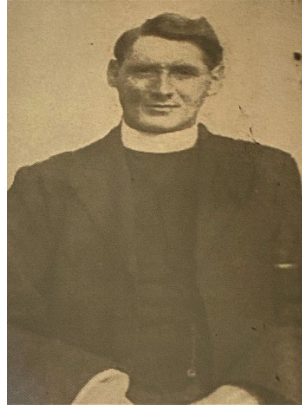
<i>N.L.W. Aitken, b. P. Lawson</i>	10
<i>W. Brown, c. J. Lawson, b. P. Lawson</i>	3
<i>Major Bryan, not out</i>	13
<i>E. Croall, c. P. Lawson, b. J. Lawson</i>	2
<i>Extras</i>	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>57</b>

### **Falkland**

<i>C.R. Drysdale, c. and b. Bain</i>	4
<i>P. Lawson, c. Campbell, b. Croall</i>	10
<i>R. Hopkins, c. Heggie, b. Croall</i>	0
<i>J. Lawson, c. Cuthbert, b. Bain</i>	0
<i>H. Birrell, c. Currie, b. Bain</i>	2
<i>M St Clair, c. Murray, b. Bain</i>	1
<i>G. Baxter, b. Currie</i>	11
<i>F. Drysdale, c. Bain, b. Campbell</i>	7
<i>J. Dowie, c. and b. Currie</i>	5
<i>G. Anderson, b. Currie</i>	1
<i>T. Wilkie, not out</i>	1
<i>Extras</i>	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>45</b>

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Scouts** – “A party of Rover Scouts from Hertfordshire, who are on tour of Scotland, were in camp at Tarvit for two days. They left for Falkland on Tuesday.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Services** – “Rev. George Scanlan, Strathmiglo, occupied the Parish Church pulpit on Sunday morning. Both services in the U.F. Church were taken by Mr Ballantyne, a Baptist Church student from Edinburgh.”



**Rev. George Scanlan**

**St Martin's Church, Strathmiglo**

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

***Auchtermuchty Man Appointed Clerk***

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

*In reply to the Committee's query as to the basis on which school cleaner's wages were fixed, the Clerk read a reply from the Authority, stating that the only consideration was the number of pupils, and that floor space had nothing to do with the matter. To this an answer had been sent pointing out that in a former communication it had been stated that floor space was an element in fixing the remuneration, and to this no reply had yet been received.*

*The Committee unanimously agreed to press for an answer, to be considered at next meeting.*

*Six applications through were submitted for the post of Clerk, rendered vacant through the resignation of Mr M. St Clair, and after a vote, Mr R. Turnbull, High Street, Auchtermuchty, was appointed.*

*The Chairman stated that he had made inquiries concerning the contracts for towels and desks, and had been informed that these were duly advertised, and competitive offers accepted."*

**10<sup>th</sup> August 1929**

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

*"This match was played at Kennoway on Wednesday evening. The home team took first lease of the wicket and runs came freely. Finlay left at 24 after a bright knock,*

and a second wicket partnership between Gillespie and Duncan carried the score to 76 when Duncan was caught. On the stroke of eight o'clock, the home captain closed at 102 for three having carried his bat for a splendid contribution of 40.

The Falkland side, with the exception of their captain, put up a sorry batting display. Peter Lawson was the only player to show any confidence, and he demonstrated that the bowling could be hit by sending three deliveries from Duncan clean out of the grounds. The remainder of the innings was just a procession, and the total score only reached 32.

Bowling for Falkland, P. Lawson claimed three wickets for 37 runs. For Kennoway, Brown took six wickets for 16 runs, and Duncan four for 15. Scores:-

### **Kennoway**

<i>J. Finlay, c. C.R. Drysdale, b. P. Lawson</i>	16
<i>P. Gillespie, not out</i>	40
<i>D.R. Duncan, c. C.R. Drysdale, b. P. Lawson</i>	23
<i>G. Honeyman, b. P. Lawson</i>	12
<i>G. Taylor, not out</i>	6
<i>Extras</i>	5
<b>Total for 3 wickets (Declared)</b>	<b>102</b>

### **Falkland**

<i>T. Drysdale, c. D. Gillespie, b. Duncan</i>	1
<i>C.R. Drysdale, b. Brown</i>	0
<i>P. Lawson, c. Taylor, b. Duncan</i>	26
<i>J. Lawson, c. D. Gillespie, b. Brown</i>	0
<i>P. Robertson, b. Duncan</i>	2
<i>G. Baxter, b. Brown</i>	0
<i>H. Birrell, b. Duncan</i>	2
<i>F. Drysdale, c. P. Gillespie, b. Brown</i>	0
<i>J. Dowie, c. D. Gillespie, b. Brown</i>	0

<i>T. Wilkie, b. Brown</i>	0
<i>J. Lawson jnr., not out</i>	0
<i>Extra</i>	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>32</b>

Photograph in *The Fife News*: **Falkland Boy Scouts**



**A Group of healthy Scouts preparing tea when in camp at Anstruther**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Pulpit** – “The Rev. James C. McKay occupied the pulpit of the U.F. Church on Sunday, and he is to officiate for the next two Sundays.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Visit** – “Captain and Hon. Mrs Maule Ramsay and family, who have been staying at Falkland House, left on Monday, after a ten days’ visit, for Kellie Castle, Forfarshire, where they will probably be in residence until September.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Assessments Reduced** – “Falkland Town Council assessments have been reduced by 6d in the £1 compared with last year. The assessments fixed for the current year are 5s 6 ½ d on occupiers and 4s 3 ½ d on owners – a total of 9s 10d, compared with a total of 10s 4d last year. The education rate, which is included in the above, is 1s 8d on owners and occupiers.”

Article in *the Fife News*: **Frosted Potatoes – Decision in Cupar Litigation**



*“At Cupar on Monday Sheriff Dudley Stuart issued the interlocutor in the small debt action brought by James Douglas, potato merchant, Falkland, against John Small, farmer, The Mount, Cupar. Pursuer sued for £7 9s 11d as damages for breach of contract in respect of the sale by the defender to the pursuer of 5 tons of Golden Wonder potatoes, and defender counter-claimed for the price of the potatoes, restricted to £20.*

*Pursuer’s case was that the potatoes were frozen before being put on rail at Cupar, and defender contended that the potatoes were in good condition when loaded in the waggon at Cupar Station.*

*Sheriff Dudley Stuart assolzies the defender, and grants decree for his counter-claim of £20 with expenses.*

*In his note the Sheriff states:- The evidence in this case relates to a consignment of Golden Wonder ware potatoes, sold and dispatched by the defender from Cupar to Glasgow, and, on inspection by the consignee, found to be seriously frosted and, it is said, unmerchantable. The case arises in the form of an action of damages by the purchaser for breach of contract, his contention being that the frosted condition of the potatoes is attributable to the defender’s negligence. This the defender denies, averring that he duly implemented the contract, and he counter-claims for the contract price.*

*The main topic of controversy in evidence is the state of the weather which prevailed during the period between the removal of the potatoes from the pit on defender’s farm and their examination in the consignees’ shed in Glasgow. This period extended from the morning of Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> February, until the morning of Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup>, and it is proved that between these dates, very severe frost occurred. The pursuer’s case is that on the Monday, when the potatoes were taken from the pits, the weather was so severe as to be quite unsuitable for exposing them: that the same conditions prevailed on Tuesday morning, when the potatoes were carted to Cupar Station, and tucked for conveyance to Glasgow. Upon this assumption the pursuer maintains that the potatoes were frosted before delivery at the station, as the result of the defender’s negligence in executing the contract, and that this conclusion is supported by the fact that the frost was found to have affected the bags in the interior of the consignment. It was said, I think, that on the assumption that the frost took effect after dispatch from Cupar and during transit by rail, the defender was not justified in dispatching the potatoes during the exceptional state of the weather, and thus putting the risk of damage upon the pursuer.”*

### **Defender’s Case**

*“The defender’s reply is that the weather conditions on the Monday and Tuesday were quite suitable for handling and discharging potatoes, that while in his possession, they were well protected from risk of frost, and that the damage which they suffered must have arisen from exposure after he had implemented his contract*

*by delivery to the Railway Company. It is evident that no direct proof can be got which will show at what stage in their transit the potatoes were frosted. The inference must be drawn from the facts and circumstances and of these the weather conditions during the period in question are the most important. What those conditions were on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> February is a matter of dispute. If the weather was as severe as the pursuer alleges, and such as would expose the potatoes to the risk of damage by frost, the inference may be that the defender was in fault, and must bear the loss arising from this exposure in unsuitable weather. The presumption, in short, would be that the damage was done while the property and the risk were his. The question, therefore, is whether this presumption is supported by the facts.*

*The sequence of events is this. The potatoes on the defendant's farm were opened on Monday morning, 11<sup>th</sup> February, and the potatoes were carted to a shed, where they remained in the carts during that night. On Tuesday morning they were conveyed to Cupar Station and handed over to the Railway Company to be delivered to Messrs Paul & Weir in Glasgow. They reached Messrs Paul & Weir's premises on Wednesday afternoon, and the truck containing the potatoes was housed in their shed. On Thursday morning they were examined, and found to be seriously frosted.*

*I think it is proved that the potatoes were sufficiently protected during the night of Monday and during their conveyance to Cupar Station; that is, that the usual precautions were taken to avoid damage by possible frost. But the pursuer maintains, and seeks to prove, that the weather on Monday and Tuesday was so exceptionally severe that no prudent farmer would have risked opening his pits and dispatching potatoes."*

### **Conflict of Evidence**

*"I remark, in the first place, that I cannot readily assume that the defender, an experienced farmer, would have incurred this risk if the weather was manifestly unsuitable. Pursuer was not pressing for delivery, and the defender could choose his day. His reply is that the weather on Monday and Tuesday morning was in no respect abnormal and perfectly safe for lifting and carting potatoes. Upon this point there is certainly a conflict of evidence, and it appears that in some places, spoken to by the pursuer's witnesses, severe weather prevailed on Monday, and potato lifting was in consequence suspended. But the conditions in one district, or in one situation, are not necessarily the same as in others. The question is – What were the conditions at The Mount and in the immediate neighbourhood? The defender's evidence, and that of his foreman, is that the weather was quite suitable for the work, and this is confirmed by the testimony of Mr Arbuckle, who depones that on his farm of Luthrie and on the adjacent farm of Colluthie, potato lifting and dressing was done on Monday. It is true that both of these farms are situated at a lower level than The Mount, but they lie not far from it, and, in my opinion, afford a more reliable indication of the weather in the immediate vicinity than evidence regarding the conditions which prevailed elsewhere. I note, also, the evidence of Mr Morgan, who, on Monday, was*

*dressing potatoes at Gateside in weather which he describes as suitable for the purpose. Gateside is very near The Mount, and the fact emphasises that conditions may vary as between one district and another.”*

### ***Weather on the Journey***

*“The conclusion I have reached appears to receive support from the meteorological report furnished by the Aerodrome Officer at Leuchars. This shows that on Monday night only 3 degrees of frost were registered. The severe frost did not occur until Tuesday night, when the record was 13 degrees, and on Wednesday the lowest point during the winter, 19 degrees was recorded. These facts appear to me to suggest as the more probable conclusion that the damage to the potatoes was either during their transit by rail, or possibly – though this seems least likely – after their arrival in Glasgow. As the waggon containing them did not reach Messrs Paul & Weir until Wednesday afternoon, it was presumably exposed to the weather during Tuesday night, and Tuesday night was exceptionally severe. I don’t omit to notice the opinion of several of the pursuer’s witnesses to the effect that the damage must have been caused prior to delivery at the station. This is an inference which, expressed by experts, is entitled to consideration. But, in the view which I take of the evidence regarding the weather conditions – that prior to Tuesday afternoon the weather was not severe, but, as clearly appears, that Tuesday night and Wednesday were the coldest of the winter – I am unable to accept this opinion as conclusive in the matter.”*

### ***Defender not Responsible***

*“I do not concern myself with the question whether the onus of proof is upon the pursuer to prove that the defender failed to implement the contract, or upon the defender to prove that he did implement it. I have considered the evidence in order to reach the more probable conclusion from the facts disclosed. What that conclusion is I have already indicated, and it is in favour of the defender. I shall, therefore, assoilzie the defender, and grant decree for the amount of his counter-claim, namely, £20, with expenses. I should add that I do not think it is proved that the defender acquiesced in the rejection of the potatoes by the purchaser. I accept his statement that he maintained, when informed of the damage, that he was not responsible.*

*Agents:- For the pursuer – Mr J.L. Anderson, writer, Cupar; for the defender – Mr I.W. McInnes, W.S., Cupar.”*

## **17<sup>th</sup> August 1929**

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

*“This match proved very interesting and resulted in a victory for the visitors by nine runs. Both teams were under strength and the honours of run-getting fell to the earlier batsmen. Springfield batted first and mustered the respectable total of 93, to which Stewart, Garland, Arthur and Dowie were the chief contributors. Steadiness was their motto, and though at times inclined to be slow, they did not hesitate to have a ‘go’ at any loose ball.*

*Falkland opened briskly and 67 was on the telegraph at the fall of the fifth wicket. At this rate of scoring the surpassing of the opposing total seemed a matter of time, but alas, the homesters developed a ‘tail’, and the last four batsmen had only one run between them to their credit. John Lawson played a sterling defensive game, but was unable to get anyone to stay with him.*

*Bowling for Falkland, J. Lawson claimed four wickets for 19 runs, C.R. Drysdale three for 2, Robertson two for 22, and P. Lawson one for 30. For Springfield, Garland had five for 43, Stewart three for 38, and Donaldson one for 3. Scores:-*

### **Springfield**

<i>T. Arthur, c. J. Lawson, b. P. Lawson</i>	17
<i>A. Donaldson, b. J. Lawson</i>	1
<i>W.D. Stewart, c. F. Drysdale, b. J. Lawson</i>	25
<i>L. Dowie, lbw., b. J. Lawson</i>	16
<i>J. Garland, lbw., b. C.R. Drysdale</i>	23
<i>S. Cameron, c. P. Lawson, b. J. Lawson</i>	0
<i>W. Glen, b. C.R. Drysdale</i>	8
<i>G. Millar, b. Robertson</i>	0
<i>J. Carver, c. F. Drysdale, b. Robertson</i>	0
<i>H. Scott, not out</i>	0
<i>R. Smith, c. J. Lawson, b. C.R. Drysdale</i>	1
<i>Extras</i>	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>93</b>

### **Falkland**

<i>C.R. Drysdale, b. Stewart</i>	29
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<i>R.S. Cranston, b. Garland</i>	10
<i>T. Drysdale, run out</i>	2
<i>P. Lawson, c. Smith, b. Stewart</i>	13
<i>H. Birrell, c. Smith, b. Stewart</i>	4
<i>P. Robertson, b. Garland</i>	15
<i>J. Lawson, not out</i>	10
<i>F. Drysdale, c. Millar, b. Garland</i>	1
<i>G. Anderson, b. Garland</i>	0
<i>T. Wilkie, b. Donaldson</i>	0
<i>J. Dowie, b. Garland</i>	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>84</b>

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Shooting Season** – “Captain A.H. and the Hon. Mrs Maule Ramsay have left the House of Falkland, Fife, and have gone to Kellie Castle, Angus, for the shooting season.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Accident** – “A motor lorry belonging to James Brough & Sons, fruit merchants, Commercial Street, Dundee, and driven by Jas. Christie (24), 42 Lilybank Road, Dundee, and a motor cycle driven by Peter Peebles (25), joiner, Newton Cottage, Newton of Falkland, with William Cameron (22), joiner, 196 High Street, Auchterarder, riding pillion, collided at the junction of Blinshall Street and Miln Street, Dundee. Peebles was thrown from his machine in front of the lorry and sustained a wound on the left side of the forehead and bruises to his left leg. After treatment at Dundee Royal Infirmary he was allowed to go home. Both vehicles were damaged.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Whist Drive** – “Under the auspices of the Lomond Thistle Football Club, a whist drive was held in the Lower Town Hall last Friday evening. Unfortunately, the function was not too well attended, there being only seven tables engaged, but, nevertheless, it was very enjoyable. The prize-winners were:-

*Ladies* – 1. Mr Allan Robertson (playing as lady); 2. Mrs Duncan; consolation – Mrs Duff, Newton of Falkland.

*Gentlemen* – 1. Geo. Baxter; 2. Fred Coutts; consolation – E. Mather.”

## **24<sup>th</sup> August 1929**

Advert in *The Fife News*: **L.N.E.R. – More Cheap Fares**

“More Cheap Fares every Week-Day (from 26<sup>th</sup> August)

*Third Class Fares from Falkland Road:*

*To Springfield – 10d; Ladybank – 5d; Kingskettle – 4d; Markinch – 5d; Thornton – 9d; Dysart – 1/1; Sinclairtown – 1/2”*

Advert in *The Fife News*: **L.N.E.R. Excursions**

“From Falkland Road, Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> August:

*11.19 a.m. – To Dundee, Broughty Ferry, 3/-; Carnoustie, Arbroath, 3/6; Montrose, 4/6; Stonehaven, 5/-; Aberdeen, 5/6.*

*The tickets are Valid on Day of Issue Only.*

*Restaurant Car – Tickets obtained and seats reserved in advance. Handbills free at L.N.E.R. Stations.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Services** – “Rev. Mr Lyons, assistant of Dunblane Cathedral, occupied the Parish Church pulpit on Sunday morning. Rev. J.K. Russell, Falkland, preached at both services at Dunblane.”

## **31<sup>st</sup> August 1929**

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

“This match, postponed owing to the previous Saturday’s thunderstorm, was played at Strathmiglo on Thursday evening last week, before a good turnout of spectators. The homesters batted first, and 15 were registered before the home captain was out to J. Lawson, his 13 being got by four hits (three boundary and a single). Allan played a steady game and was undefeated at the closure. Low was the only other ‘double’, his 13 including two boundaries.

Only two runs were on the board when Low sent T. Drysdale back, but 19 was added before the same bowler got P. Lawson, the latter hitting three boundaries in his 16. The next two Falkland wickets only yielded 3 more runs, Low in slips holding Schofield and Robertson off Allan. J. Lawson’s 7 included a 4 hit, and Grant and F. Drysdale were defending when a halt was called.

Bowling for Falkland, P. Lawson had three for 29 and J. Lawson two for 29; and for Stratheden, J.S. Allan had four for 17 and W. Low two for 26. Scores:-

### **Stratheden**

<i>D.H. Thomson, b. J. Lawson</i>	13
<i>J.S. Allan, not out</i>	25
<i>J.E. Thomson, b. P. Lawson</i>	7
<i>H.G. Holmes, c. C. Drysdale, b. J. Lawson</i>	5
<i>W. Low, lbw., b. Robertson</i>	13
<i>W. Chapman, c. Birrell, b. P. Lawson</i>	1
<i>R. McNaughton, b. P. Lawson</i>	5
<i>E. Brown, not out</i>	0
<i>N. Scanlan, A.P. Chapman and</i>	
<i>J. Brown did not bat</i>	
<b>Total for 6 wickets (declared)</b>	<b>69</b>

### **Falkland**

<i>T. Drysdale, b. Low</i>	1
<i>P. Lawson, b. Low</i>	16
<i>C.R. Drysdale, b. Allan</i>	7
<i>T. Schofield, c. Low, b. Allan</i>	2
<i>P. Robertson, c. Low, b. Allan</i>	0
<i>J. Lawson, b. Allan</i>	7
<i>A. Grant, not out</i>	5
<i>F. Drysdale, not out</i>	5
<i>G. Anderson, T. Wilkie and</i>	
<i>H. Birrell to bat</i>	
<i>Extras</i>	3
<b>Total for 6 wickets</b>	<b>46</b>

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Harvest** – “Harvesting operations have been commenced in the district, and should be well in hand generally during the next few days.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Services** – “Mr Archibald Millar, Edinburgh, officiated at both services in the U.F. Church on Sunday.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket** – “The local cricket team were without a match on Saturday. They were due to travel to the ‘Fair City’ to play Perth Victoria, but owing to the inability of that team to raise an eleven, the match was cancelled.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Heather Day** – “Heather Day, for the Scottish Children’s League of Pity, was held in Falkland on Saturday, when the following collected the sum of £4 15s 3d:-

Nanna Baird, Jessie Dakers, Hetty Riley, Sarah Hardie, George Lawson, Peggy Hopkins, Betty Grant, Jenny Hopkins, and Anna Dryburgh. Mrs Nisbet, The Schoolhouse, was convener.”

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

“At the monthly meeting held in Falkland School on Monday evening, the chair was occupied by Mr Bennet, Auchtermuchty, in the absence of Rev. G. Scanlan, chairman.

The Chairman, at the outset, briefly welcomed Mr Turnbull, the new Clerk, who was present for the first time.

Offers for the supply of coal to the various schools were received, the following being the successful contractors:-

Gateside and Strathmiglo - W. Allan, Strathmiglo.

Auchtermuchty and Dunshalt – W. Aitchison & Son, Auchtermuchty.

Falkland and Freuchie – R. Wallace, Freuchie

The list of holidays until next mid-summer was gone over, and fixed as follows:-

Autumn holiday – 7<sup>th</sup> October 1929

Potato holidays for three weeks – dates of closing to be fixed by the various School sub-Committee.

New Year – 30<sup>th</sup> December 1929 to 6<sup>th</sup> January 1930.

Easter – 7<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> April

Empire Day – 19<sup>th</sup> May.



Summer holidays – 30<sup>th</sup> June to 11<sup>th</sup> August.

*A circular was read from the Authority instructing the Committee to inform janitors that on no account were pupils to be allowed to assist with work, the explanation of this being that in several instances the Authority had become liable for compensation on account of mishaps.”*

## **7<sup>th</sup> September 1929**

Extract from *The Fife News* – **Services** – “*Mr Peatt Innes, Edinburgh, occupied the pulpit of the U.F. Church at both services on Sunday.*”

Article in *The Fife News*: **Falkland Town Council**

*“The monthly meeting of Falkland Town Council was held in the Town Hall on Wednesday evening – Bailie G. Robertson presiding in the absence of Provost Hopkins.*

*Bailie Grant suggested the provision of suitable lighting at the public lavatories, and it was left in his hands to procure details of various schemes.*

*The Chairman intimated that the Ministry of Transport had now agreed to pay 25 per cent of the cost of upkeep of unclassified roads within the burgh, in addition to the same on roads in Classes I and II. He also stated that, along with representatives from other small burghs, he had met the Secretary of State for Scotland to protest against inadequate representation on County Councils under the new Act. The full conditions, as published, however, showed that burghs were to be much more fully represented, and on the new Fife Council, Falkland would have one representative.*

*The annual abstract of accounts, duly certified by the auditor, was submitted, and after full consideration was adopted and signed. All the accounts are in a good condition. The common good showed assets amounting to £1752 10s, including a cash balance of £363, the reduction of £123 on last year being more than accounted for by the erection of the lavatories at a cost of £183. Attention was drawn to the increasing amount of arrears of rates (now £45 10s), and also the sum of £40 13s 2d spent on repairs at the housing scheme, but it was explained that about £20 of this was accounted for by re-painting.*

*The rates for the coming year were duly confirmed, except that ½ d per £1 had been added to the burgh general rate. This year, owners will pay a total of 4s 2 ½ d per £1, and occupiers, 5s 7 ½ d, a total of 9s 10d per £1, as compared with 10s 6d per £1 last year.*

*The Town Clerk reported the disposal of the old water cart, for which 30s had been got.*

*It was agreed to let the Lower Town Hall for juvenile dancing classes, to be conducted by Miss Dodds, Leslie.*

*A requisition, signed by 12 ratepayers, was submitted, asking the Council to convene a public meeting, to consider as to the construction of a bowling green, and, after full consideration, to meet the Council to arrange preliminary details.*

*The condition of certain parts of the footpaths in the town was brought under the notice of the meeting, and instructions were given to have these attended to.”*

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

*“Although hardly so successful as last year, Falkland have had quite a good season. Twenty matches were played, of which 10 were won, 7 lost, and 3 drawn. Runs scored totalled 1473 for the loss of 192 wickets, an average of 7.67 runs per wicket, against opponents 1415 runs for 167 wickets, average 8.47. Peter Lawson, captain of the Club, leads in both batting and bowling, and has also most catches to his credit. The individual figures are as follows:-*

*Catches – P. Lawson – 13, G. Anderson – 10, J. Lawson – 9, C.R. Drysdale – 8, G. Baxter – 6, F. Drysdale – 5, R.S. Drysdale – 4, P. Robertson – 3, J. Dowie – 3.*

**BATTING**

	<b>Innings</b>	<b>Times not out</b>	<b>Runs</b>	<b>Highest score</b>	<b>Average</b>
<i>P. Lawson</i>	18	-	208	38	11.56
<i>C.R. Drysdale</i>	18	-	183	43	10.17
<i>T.C. Schofield</i>	15	-	148	41	9.87
<i>J. Lawson</i>	20	3	134	38	7.88
<i>T. Drysdale</i>	14	-	107	28	7.64
<i>R. Hopkins</i>	11	1	67	17no	6.70
<i>G. Anderson</i>	18	3	101	35	6.67
<i>F. Drysdale</i>	12	4	51	14	6.38
<i>H. Birrell</i>	17	1	100	40	6.25
<i>G. Baxter</i>	12	1	61	22	5.56
<i>J. Dowie</i>	10	1	49	16	5.44

*Also*

<i>P. Robertson</i>	8	-	67	22	8.38
<i>T. Wilkie</i>	9	5	16	4	4.00

### **BOWLING**

	<b>Overs</b>	<b>Maidens</b>	<b>Runs</b>	<b>Wickets</b>	<b>Average</b>
<i>P. Lawson</i>	220.5	68	378	54	7.00
<i>H. Birrell</i>	125.4	36	245	33	7.42
<i>J. Lawson</i>	198.2	54	437	47	9.30

Also

<i>M. St Clair</i>	23.2	1	64	8	8.00
<i>T.C. Schofield</i>	7.5	1	27	3	9.00
<i>C.R. Drysdale</i>	23.5	5	74	5	14.20
<i>P. Robertson</i>	30.2	-	104	5	20.80

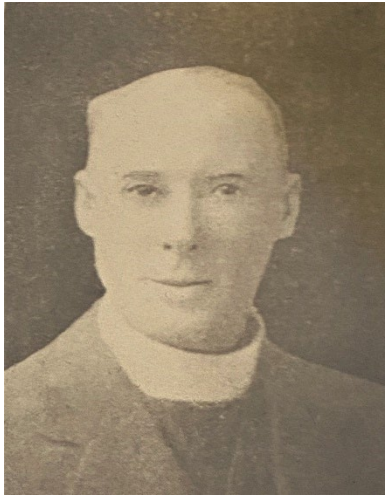
### **14<sup>th</sup> September 1929**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Services** – “Mr Manson, from the offices of the U.F. Church, Edinburgh, occupied the pulpit of the U.F. Church at both diets of worship on Sunday. He also conducted an open-air service at the Square in the evening.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Sunday Harvest** – “Sunday was a splendid harvest day, and it was not surprising that cutting operations were seen in the district. At least one field of oats was cut, and with many people climbing the Lomonds, the harvesting was watched with interest.”

### **21<sup>st</sup> September 1929**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Services** – “Rev. Alan Cant, Creich, occupied the Parish Church pulpit on Sunday morning. At the U.F. Church, both morning and afternoon services were conducted by Rev. Matthew Leishman, Kelty.”



**Rev. Alan Cant, B.Sc., B.D., Creich**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Provost's Successful Appeal** – “The Valuation Appeal Court for Falkland Burgh was held in Falkland Town Hall – Bailies Robertson and Grant on the Bench. The only appeal was that by Provost Hopkins against the annual valuation of his property at £40, on the grounds that other property in the Burgh of greater apparent value was put down about the same figure. After consideration, the assessor (Mr Hardy) suggested a reduction of £5, and the Magistrates agreed to this. It was stated that a number of workshops in the Burgh would benefit under the De-rating Act.”

Article in *The Fife News*: **Football – Millwood (Woodside) v Falkland Thistle**

“The above teams met at Woodside on Saturday, and a rather featureless game was the outcome. Midfield play was the order all through, and two fast shots by Chapman, the visitors' centre, were the only incidents of note during the first half. Play in the second portion was a repetition of the first period. About ten minutes from the end, Falkland were awarded a penalty, but Chapman, to the chagrin of his side, banged the ball against the goal-keeper. The final whistle sounded with no scoring.”

## **28<sup>th</sup> September 1929**

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

“The above teams met in a friendly match at East Shore Park, Newburgh, on Saturday. The first half opened briskly. Some of the young lads showed nice footwork, and both 'keepers had to be on the alert all the time. The visiting forwards played with fine understanding, and caused the Newburgh defence continual worry. The Falkland lads opened the scoring, and this seemed to awaken the home Scouts. They replied with some good tries but the visiting 'keeper kept a clean sheet for a time. After a nice run, however, Newburgh got on level terms, and the teams crossed over with one goal each to their credit.

*The second half was equally exciting, both goals being visited in rapid succession. The home team scored again, and from that point had the best of the game. They added a third goal to their total and ran out victors by 3 goals to 1. Scoutmaster F. Gardiner, as referee, handled the game with ability."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Services** – *"Mr Gillespie, Cowdenbeath, conducted both morning and afternoon services in the U.F. Church on Sunday."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **New Minister Appointed** – *"At a meeting of Falkland U.F. Church congregation on Monday night – Rev. W.J. Auld, Freuchie, interim moderator, presiding – Rev. Matthew Leishman, late of Trinity U.F. Church, Kelty, was unanimously elected to the vacancy in the pastorate. The pulpit has been vacant since the removal of Rev. J.P. Batchelor to Alexandria (Dumbarton) in the spring of this year, and a settlement has been retarded through the proposal to make the appointment one of three years. Owing to failure to obtain a candidate on these terms, the General Interests Committee agreed to a life charge, with the result that an immediate and unanimous appointment has been made. Rev. Mr Leishman, who has been 14 years in his present charge, has just retired in order to facilitate a union with the other Kelty U.F. Church."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Falkland Doctor Fined for Negligent Driving**

*"At Cupar Sheriff Court on Tuesday, a fine of 30s was imposed by Hon. Sheriff Stark upon Dr Patrick Stephen Gerrard Cameron, Canonbury, Falkland, who was charged with having on 30<sup>th</sup> August, on the public highway at the junction of Main Street with Rumdewan and South Street opposite the old Fire Station, Kingskettle, driven a motor car in a negligent manner on the wrong side of the road, and caused it to collide with and damage a motor omnibus driven by George Todd, motor driver, 20 Bridgeton, Kirkcaldy. In the original complaint accused was charged with driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, and the case was down for trial. Mr D.M. Baird, for accused, said he would plead guilty to negligent driving if that part of the charge alleging that accused was under the influence of drink were withdrawn.*

*Mr P.J. McPherson, depute-Fiscal, said, after consultation with Mr Baird, he had agreed to alter the charge to one of negligent driving. Mr Baird said that the allegation that accused was under the influence of intoxicating liquor having been withdrawn, he would plead guilty to negligent driving. The accident was a very simple one. The respondent was travelling on Main Street, Kingskettle, and was under the impression that the bus intended to drive straight on. Accordingly, he cut the corner, and the collision took place. No one was hurt, and no material damage was done. Mr P.J. McPherson detailed the damage, and said that the collision was obviously a serious one."*

**5<sup>th</sup> October 1929**

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

*“There was a strong westerly wind blowing when the Welfare game between Stratheden and Falkland began at Strathmiglo on Saturday, and the visitors, who won the toss, took advantage of the elements. Naturally the bulk of the pressing came from the Falkland side, but thanks to the strong game put up by the home defence and somewhat erratic shooting of the visitors, the score sheet was blank at half-time. The Falkland forwards showed more penetrative force than the home lot, but their finishing gave room for improvement.*

*Stratheden forced three unproductive corners on resuming, when the wind had eased considerably. The Falkland backs, especially Anderson, whose height was a valuable asset, defended stubbornly. A raid by the visitors’ left found Farmer hard pressed, and the extreme winger shot hard past Brown at the foot of the post. This put more life into the game, but there was too much looseness amongst the home inside men, who did not have the best assistance from their halves. Raids and counter raids were the order, till the Falkland custodian, making a faulty clearance, Morrison levelled the scores. This gave the home lot more heart, and shortly after the home outside left added number two, with a shot which struck the far post in its progress into the net. Through a misunderstanding, one of the Falkland defenders picked up the ball, and was accordingly penalised, Clark putting his side’s total to three. A. Chapman added number four shortly after, and a game in which the homesters were not three goals better than their opponents ended, Stratheden 4; Falkland 1.*

*An attempt to place the ball, by the home halves, would immensely help their side and improve their own value, while quicker parting with the ball by the extreme wingers would be equally valuable.”*

Article in *The Fife News*: **Football – Falkland Matches**

*“Falkland Thistle ‘A’ met a team from Dixon’s Paper Mill, Markinch, on Saturday afternoon at the Myre, and a scrappy game resulted in a draw of two goals each.*

*The Falkland Boy Scouts’ team and a side from Coaltown of Balgonie took part in a friendly encounter on Saturday. The local team held their own up till half time, but afterwards the visitors gradually drew away, and ran out easy winners by four goals to one.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lamps** – *“The street lamps were lit on Monday night for the first time for the approaching winter.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Services** – *“Mr Donald MacRae, Edinburgh, officiated at both diets of worship in the U.F. Church on Sunday.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Collection** – “The annual subscription on behalf of Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, collected at S.C.W.S., Ltd., Pleasance Linen Works, amounted to £4 13s 3d.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Children’s Service** – “On Sunday afternoon, Rev. J.K. Russell conducted the annual ‘rallying’ service of the children in the Parish Church, when names were enrolled for the approaching Sunday School session.”



**Rev. James K. Russell, B.D.**

**Old Church, Falkland**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **S.M.C.** – “The monthly meeting of Falkland District School Management Committee was held in the school here on Monday evening, Rev. G. Scanlan, Strathmiglo, chairman, presiding. The attendance reports showed high percentages for the past month, no school falling below 90 per cent. It was reported that all the sub-Committees in the area had agreed to close their schools today (Friday) for three weeks’ potato holidays.”

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 ready and splendid response on the part of the congregation, and at the service several of the gifts in kind were displayed. On Monday there was dispatched:-

90lb jam, 10lb tea, 40lb sugar, 1 ½ cwts. Mixed vegetables, 1 cwt. Potatoes, 30lb apples, 3lb grapes, 1lb butter, 5 chickens, 2 doz. Eggs, varied parcels of groceries, and masses of beautiful flowers. There was also a tiny tea set for children. £10 14s in money was also forwarded, and the Institutions to benefit are Edinburgh, Perth, and Dundee Infirmaries.”

Article in *The Fife News*: **Falkland Town Council**

*“The monthly meeting of Falkland Town Council was held in the Town Hall on Wednesday evening – Provost Hopkins presiding.*

*The holidays for next year were fixed as follows:-*

*New Year’s Day, spring holiday, 7<sup>th</sup> April; Victoria Day, 22<sup>nd</sup> May; autumn holiday, 6<sup>th</sup> October.*

*The Clerk reported that the members of the Council who retire this year are Bailie Grant and Councillors T. Drysdale, Henry, and Skinner. The first three were present, but gave no indication of their intentions.*

*Provost Hopkins expressed the hope that all four would see fit to take up their duties again.*

*A request was submitted from the Co-operative Women’s Guild, requesting more up-to-date fittings for their meeting-place in the Lower Town Hall, but it was unanimously agreed that the low rent charged prevented this.*

*A letter was read from Rev. J.K. Russell, stating that it was proposed to form a Badminton Club among the young ladies connected with his congregation, and requesting the use of the Drill Hall. The Council appreciated the desirability of forming a Club in Falkland, but were unable to let the hall at the terms suggested.*

*Some comment was caused by the receipt of an account for £17 5s 11d in connection with the Williamstsd Hospital.*

*The Clerk explained that, although they had only sent one or two patients, that sum covered a number of years, and the new arrangement for Thornton Hospital now superseded this.*

*A letter was read from the Board of Health, directing attention to the large number of properties within the burgh without modern sanitary conveniences, and it was agreed to write to the proprietors of these pressing for the introduction of better accommodation. It was also remitted to the Town’s Committee to provide a proper lavatory at the Town Hall.*

*A preliminary meeting between the Council and those interested in the formation of a bowling green was arranged for 16<sup>th</sup> October.*

*A license was granted for increased petrol storage at St John’s Linoleum Works.”*

## **12<sup>th</sup> October 1929**

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



Extract from *The Fife News*: **Communion** – “When communion was observed on Tuesday at Cupar, under the auspices of the United Presbytery, the following ladies and gentlemen were present from Falkland:-

*Rev. J.K. and Mrs Russell, Mr and Mrs Nisbet, Mr Alexander Anderson, Mr Walter Peggie, and Rev. Mr Tevendale.*”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Autumn Holiday** – “Monday was observed as the annual autumn holiday. The exodus of townsfolk for the day was greater than usual, Edinburgh attracting the largest number.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Church Union** – “In common with other churches throughout Scotland, thanksgiving services for the Union of the Church of Scotland and the United Free Church were held in both churches in Falkland on Sunday morning. The pastoral letter issued by the Moderator, Dr John White, was read to the congregations by the respective ministers, Rev. J.K. Russell and Rev. Mr Tevendale, St James’ Church, Lossiemouth.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Curling Club** – “At the annual meeting of Falkland Curling Club, held in the Town Hall, Mr Walter Peggie was elected president in succession to Mr James Jackson, and Mr David Bonthron, vice-president. Mr Alexander Anderson was re-appointed hon. Secretary and treasurer with Mr Walter Peggie jnr., as match secretary. All the patrons and other office-bearers were re-elected. Skips were appointed as follows:-

*Messrs Walter Peggie, David Bonthron, William Bonthron, George B. Morgan, Alexander Shanks, and Major George J. Lumsden.*”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **British Legion** – “The monthly meeting of the Fife and Kinross Area Council was held in Falkland on Saturday afternoon, Captain Elder, Dunfermline, presiding. Delegates to the number of about twenty were present from the various branches. A comprehensive schedule of business was carried through, and it was decided to open domino and billiard tournaments to members of the Legion throughout the area. A suggestion to hold an area dance was remitted to the branches for consideration and disposal at next meeting to be held at Markinch on 26<sup>th</sup> October. Leven branch is to hold a children’s party on 21<sup>st</sup> December, at which Lady Haig and young Earl Haig will be present.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Call to Minister** – “A meeting of the members of Falkland East Church was held on Wednesday evening, Rev. W.J. Auld, Moderator in the Vacancy, presiding over a fairly large congregation. He intimated that he had been authorised by the Presbytery to moderate in a call to Rev. Matthew Leishman, late of Trinity U.F. Church, Kelty, who had previously been unanimously elected to the vacant charge at Falkland.

*Mr Auld then proceeded to read the call, and a motion that it should be acted upon was made by Mr Alex. Archibald, seconded by Mr John Meldrum. The congregation were then asked for their decision, and the result was a unanimous call to Mr Leishman. Fifty-one members and one adherent gave their signatures to the document which will remain open for further names until 29<sup>th</sup> October. Mrs Baird and Mr Alex. Anderson were appointed commissioners to present and support the call at the Presbytery meeting in Cupar on the 29<sup>th</sup> of this month.”*

Article in *The Fife News*: **From Falkland to Hereford**

*“Mr John Gibson, who is leaving Woodmill, Falkland, at the forthcoming term, has settled in the fine farms of Nineashets and Fillets, Hereford, close to the town of Ware. These farms extend to 543 acres arable and about 400 in grass. Mr Gibson has taken possession of his English farms, and is busy ploughing for winter oats at the rate of 20 acres a day with mechanical apparatus.*

*The new tenant of Woodmill is Mr Steven, Starvithie Farm.*

## **19<sup>th</sup> October 1929**

Article in *The Fife News*: **Football – Markinch Amateurs v Falkland**

*“The above Clubs met at John Dixon Park, Markinch, on Saturday, in a Markinch Welfare Combination. After a hard and fast game, both teams divided six goals.*

*Result – Amateurs, 3; Falkland, 3.”*

Intimation in *The Fife News*: **Falkland** – *“Potato lifting is now in full swing in the district.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Services** – *“Rev. James C. McKay, Edinburgh, conducted both morning and afternoon services in the East Church on Sunday.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Meeting** – *“The opening meeting of the Band of Hope was held in the Old Church on Saturday, but there was a small turnout of children.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **No Licence** – *“At Cupar Sheriff Court on Tuesday, Alfred Wyndham Cullerne, commercial traveller, Oakview, Falkland, was fined 10s for having driven a motor car without being licensed.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Billiards** – *“Notice of a tournament in aid of St Dunstan’s Home for Blinded Soldiers and Sailors has been posted up in the Institute, and it is to be hoped that this deserving cause will receive a full measure of support.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Funeral and Deposit Society** – *“The annual general meeting of the members of this Society was held in the Town Hall on Saturday evening. During the year there have been three deaths, the expenses of which,*

*coupled with the other expenses, mean a charge of 9d per member and 4 ½ d per half-member. The funds of the Society will be disbursed this (Saturday) afternoon.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Bowling Club** – “The formation of a Bowling Club has been mooted for some time past, and a deputation of the ratepayers met the Town Council on Wednesday evening to discuss the subject. While no concrete proposals were made, a Committee, with Councillors Nellies and Hendry representing the Municipal Body, was formed for the purpose of further investigating the matter.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Ratepayers’ Meeting** – “The annual meeting of the ratepayers was held in the Town Hall on Wednesday evening – Provost Hopkins presiding. There was a poor turnout. In his remarks, the Provost gave a general outline of business done during the past year, and intimated that the burgh rates had been reduced considerably. The retiring members at this term are Bailie Grant and Councillors Hendry, Skinner and Drysdale. Councillors Skinner and Hendry were unavoidably absent from the meeting, but Bailie Grant and Councillor Drysdale gave short accounts of their work on the Council. All four stated their willingness to stand for re-election, and were accordingly nominated. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by Councillor P. Robertson.”

## **26<sup>th</sup> October 1929**

Intimation in *The Fife News*: **Death – Dryburgh** – “At Summerfield, Falkland, on 17<sup>th</sup> October, Alexander Dryburgh, game-keeper.”

## **2<sup>nd</sup> November 1929**

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

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Services** – “Rev. Jas. C. McKay conducted both morning and afternoon services in the East Church on Sunday.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Preparatory Service** – “The service preparatory to Communion was held in the Old Church on Sunday evening, when the young communicants who are coming forward to the Lord’s Table for the first time were admitted in the presence of the congregation. Rev. J.K. Russell, B.D., officiated.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Hallowe’en Party** – “The members of the Falkland branch of Markinch Co-operative Women’s Guild held a Hallowe’en party on Tuesday evening, Mrs G.S. Hardie presiding over a large company. Delegates were present from Freuchie. After disposing of the appropriate bill of fare, an enjoyable time was spent with songs and dancing.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Whist Drive** – “Under the auspices of the local Boy Scout troop, a successful whist drive was held in the Lower Town Hall on Friday evening. Sixteen tables were engaged, and Mr T. Drysdale acted as timekeeper. The prize-winners were:-

Ladies – 1. Mrs Condie, Newton of Falkland, 181; 2. Miss Helen Nicol, Falkland, 181; consolation – Miss Mary Harrow, Falkland.

Gentlemen – 1. John Baxter, Falkland, 189; 2. T. Carswell, Falkland, 178; consolation – Stewart Drysdale, Falkland.

A dance followed, A.S.M. Frank Mather acting as M.C.”



**Town Hall, Falkland (circa 1920's)**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Liberal Association Formed** – “At a meeting held in the Lower Town Hall on Monday evening, it was decided to form a Liberal Association. The following were appointed to office:-

Hon. President – Mr J. Duncan Millar, M.P.; President – Bailie Grant; President (Ladies) – Mrs G.S. Hardie; Secretary – Mr Walter Peggie jnr.; Treasurer – Mr James Lawson.

A Committee, with power to add to its number, was formed, and a further meeting is to be held.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Institute A.G.M.** – “The annual general meeting of the members of the War Memorial Institute was held last week, Mr Thos. Drysdale, chairman, presiding over a good turnout. The financial report submitted by the Treasurer, Mr John Reid, was very satisfactory, and was unanimously adopted. The matter of re-covering the billiard table was brought forward, and the Secretary, Mr T.C. Schofield, was instructed to make inquiry regarding the cost of repair.

It was decided to maintain the series of monthly whist drives throughout the winter, and the next falls due on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> November. The retiring members of Committee at this term were:-

*Mrs Robertson, Mr Robert Dakers, and Mr Walter Peggie jnr. The last-named was ineligible for re-election. Mrs Robertson and Mr Dakers were re-appointed, along with Mr Peter Lawson jnr., in place of Mr Peggie. The Secretary and Treasurer were re-elected."*

Article in *The Fife News*: **Cupar Presbytery – Falkland Settlements**

### **Call to Falkland East**

*"Rev. W.J. Auld, Freuchie, said they were not going to cause a vacancy. They were going to fill one up, and that was more satisfactory to the Presbytery. Seventy per cent (87) of the members of Falkland East had signed a call to the Rev. Matthew Leishman, lately of Kelty, who was now loosed from his charge in order in order to facilitate union in Kelty. Mr Auld asked the Presbytery to put the call into Mr Leishman's hands.*

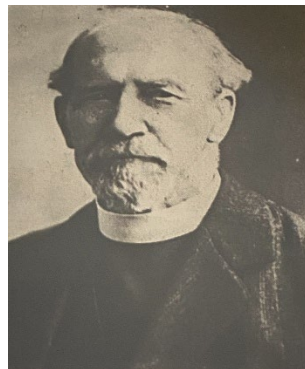
*Mrs Baird, commissioner from Falkland, said they had made great preparations for Mr Leishman coming to Falkland, and they hoped the Presbytery would not put a spoke in their wheel.*

*Mr Alexander Anderson, the other commissioner, said they had worked towards union locally, but it did not seem quite possible. It was a most harmonious call. Perhaps it was better that they should go on as a separate congregation until the two bodies were more welded together.*

*The call was put in Mr Leishman's hands, and he said he had been a member of Dunfermline Presbytery for ten years. He was not a quarrelsome man, and they would get on all right. (Applause).*

*The Moderator – 'We wish you all happiness.'*

*The date of the induction was fixed as Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> November, at three o'clock, Rev. Fred. Simpson, Freuchie, to preach, the Moderator to induct, and the Rev. James Bell, Auchtermuchty, to deliver the addresses.*



**Rev. James Bell, B.D., Emeritus Minister, Auchtermuchty**

**First Moderator-Elect of the United Presbytery.**

*Rev. J.K. Russell, Falkland, said as Mr Leishman's future nearest neighbour, he offered him his own welcome and the welcome of Falkland Old Church. If Mr Leishman was on the lines of Mr Batchelor and Mr Morrison, he had no doubt that Mr Leishman and himself were in for a very hearty fellowship. (Applause)."*

Article in *The Fife News*: **Work of W.R.I.'s – Falkland**

*"A meeting was held in the Drill Hall, Falkland, on Monday evening, Mrs Morgan, Kilgour, presiding over a company of about fifty ladies. Miss Howard, organiser of the S.W.R.I., Perth, gave an interesting and helpful address on the work of Rural Institutes, and it was thereafter agreed to form a branch, under the title of Falkland and District. The following office-bearers were appointed:-*

*President – Mrs W.H. Dykes, Westfield; vice-President – Mrs Baird, Lomond Crescent; Secretary – Miss C. Peggie, Pleasance; Hon. Treasurer – Mrs R. Miller, Westlea; Committee – Miss H. Craig, Beebykes; Miss N. Bruce, West Port; Mrs Cowan, Gowrie Cottage; Mrs Stewart and Mrs Myles, Newton of Falkland."*

Article in *The Fife News*: **Centralisation in Rural Schools**

**Rev. G. Scanlan's Comments at Falkland**

*"That there were grave disadvantages connected with the centralisation of advanced division scholars in rural districts was the opinion advanced by Rev. G. Scanlan, Strathmiglo, chairman of Falkland District School Management Committee, at the Committee's monthly meeting in Falkland School on Monday night.*

*The matter arose in an informal discussion following a reading of the Education Authority's minute, showing that the complaint regarding obsolete accommodation at Strathmiglo had been referred for consideration, in view of the proposal to concentrate at Auchtermuchty. Mr Scanlan said he knew of rural pupils leaving home at half-past six in the morning, having an inadequate mid-day meal, and not returning home until half-past six at night. He had asked one pupil who travelled to a secondary school if he had formed any school friendships, and the answer was no. The boy had no time.*

*When rural pupils travelled to a school miles away from home they lost a good deal of their individuality, and became just a cog in the wheel. It might be all right to centralise in some cases, as, for instance, pupils going from Thornton to Kirkcaldy, but in more rural districts, there were serious drawbacks.*

*Another member of the Committee said he knew young folks who had attended a central secondary school, and who were now pulling turnips. It would almost seem that the time and money spent on their secondary education had been misspent."*

**9<sup>th</sup> November 1929**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Prolific Potatoes** – “While digging in his garden, Mr Robert Hopkins, High Street, unearthed several plants having exceptionally large tubers. He had these weighed, and they were found to be between 2 and 3lb each. The potatoes are of a light variety.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Communion** – “The sacrament of the Lord’s supper was dispensed in the Old and East Churches on Sunday morning. Revs. J.K. Russell and W.J. Auld, Freuchie, officiating. The thanksgiving services in the evening at the respective places of worship were conducted by Rev. George Scanlan and Edward Peal, both of Strathmiglo.”

## **16<sup>th</sup> November 1929**

Article in *The Fife News*: **Football – Falkland Thistle v Pride of Fife (Windygates)**

“At Falkland on Saturday under Markinch and District Welfare Combination auspices. The visitors were a goal up in the first minute through their centre. The home team made a spirited reply and in a short time Munro, the centre-half, levelled matters. Before the interval, the same player put his side in the lead.

After half-time Windygates tried hard to get on equal terms, but the home defence kept them at bay. Falkland emerged winners of a hard game by 2 goals to 1.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Services** – “Rev. J.C. McKay conducted both morning and afternoon services in the East Church on Sunday.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Whist Drive** – “The second of the monthly whist drives under the auspices of the War Memorial Institute was held in the Reading Room on Thursday evening last week. Ten tables were engaged. The prize-winners were:-

Ladies – 1. Miss J. Lister, 189; consolation – Miss J. Kennedy.

Gentlemen – 1. Jas. Dakers, 180; consolation – Wm. Duncan.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Council** – “At the first meeting of Falkland Town Council, the Provost, Magistrates, and other office-bearers were elected. Councillor Peter Robertson was appointed representative to the new County Council, and Provost Hopkins was re-appointed representative to the Licensing Court. The ‘kirkin’ o’ the Cooncil’ took place on Sunday, when the Civic Fathers attended divine worship at the Old Church in the morning, and the East Church in the afternoon.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Poppy Day** – “The annual sale of poppies in Falkland and district on behalf of Earl Haig’s Fund took place on Saturday. The splendid sum of £19 was realised. As in former years, Mrs Miller, Westlea, had charge of the arrangements. The collectors were Mrs MacDonald, Mrs T. Drysdale, Miss R. Grant,

*Miss J. Drysdale, Miss Gavin, Linen Factory, Mr T.C. Schofield, Floorcloth Factory, Mr H. Lee, Newton of Falkland, Misses Dryden."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Ex-Service Men's Dinner** – "Falkland ex-Service men held their annual dinner in the Bruce Arms Hotel on Saturday evening. Mr David Bonthron, Newton House, presided over a turnout of over thirty, which included representatives from Kirkcaldy, Leven, and Wemyss branches of the British Legion. The following toasts were loyally responded to:-

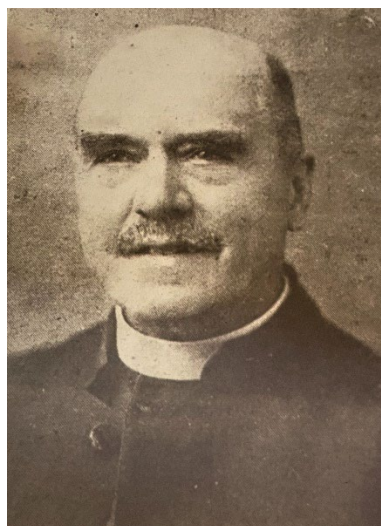
*'The King', by the Chairman; 'Imperial Forces', by Mr T. Drysdale; reply Mr J. Nelson; 'Fallen Comrades', by Rev. J.K. Russell; 'Our Guests', by the Chairman, reply by Mr Gibson of the F. and K. Area Council; 'The Chairman', by Major MacDonald; 'The Secretary (Mr R. Wallace), by Mr J. Nelson.*

*A pleasant time was spent in song and story. It was stated that the Unity Relief Section of the local branch of the British Legion is doing good work, and has come to the aid of several deserving cases."*

Article in *The Fife News*: **Remembrance Day in the District - Falkland**

*"A service of remembrance was held in the Old Church on Sunday morning, Rev. J.K. Russell officiating. The tolling of the church bell heralded the two minutes' silence, and the congregation stood in silent reverence. The local ex-Service men, Boy Scouts and Girl Guides were present, and wreaths from each of these organisations were placed on the Memorial in the church vestibule. Mr John Campbell piped 'The Lament', and Mr David McBain sounded 'The Last Post' and 'Reveille'."*

Article in *The Fife News*: **Falkland's New Minister Inducted**

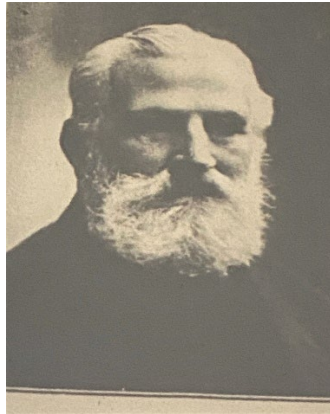


**Rev. Matthew Leishman**



*“The Rev. Matthew Leishman was on Thursday afternoon inducted to the charge of Falkland East Church. Mr Leishman, who is a native of Edinburgh, was in St James’ Church, Lossiemouth, before going to Trinity Church, Kelty, where he was for 14 years. He retired recently from that charge in order to facilitate union with the other Kelty U.F. Church.*

*There was a large gathering of the congregation and friends at the induction, and the United Cupar Presbytery was well represented. The pulpit was occupied by Rev. F.A. Simpson, Freuchie, who delivered an appropriate address. Thereafter the Moderator of the Presbytery, Rev. A.E.G. Gordon, Kingskettle, carried through the induction.*



**Rev. Aeneas G. Gordon, M.A.**

**Minister of Kingskettle East Church**

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*After the ceremony, Rev. James Bell, Auchtermuchty, addressed the new minister and congregation.”*

***Advice to New Minister***

*“To Mr Leishman he said: -*

*‘In addressing you to-day with words of counsel on your entering on the pastoral charge of this congregation, it cannot be regarded as presumption on my part, for though you have already behind you many years’ experience of the ministry, the Presbytery in its wisdom has deputed me, as a senior minister, to discharge this important and somewhat difficult task. What makes the task easier, however, is that very past experience of yours, for I have only to put you in remembrance of what you already know. At the same time, as the subject of ministerial duty is presented to you by another mind than your own, there may be some things said which will prove profitable to you.’*

*'I cannot do better in the beginning than by reminding you of the great central object of the Christian ministry, which may be put in briefest form as winning souls to Christ and keeping them. In these days of ours the Christian minister is tempted to range over a wide range of subjects, for the purpose of catching and maintaining the interest of his hearers. When knowledge is so widely disseminated by so large an amount of reading, both of an exciting and of a solidly interesting character, it is demanded of the pulpit to keep abreast of the thought and the interests of the day, and that is a demand that must be recognised. But the central truth of the Gospel must never be lost sight of, nor must it be given only a secondary place in the instructions and in the exhortations of the pulpit. The business of the preacher is to make all subjects subservient to the saving truth in Christ. If there be a subject introduced that cannot be readily and naturally related to the central figure of the Gospel, it has no business to be there, for the ideal of preaching is that of St Paul. You will speedily find, or have already found, that this is no limitation of your range, no hindrance to variety of statement, no abatement of interesting matter in your preaching. But the effectual application of your wide knowledge and reading to the central theme will depend upon your own love and devotion to the Saviour Himself. That love and devotion will transform all your knowledge, giving it a higher denominational value. Without this essential spiritual qualification our best efforts in the pulpit may become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal.'*

*"The advice of the apostle Paul to Timothy to 'give attention to reading' is one which no minister can afford to neglect, and yet which not a few neglect, in the sense of not making their reading of the right kind, and in failing to relate their miscellaneous reading to the great work of the ministry. It is undoubtedly true that there is an amount of light reading which can serve no other purpose than to relieve the strain of work, and the anxiety associated with it; but the man who is faithful with himself will see to it that there is no over-indulgence here. With regard to reading that tends to enlarge the view and widen the interest in the problems of science and of public morality, which may seem at first sight to have little bearing on the work of the ministry, I would say that this is by no means lost labour. Whatever tends to advance his culture must be of service to the minister. But he must have the power of bringing forth from his treasures things new and old and applying them to his central object, the winning and upbuilding of members of the church. The secret of this application of your general knowledge to your work as preacher and pastor is that you should have your work at heart, and be like the wayfarer in Horace 'totus in illis.'*

*'But there is a special as well as general reading. In whatever calling a man may be, it is essential that he should know most intimately the details of his own business, and that is surely true of the sacred calling of the ministry of the Word. Perhaps on no other calling does a more extensive literature exist. One look, however, is essential round which almost all others are gathered. If in your reading you find yourself lost in the multitude of books about the Bible, your safe course is to return to that for yourself, and to select besides some few out of the many, which will throw*

*most light on the truth contained in it. Yet ever remember that the Spirit of God enlightens the minds of those who in faithful dependence on His help study its pages for themselves'*

*'I need hardly urge you to have mind upon your bodily health. If, as Sir Wilfred Grenfell said in his Rectorial address last week, 'Our bodily machine is only a farm of energy', 'an altered form of ether, for use just in this particular cosmos', it is our duty to keep it in order for the work we have to do with it, for the sound body has a close relation to the sound mind. Good health is essential not only for the study and for effective preaching, but also for the exercise of the pastoral office. On this latter let me add a few words.'*

*'The work of the pastor is to some types of character more difficult and exacting than that of the preacher. Yet success in this part of ministerial duty is perhaps more fruitful in the spiritual life of the people than the word from the pulpit. It is indispensable in the work of the minister that he should be well known in the homes of his people. There he comes more closely in contact with them, and there he exerts, whether he knows it or not, a stronger personal influence. The difficulty is to find the right words to speak, the right chords to touch, the right counsel to impart. It is not the place for sermonising, nor is it the place for the utterance of mere platitudes. What is it then, that will make his intercourse with them pleasant for himself and profitable as well as pleasant for them? That is an open secret, well known to us all, but not so easy to put into practice. It is to see your people as brethren in Christ. The heart of the pastor goes out after every member of his flock. He loves them with a true affection, and that love will prompt the word to speak. Sympathy in their joys and sorrows will give grace to the lips in your intercourse with them.'*

*'Finally, let me remind you that example is equally important with precept, and that your people will look to you for consistency of speech and life, and the more they see of this in your daily walk and conversation, the more they will look to you for instruction and guidance. We commend you to God for all help and strength to perform the duties you are now undertaking, and pray that your labours in this field may be abundantly blessed.'*

### **Address to Congregation**

*To the congregation Mr Bell said:-*

*'I have now to address to you a few words as to your duty as a Christian congregation on the occasion of having a new minister set over you in the Lord. You may perhaps think you are sufficiently admonished from Sabbath to Sabbath, but yet this is a special occasion in which the address must differ widely from the ordinary words from the pulpit. You have heard the counsels given to your minister, and I hope to be equally plain with you.'*

*'I have no doubt that many of you will be ready to say, 'We have been told all these things so often that we know them well; that we are to be regular in our attendance at church, that we are to be attentive hearers and doers of the word, that we are to give freely and conscientiously for the upholding of the ministry at home and in the mission field, that we are to remember that our minister is only a man and at times subject to weakness and mistakes like ourselves, and that we are to bear each other's burdens and to help and encourage our minister in all his work for us. Of course, you are to strive to do all these things. They follow necessarily from the relation in which you stand to him, and to the great King and Head of the Church. I take these things for granted, and I assume that you know them and sometimes think of them. But what I wish to say to you as briefly as possible is to put before you some considerations to enforce these duties.'*

*'The first is that of personal responsibility. Each of you is a member of this congregation, and, I hope, a living member, for a member slumbering or inert, is not to be counted at all. No member is entitled to say that because others are doing so much, he or she may lean upon them. Each one has to do his part, for the strength of the whole is a combined strength of the individuals. If your place in the pew is vacant when you could be there, if the funds go back because you have not contributed, or if reproach comes on the name of Christian because of your inconsistency or misconduct, the responsibility rests with you. Let me remind you of St Paul's parable of the body and its members. He showed how each member must be alive and do its own work. So in the congregation each member and adherent must be alive, taking each his or her own share, humble or important as it may be, in order that the whole may be a living, healthy body.'*

*'A second consideration to stimulate the fulfilment of duties is that of 'esprit de corps', the sense of your duty and brotherhood as a congregation. You are one body, having a life of your own. You know of how great importance this is in, say, a regiment, a community, a nation. As a body you have an honour to maintain, a spiritual life to cherish, a character to show before your fellow-men. If there is life in the individual members there will be life in the whole body. But you are to feel and act as having also a corporate life. You are to think not only of your personal affairs, but to be helpful and enthusiastic in the life of the congregation. If one member suffers, the rest are more or less affected thereby. The life and prosperity of the whole is the aim of your association.'*

*'One more consideration I offer you. It is this. We are, as St Paul declares, 'one body in Christ'. Our oneness as a congregation is only part of a larger oneness in the wider Church of Christ. Societies and corporations, communities and nations, are constituted by some common principle to which they adhere. The Christian congregation is formed into a living whole by being united to Christ in faith and life. It is in view of this sacred principle of our common life in Christ that I call upon you to observe and fulfil those duties as a congregation which you know so well; and I leave*

*this thought with you that you may become, whatever your numbers are, a living, vigorous congregation within the Church of Scotland.'*

### **Social Meeting**

*'In the evening a social meeting of welcome was held, when Rev. W.J. Auld, Freuchie, interim moderator in the vacancy, presided at the outset. The new minister was presented with a wallet of Treasury notes, and Mr Auld received an umbrella for his services. During the evening, addresses were delivered by Rev. R.W. Reid, Dunfermline; Rev. W. Forbes, Cairneyhill; Rev. J.K. Russell, Falkland; Rev. F.A. Simpson, Freuchie; and Rev. J.P. Batchelor, Alexandria, former minister of the church. The augmented choir, under Mr W. Burgon, rendered anthems; solos were given by Miss L.H. Thompson, Strathmiglo, and Mr Alex. Archibald, Falkland; and violin selections by Mr M. Stark, Falkland. The accompanist was Miss C. Peggie, church organist.'*

*'On Sunday, Rev. R.W. Reid, Dunfermline, will introduce the new minister to his congregation, and Mr Leishman will conduct his first service in the afternoon.'*

Intimation in *The Fife News*: **Death – Ramsay** – *"At Lomond Crescent, Falkland, on the 7<sup>th</sup> inst., Helen Elder, widow of James Ramsay, Kirkcaldy, aged 78 years."*

### **23<sup>rd</sup> November 1929**

Article in *The Fife News*: **Football – Falkland Thistle v De La Rue's (Leslie)**

*"This match, which was under Markinch and District Combination auspices, attracted a goodly number of spectators at Falkland on Saturday afternoon. The dangerous nature of the pitch, owing to recent frost, was not conducive to good football, with the result that the match was rather a tame affair. The locals played uphill in the first-half and after a period of mid-field play, Munro, the centre forward, sent in a strong shot which was well held by the Leslie 'keeper. Both sets of forwards could make little headway on the hard and slippery ground. About ten minutes from half-time a weak clearance let the visitors through, and Moir opened their account.*

*After the interval, Falkland attacked in earnest, but found the Leslie defence in good form. Eventually McBain got through and sent in a bouncing ball, which completely deceived the Leslie goalkeeper. More life was infused into play after this, and while the home team did the bulk of the pressing, they were unable to take advantage of any openings which they had, through rank bad finishing. They should have been at least two goals to the good. Owing to the failing light, Mr J. Campbell, the referee, called the captains together, and after consultation, it was decided to abandon the game ten minutes from time, with each side having a goal to their credit."*

Article in *The Fife News*: **Falkland Induction Social**

*“In connection with the induction to Falkland East Church of Rev. Matthew Leishman, late of Kelty, a social meeting was held in the Church on Thursday evening last week. There was a crowded attendance, including large contingents from the members of Mr Leishman’s former church at Kelty, and also from Freuchie. At the outset the chair was occupied by the Rev. W.J. Auld, Freuchie, interim moderator in the vacancy, who was accompanied to the platform by Rev. Mr Leishman and Miss Leishman; representatives of Dunfermline and Kinross, and Cupar Presbyteries; Rev. J.P. Batchelor, Alexandria (late of Falkland); Messrs W. Peggie and A. Anderson, representing Falkland East Kirk Session, and others.’*

*‘After tea, the Chairman said he wished very specially to welcome all who were not members of the congregation. It was a great thing to see such a turnout. They had come together as friends to welcome the new minister, who, he was sure, would be a friend to all who wished to be friendly towards him, and a strong testimony to his friendliness could be found in the fact that there were present that night over 40 members of his former congregation. (Applause). It was nine months since the vacancy at Falkland took place, and for a time it was an anxious period, but that was now past, and a pastor had come to the congregation.’*

*‘After an anthem by an augmented choir, and a solo by Miss Thompson, Strathmiglo, Mr A. Anderson, representing the congregation, said they wished to welcome their new minister, and a little present had been collected. On behalf of the subscribers he had pleasure in handing over a package in the shape of a wallet with Treasury notes, and hoping that Mr Leishman would have a very pleasant and profitable ministry in Falkland.’*

*‘In reply, Mr Leishman said he had to thank them all very much. He was delighted with that audience and thought he would enjoy life in Falkland very much. They had a lovely hill, which as an Edinburgh boy he had often looked upon, little thinking that one day he would live at the foot of the East Lomond. They had got his character, and he had got theirs, and he had been told he was going to one of the best places in Scotland. He had been inducted there to preach the Gospel, and that was what he hoped to do. He hoped and prayed that their union as pastor and people would be a happy one.’*

*‘After another anthem by the choir and a violin solo by Mr Marshall Stark, Mr Walter Peggie snr., said a very pleasant task had been laid upon him. The vacancy had lasted for nine months, and Rev. Mr Auld, as interim moderator, had had a great lot of coming and going – about twice a week or so. They had an ideal Moderator in Mr Auld, one who by his caution and kindness had kept the congregation well together. There had not been a word spoken which need cause regret to anyone. They wished to show their gratitude to Mr Auld for his services, and he called upon Miss Frances Batchelor, the young daughter of their former minister, to hand over to Mr Auld, a handsome umbrella.’*

*‘Rev. Mr Auld, in reply, after thanking them for the present, said everybody in Falkland had been very kind and patient. He came to Falkland rather afraid how things would develop, but everything had turned out splendidly, and he expressed his gratitude specially to Mr Peggie, Mr Anderson, and all the members of Session. He did not think there could be a more harmonious Session anywhere. The members of the congregation, too, had been very kind indeed. During the nine months they had lost one member by marriage and two by death, but he was very much struck with the loyalty of all, and at the end of the vacancy, the membership was actually a little higher than at the beginning. It was not a large congregation, nor a wealthy one, but it had the quality of grit. He was sometimes said to be inseparable from his umbrella, although, indeed, he occasionally carried a walking-stick, and perhaps that might be, because he belonged to Greenock, where such things were supposed to be pretty useful. (Laughter.) At anyrate, in future, parodying the rhyme they so frequently read, he could say:*

*‘I walk the world, a rain-tight fellow,  
Beneath my Falkland East umbrella.’ (Laughter.)*

*‘A solo by Miss Sharp, Dunfermline, was followed by short appreciations of Rev. Mr Leishman by Mr Robertson, convenor of the Central Fund for the Dunfermline and Kinross Presbytery; Rev. R.W. Reid, Dunfermline; and Rev. W. Forbes, Cairneyhill. Solos by Mr A. Archibald, Falkland, and Mr Sharp, Dunfermline, preceded a hearty fraternal welcome voiced by Rev. J.K. Russell, Falkland Old Church.’*

*‘Another violin solo having been rendered by Mr Stark, Rev. Mr Batchelor, whose removal caused the vacancy in Falkland East, said he wished to congratulate Mr Leishman. There was a fine hearty, kindly spirit in the Falkland East congregation, the members of which were loyal to one another, to their minister and their Master. He was sure he could not wish any greater happiness than he himself had in Falkland. It was 86 years since the fire was kindled in Falkland East, and ministers had come and gone, but the fire still burned, and he hoped they would extend to the new minister the loyalty they had given to his predecessors.’*

*‘The choir rendered excellent services, while the work at the organ was taken part in by Miss C. Peggie (church organist), Miss Leishman, and Mr Walter Peggie jnr.’*

*‘Votes of thanks having been heartily accorded, an inspiring evening closed with the benediction.’*

*‘Mr Leishman entered upon his pulpit duties last Sunday. The forenoon service was conducted by Rev. Mr Reid, Dunfermline, who formally introduced the new minister, while the afternoon service was conducted by Mr Leishman, who outlined the principles upon which he hoped to conduct his ministry.’*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Guild Demonstration** – “Falkland Co-operative Women’s Guild held a meeting in the Lower Town Hall – Mrs G.S. Hardie, president,

presiding. A demonstration on baking cakes and shortbread was given by Mr Rae, Markinch, assisted by Messrs Jack and Dryburgh, each member being presented with a sample of shortbread and currant loaf.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lantern Service** – “Rev. W. Deans, Deputy of the Jewish Mission, from Edinburgh, occupied the Old Church pulpit on Sunday morning. In the evening, a lantern service was held, and with the aid of slides, Mr Deans gave an interesting review of the Mission’s activities in the vicinity of Palestine. Messrs Wm. Robertson and Chas. Ross manipulated the lantern.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Whist Drive** – “For the purpose of bringing some cheer into the lives of the old folks of the town at Christmas, in the form of a treat, and gifts of tea and sugar, a whist drive was held in the Drill Hall on Friday night. The function was under the auspices of Falkland Branch of the Markinch and District Women’s Guild. Thirty-one tables were engaged, and Mrs G.S. Hardie acted as timekeeper. A dance which followed was largely attended, and music was provided by the Nighthawks Orchestra from Cowdenbeath. Messrs P. Birrell and S. Drysdale acted as M.C.’s. Prize-winners at the whist were:-

Ladies – 1. Miss Mary Lawson, Falkland; 2. Mrs Watson, do.; 3. Miss J. Drysdale, do.; consolation – Miss A. Anderson, do.

Gents. – 1. Allan Robertson; 2. A. Meldrum, Falkland; 3. Mrs Baxter, do. (as gent); consolation – Jack Laing, Newton of Falkland.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **W.R.I** – “The first ordinary meeting of the newly-formed Falkland District W.R.I. was held on Monday evening in Falkland War Memorial Institute – Mrs Dykes, Westfield, president, in the chair. There was a good attendance, and seventy members enrolled as members of the branch. Misses Baxter and Stark were added to the Committee, and the President gave a short address dealing with the aims of the Institute. Mrs Morgan, Kilgour, read a report of the recent study circle at Stirling. An exhibition of work done by members comprised fine examples of needlework, knitting, crochet, etc. Songs were rendered by Mrs Baird and Miss Penman, with Miss C. Peggie as accompanist. Mrs Dykes intimated that Mrs Brodie, Millfield, had kindly granted the use of a piano for the Institute meetings. The hostesses were Mrs Cowan and assistants.”

### **30<sup>th</sup> November 1929**

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

“The Markinch and District Welfare Combination fixture at Falkland on Saturday was between the above teams. The locals opened briskly, and Urquhart, their centre forward, grazed the post by inches in the first minute. The Thistle right wing gave the visiting defence a lot of trouble, and the latter’s goal-keeper had to be alert. A goal

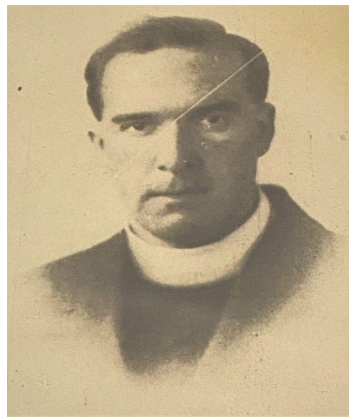


*always seemed to be in the making, and it was no surprise when it came. Anderson, the home right-back, drove goalwards, and the Newburgh 'keeper, while catching the ball, dropped it at the feet of the waiting Urquhart, who tipped it through. It was certainly hard luck on the goalkeeper to be beaten after such a splendid save. The visiting forwards lacked cohesion in attack, with the result that their scoring efforts were few and far between.*

*The homesters began the second period where they left off – attacking. P. Birrell, outside-right, changed places with Urquhart, with the object of applying more pressure in the centre. Several corners were forced, but nothing substantial accrued therefrom, due mainly to the fine goalkeeping of the Newburgh custodian. It fell to P. Birrell to register the second goal during a melee in the goal mouth. The game at this point was rather one sided, and the visiting goalkeeper was warmly applauded for splendid work. About ten minutes from time, Falkland added their third and last goal. Urquhart placed a corner kick nicely, and Munro, centre-half, sent in a splendid drive from twenty yards, which gave the goalkeeper no chance. Rain began to fall heavily, and coupled with the failing light, made conditions rather uncomfortable, and it was a relief, especially to the players, when the final whistle sounded.*

*Result – Falkland, 3; Newburgh, 0.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Service** – “Rev. F.A. Simpson, the recently ordained minister of Freuchie, occupied the Old Church pulpit on Sunday morning.”



**Rev. Frederick A. Simpson**

**West Church, Freuchie**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Collection** – “A sum of £8 16s 6d was collected in Falkland district on behalf of the Royal Edinburgh Hospital for Sick Children. Mrs R. Miller, Westlea, had charge of the arrangements.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Social** – “Under the auspices of the local Liberal Association, a social and concert was held in the Drill Hall on Saturday evening. Mr Walter Peggie occupied the chair in the presence of a large gathering. A notable feature in connection with the function was the presence of Mr J. Duncan Millar,

K.C., M.P., for East Fife. He addressed the company, and had a fine reception. Other speakers were Mr G.L. Wilson, Newport; Councillor Dunn, Newport; and Bailie Lawrie, Leven. Songs were rendered by Miss Barnet, Leven; Mr Henderson, Newburgh; and Mr Turnbull, Leven; while Mr George Clark, Newburgh, gave several recitations. The accompanist was Mr Patterson, Cupar. A vote of thanks was accorded the Chairman on the call of Bailie Lawrie, while Bailie Grant, Falkland, returned thanks to the artists. The catering arrangements for the social were carried out by a Ladies' Committee, with Mrs G.S. Hardie as convener."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Billiards** – "A tournament in aid of St Dunstan's Home for Blinded Soldiers and Sailors commenced at the War Memorial Institute this week, and 32 players have entered. Only three of the entrants play off the scratch mark. The first round draw resulted as follows:-

T. Drysdale (scr.) v W. Bryce (45); Jas. Nelson (40) v P. Lawson (40); T.C. Schofield (40) v R. Kennedy (75); F. Coutts (25) v R. Dakers (55); F. Drysdale (40) v J. Kerr (40); J. Nicol (40) v J. Douglas (100); A. Wishart (25) v J. Dakers (15); R.S. Drysdale (40) v C.R. Drysdale (25); C. Oram (scr.) v G. Baxter (15); R. Morgan (10) v R. Robertson (10); T. Grant (40) v P. Robertson (40); D. McBain (30) v W. Ross (15); H. Robson (60) v R. Nicol (20); W.T. Neilson (10) v T. Hamilton (40); T. Anderson (40) v D. Clark (scr.); J. Lawson (15) v A. Cowan (10)."

## 7<sup>th</sup> December 1929

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

"Markinch and District Welfare Combination fixture at Falkland on Saturday afternoon. The teams were fairly evenly matched, and give and take play was the order for the major portion of the first half. When the interval arrived, the Thistle were leading by a goal, which was the result of a fine effort by Urquhart.

On the resumption, the visitors made tracks for the home goal, but were repulsed. The conditions underfoot were very greasy and slips were frequent, with the result that play became uninteresting. It was left to Beveridge to put his side on level terms, and about fifteen minutes from the close, J. Campbell, the referee stopped the game owing to the rapidly failing light."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Billiards** – "The billiard tables at the War Memorial Institute were re-covered and repaired last week, and is now in splendid condition."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Article** – "In the current issue of 'The Record' of the Church of Scotland is an article on 'Towards reality: What science says of matter and spirit', by Rev. J.H. Morrison, M.A., formerly of the U.F. Church, Falkland."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lecture** – “Under the auspices of Falkland Old Church Woman’s Guild, Mr Allan Beveridge, Edinburgh, lectured in the Drill Hall, Falkland, on Thursday night last week on ‘Scottish Wit and Humour in Song and Story’. Rev. J.K. Russell presided, and there was a good audience. The lecturer illustrated the many phases of his subject with humorous anecdotes and a number of appropriate songs, to which Mrs J. Macdonald played the piano accompaniments.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Whist Drive** – “Falkland Thistle F.C. held a whist drive in the Lower Town Hall on Friday night. Fifteen tables were engaged, and Mr George Richfield acted as cardmaster. The prize-winners were:-

Ladies – 1. Mr McBride, Falkland Wood (as lady); 2. Mrs Gould, Falkland; consolation – Mrs Burgess, Falkland.

Gents – 1. J. Ritchie, Falkland; 2. Allan Robertson, Falkland; consolation – Wm. White, Falkland.

A dance, which followed, was well attended. Mr A. Dakers acted as M.C., and music was supplied by Messrs T. Imrie, J. Birrell, and M. Lawson.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Town Council** – “The monthly meeting of the Council was held in the Town Hall on Wednesday evening – Bailie T. Grant presiding. At the last election owing to an overlook, Councillor Hendry’s nomination paper could not be completed, and the number of candidates being insufficient at Wednesday’s meeting, Councillor Hendry was unanimously re-elected, and took the oath. Provost Hopkins was appointed to represent the burgh at the Convention of Royal Burghs, with Mr A. Anderson, Town Clerk, as Assessor. The analyst’s report on the milk supply of the county showed Falkland milk to have 3.35 fatty solids and 8.75 non-fatty solids. This was quite good, though much below the standard of last year. Attention was directed to the unsuitability of the Lower Town Hall for all-night dances, and it was unanimously decided in future to limit the hours to midnight. The Council afterwards met as a Pensions Committee.”

## **14<sup>th</sup> December 1929**

Intimation in *The Fife News*:

“DRILL HALL, FALKLAND, TO-NIGHT (FRIDAY), 13<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, Unity Players’ return visit. Dance at 10 p.m.”

Article in *The Fife News*: **Football – Falkland Thistle v Bellevue, Auchtermuchty**

“This match, under Markinch and District Welfare Combination auspices, being in the nature of a ‘local Derby’, attracted a goodly number of spectators. The local team was reshuffled from the previous week, with the result that several players were in unaccustomed positions. In the early period, the home defence had their ‘backs to

*the wall', and held out grimly, despite severe pressure. Ritchie, in goal for Falkland, had several fine saves, but had to admit defeat from Young, the visiting centre forward. This reverse spurred on the home team, and 'Muchty goalkeeper had to look alert. The home forwards, while taking the ball well into the penalty area, were unable to apply the finishing touch. The interval arrived with Bellevue leading by a solitary goal.*

*With the wind at their backs on resuming, the homesters were expected to give a better show, and were loudly encouraged by their supporters. The visiting defence, however, took some getting past, and made no bones about their clearances. A long ball found its way to Young, and off that player went like a hare for the Thistle goal. Ritchie came out to meet him, and effected a daring save by throwing himself at the feet of the centre forward. The goalkeeper was injured and had to retire, but happily not for long. Another goal came the way of Bellevue, Young again being the marksman. Shortly afterwards the visitors were awarded a penalty, but Howie sent past. The home forwards tried hard to make headway but were met by a strong defence. It was a pity that the latter spoiled an otherwise good display by a lot of unnecessary kicking out. When the final whistle went, Bellevue were the victors by 2 goals to nil."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Packet** – "A packet posted in an English town early in October and addressed to Falkland was delivered here a few days ago, after having travelled to Port Stanley in the Falkland Islands."

## **21<sup>st</sup> December 1929**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Service** – "Rev. H.Y. Arnott, Newburgh, conducted the morning service in the Old Church on Sunday."



**Rev. H.Y. Arnott, B.D., T.D.**

**St Catherine's Church, Newburgh**

**Joint Clerk of United Prebytery**

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

Ladies – 1. Miss J. Meldrum, Falkland; consolation – Mrs Duff, Newton of Falkland.

Gents – 1. R. Kennedy, Falkland; consolation – W. Normand, Freuchie.”

## **28<sup>th</sup> December 1929**

Intimation in *The Fife News*: **Lomond Oak Lodge, B.O.A.F.G.**

“There will be NO MEETING of the Lodge on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1930.

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held in the TOWN HALL, FALKLAND, on THURSDAY, 16<sup>th</sup> January 1930, at 7.30 p.m. Fines strictly imposed for non-attendance. R. KENNEDY, Secy.”

Article in *The Fife News*: **1929 in the District**

### **A Retrospect**

“While unemployment is prevalent throughout the country, Falkland has been somewhat fortunate. The Floorcloth Factory has been very busy – in fact, working day and night – and prospects for 1930 are extremely promising.”



**Falkland Floorcloth Workforce circa 1929**

**Back Row** – Robert Anderson, William Page, David McEwan, James Hutchinson,  
James McEwan, Fred Bayne, Harry Lee,

George Baxter, Albert Speake, Robert Stark, George Hobbs, William Gould, Charles  
Oram, Mungo Robertson.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Back Row** – Thomas Lister, David Clark, David Reekie, Chris Paterson, Thomas  
Ross, John Nelson, David Laverock,

Wm. Donaldson, John Campbell, James Oswald, Mr Fernie, John Dowie.

**Middle Row** – William Skinner, John Crombie, Alex. Cowan, Peter Lawson, William  
Cation, John Lawson, George Stark,

Fred Coutts, Andrew Page, Peter Kennedy, David Henderson, Charles Wilson, John  
Drysdale (Works Manager).

**2<sup>nd</sup> Front Row** – Eddie Sargent, George Dowie, David McBain, James Mitchell,  
Thomas Ross, Allan Robertson, David Smart,

James Dakers, Frank Mather jnr., William Robertson, Frank Mather snr.

**Front Row** – George Dowie, Alex. McEwan, Unknown, James Birrell, Alex. Lawson and Jack Lawson (twins),

James Honeyman, George Nelson, John Ross, James McKillop.

*There are 60 of the 76 workers in this photograph. Some of the absentees were:- Alf Burgess, James Skinner, James Forsyth, Richard Homden, Charles Ross, Robert Henderson, Bert Robson and James Mather.*

*“Employment in the Linen Factory during the year has been well maintained, and it is earnestly hoped that the coming year will be no worse than the one now closing.*

*The Cricket Club had a good season, and while perhaps not just so outstanding as in the previous term, ably upheld their prestige. Football is keenly followed in the village, and Falkland Thistle gave a good account of themselves in the Markinch and District Welfare Combination. The War Memorial Institute continues in a sound position. Billiards are the main attraction, naturally, which draughts, dominoes, and cards occupy a prominent place in the games programme.*

*An innovation during the year was the formation of a branch of the Scottish W.R.I., under the name of Falkland and District W.R.I. A splendid response was made by the local ladies, and the branch is in a thriving condition. Probably by another summer we may have to chronicle the inauguration of a Bowling Club. A movement is on foot, and it is hoped to bring it to a successful issue.*

*On 14<sup>th</sup> November, an event of note was the induction of Rev. Matthew Leishman, late of Trinity U.F. Church, Kelty, to the charge of Falkland East Church. The vacancy occurred about nine months previously, due to the translation of Rev. J.P. Batchelor to Alexandria. Mr Leishman received a hearty welcome from his new congregation.*

*During the year, especially in the summer months, the Palace was a great source of attraction to visitors from all over the world.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Meeting** – “At a meeting last week, Mrs G.S. Hardie was nominated for a seat on the Committee of Management of Markinch Co-operative Society Ltd.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Services** – “Christmas services were held both morning and afternoon in the East Church, and at each service the choir rendered an anthem.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Dominoes** – “Teams representing the Commercial Hotel and the War Memorial Institute met in a friendly encounter at the Institute on Monday evening. The former side won all eight games. Details:-

Commercial – A. Lawson, R. Hendry, J. Peggie, J. Syme, R. Brown, P. Shields, Wm. Stark, and Wm. Peggie, 11 each – 88

Institute – T. Hamilton 3, P. Lawson 9, J. Dakers 9, C. Oram 5, J. Lawson 6, A. Cowan 9, T. Drysdale 10, and Wm. Ross 8 – 59”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Smoking Concert** – “The local Cricket Club held a ‘smoker’ in the Institute on Friday evening. A company of over thirty was present, and Mr T.C. Schofield occupied the chair. The catering arrangements, which were all that could be desired, were carried through by Misses Chrissie Lawson, Mary Jane Thomson, and Jean Nelson. A happy time was spent, and the function was voted a great success.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cantata** – “In the Old Church on Sunday evening, the choir, under the leadership of Mr George Spence, church organist, rendered the sacred Christmas cantata, ‘The Messiah’s Coming’. Solos were given as follows:-

‘Behold, a King shall reign’, Miss J.K. Drysdale; ‘The Lord our God’, Miss K. Lawson; ‘O, wherefore your sadness’, Miss A. Oswald; ‘O, magnify the Lord with me’, Miss J. Douglas; ‘and the Angel said unto them’, Miss N. Anderson; ‘From Bethlehem the Prophet said’, and ‘Gone are the days of Israel’s might’, Mr John Drysdale. Mrs J. MacDonald played the accompaniments. There was a large congregation.”

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

R.W.M. – Peter Robertson; I.P.M. – James Skinner; S.W. – Thos. L. Ross; J.W. – Henry Sime; S.D. – John Nelson; J.D. – Charles Hepburn; Secretary – David Clark; Treasurer – Charles Ross; Tyler – John Walker; I.G. – Peter Lawson; S.M. – Thos. D. Hopkins; D.M. – John Drysdale; Bible-bearer – David Stoddard; Sword-bearer – Alex. Cowan; Director of Ceremonies – Andrew Lumsden; Marshal – Wm. Gould; Auditors – Alex. Anderson and Charles Oram.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Christmas** – “The mails have been very heavy, but were disposed of rapidly. With Christmas shopping, shopkeepers have had to work at full stretch. A treat to the children of the burgh was given by Falkland branch of Markinch Co-operative Women’s Guild on Tuesday evening, in the Lower Town Hall. There was a large company present, over which Mrs G.S. Hardie presided. After the appropriate bill of fare had been disposed of, the party enjoyed a happy time in songs, dancing, and games. On Wednesday evening, the children attending the Sunday School met in the Old Church, and were presented with gifts from a Christmas tree. The part of Santa Claus was taken by Mr John J. Ross. Solos were

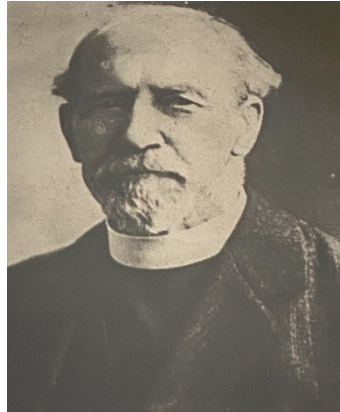


rendered by Misses A. Oswald and N. Anderson. On leaving, each child was handed an apple.”

# Falkland Almanac

Extract from *The Fife News Falkland Almanac: The Union of the Churches*

## **Message:**



**The Rev. James Bell, B.D., Emeritus Minister, Auchtermuchty**

**First Moderator-Elect of the United Presbytery**

*“As the oldest minister and the first Moderator-Elect of the United Presbytery of Cupar, I have been asked by the Editor to write a short message to the people within our bounds.*

*The Union of the Churches means that two great companies who have hitherto been marching side by side, but separate, each working on its own lines, have found that the differences between them are so slight, and the advantages of uniting their forces are so great, that they have now coalesced into one.*

*The Union has been brought about by the Church Courts acting in their representative capacity, but it is not the affair of ministers and elders only, and affects the whole body of the people. It rests with all of us, ministers, elders, members and adherents alike, to make the Union real and effective.*

*The great ends the Union has in view may be stated as on the one hand ‘intensive’, and on the other ‘extensive’.*

*On the ‘intensive’ side we are to realise our oneness, and to join hand and heart together,*

*‘Like brothers true to one accord,*

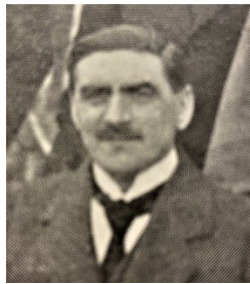
*To hold one faith and serve one Lord.’*

*We are now one body and our strength lies in being well compacted together, knowing each other, caring for each other, loving and helping each other.*

*On the 'extensive' side the purpose of the Union is to lengthen the cords and strengthen the stakes of our Church in the land. We hope to make a great united effort to gather in those who are at present outside the Christian Church.*

*To attain these ends, to make the Union real and effective, let us work and pray. Let us work as if the whole issue depended on our working, and pray as if all depended on our prayers. And let all the glory be given to God!"*

Article in *The Fife News Almanac*: **Bailie T. Grant, Falkland**



**Bailie T. Grant, Falkland**

*"Bailie T. Grant, Falkland, who is a native of the Royal Burgh, was elected to the Town Council in 1921. He is one of those with long 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."*