

Falkland 1900-2000

Year 1919

(As researched by Jack Burgess)

4th January 1919

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Princess Patricia's Engagement to a Kinsman of Captain A. Maule Ramsay, House of Falkland** – “Few princesses have enjoyed a wider popularity than the Duke of Connaught's third and youngest child, Victoria Patricia Helena Elizabeth, otherwise “Princess Pat”, whose engagement to the Earl of Dalhousie's brother, Commander the Hon. Alexander Ramsay, R.N., is announced. Commander Ramsay is 37, just five years older than the Princess, and he has spent most of his life in the Royal Navy. A kinsman of his is Captain Archibald Maule Ramsay, Coldstream Guards, who recently married the widow of Lord Ninian Crichton Stuart. Commander Ramsay's mother was a famous beauty of the Court of Queen Victoria. She was Lady Ida Louise Bennet, younger of the two lovely daughters of the 6th Earl of Tankerville. Her death and that of her husband, the 13th Earl of Dalhousie, occurred in tragic circumstances in 1887. They had toured America together, and were on the voyage home when, just before the vessel touched at Havre, the countess was taken suddenly ill and died. The shock of the bereavement so affected the earl that he also died on the following day. The five orphan boys were brought up and educated by their uncle, the Hon. Charles Ramsay, whose wife, a charming and wealthy American, proved a second mother to the children.”



Marriage of Princess Patricia to Commander the Hon. Alexander Ramsay

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death – Forsyth** – “At Falkland, on the 26th December 1918, Walter Forsyth, late pig-dealer, aged 85.”

11th January 1919

Intimation in *The Fife News*: **B.O.A.F.G.** – “Lomond Oak Lodge No. 387 – The Annual General Meeting of the above Lodge will be held in the Town Hall, Falkland, on Thursday evening, 16th January 1919. Time – 7.30 p.m. Thos. D. Hopkins, Secy.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Kirk Session** – “As is usual at this time of the year, the Kirk Session have been able through the generosity of some friends to distribute quantities of coal throughout the town.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Prisoners of War** – “Private David Craig, Black Watch, and Private Tom Drysdale, Gordon Highlanders, the last of our prisoners of war, have arrived home. Private Drysdale has been admitted to Bangour Hospital, Edinburgh.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Elderly Man's Tragic Death** – “A sad occurrence took place at Falkland on Sunday forenoon, when Wm. James Reid (56), of no occupation, residing at South Street, went into a birds' house adjoining his own dwelling-house, and committed suicide by shooting himself with a sporting gun. Deceased had been a martyr to cancer for some time, and in consequence had been considerably depressed.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death – Reid** – “At South Street, Falkland, suddenly on 5th January, William James Reid, aged 56 years, beloved husband of Rachel Thompson, and only son of the late Walter Reid, farmer.”

18th January 1919

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Social** – “A Social, under the auspices of the B.W.T.A., was held in the Public School on Friday evening. The Rev. Mr Batchelor presided. Tea was served by the members of the Committee. With songs and recitations, a very enjoyable evening was spent.”

8th February 1919

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Obituary** – “Another of the old residenters in the person of Mrs Peggie, widow of the late Mr James Peggie, has passed away. She was in her 83rd year.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **School Board** – “At a meeting of the School Board, Provost Jackson and Mr David Nelson were appointed members in place of Mr Wm. Horne and Mr Wm. Bonthron, resigned. Mr Gavin was appointed Convener. Mr Robb, who has been serving with the Forces for the past two years, has resumed his duties as headmaster at the Public School.”

15th February 1919

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Farmer Sued For Accident** – “The record was closed in Cupar Sheriff Court on Thursday in an action for £75 damages raised by Mrs Bett, Cross Wynd, Falkland, against John Morgan, farmer, Kilgour, Falkland. Pursuer states that she was engaged at potato lifting on defender's farm, and was being conveyed home in one of his carts. When the cart was turning a corner at the north approach, a boy removed a pin which caused the coup cart to tip up. Pursuer was

thrown on the roadway. Her left leg was badly fractured, and she suffered from severe shock. The defence was "no liability."

22nd February 1919

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Obituary** – *"Another of our old residenters has passed away in the person of Mrs James Munro. She was 86 years of age."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Appointment** – *"Dr A. Hamilton Wood, brother of Mr Charles Wood, solicitor, Kirkcaldy, and son of the late Major Wood, Falkland, has been appointed County Medical Officer of Health for Warwickshire at a commencing salary of £800 and travelling expenses. Dr Wood is lecturer of Hygiene in the University of Birmingham."*

8th March 1919

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Rev. J.H. Morrison** – *"The Rev. J.H. Morrison, M.A., of Newmills, Aberdeen, who has been serving with the Forces in France, conducted both services in the Parish Church on Sunday. At the evening service, Mr Morrison gave a very interesting account of some of his experiences with the boys."*

15th March 1919

Extract from *The Fife News*: **The Band of Hope** – *"The Band of Hope, under the leadership of Mr Spence, rendered the sacred cantata entitled "Esther" in the Parish Church on Sunday evening. The Rev. J.P. Batchelor read the story."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Masonic Dance** – *"On Friday, Lodge St. John (No. 35) provided the brethren and a number of visitors and guests with a most enjoyable entertainment in the Drill Hall. The hall, which has been recently vacated by the Volunteers of Falkland and Freuchie Detachment, wore a fresh aspect, and was tastefully arranged. As there had been no dances or similar social gatherings in the town since the outbreak of war, considerable enthusiasm prevailed among the young folks at the renewal of what used to be a regular event for the winter season. About 40 couples took part in the grand march, and the programme, being attractive and varied, was well sustained throughout. Mr Adamson, Kettle, supplied excellent music, Brothers Drysdale and Walker acted as M.C.'s. Tea and other refreshments were supplied at intervals, and several members of the company rendered solos with*

much acceptance. Brother Hopkins, R.W.M., and his Committee, also the ladies who ably assisted, are to be congratulated on the very successful result of their efforts.”

29th March 1919

Intimation in *The Fife News*: **British Linen Bank** – “The British Linen Bank, Freuchie (Sub-Branch to Falkland), will be open on Wednesday, 2nd April, and every Wednesday thereafter until further notice, between the hours of 12 noon and 1.30 p.m. For the British Linen Bank, John Baillie, Agent, Falkland, 22nd March 1919.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Farm Sold** – “The farm of Easter Glassie, in the parish of Falkland, extending to over 200 acres, has been sold by Mr John Turnbull, W.S., Edinburgh, for the trustees of the late Mrs Preston to Mr J.L. Anderson, writer and Town Clerk, Cupar, for Mr David Davie, Lomond Farm, Freuchie, with entry at Martinmas 1919.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Court Action** – “Interim Sheriff J.W. More heard parties agents in Cupar Sheriff Court on Thursday in a debate on the relevancy of the action brought by Mrs Catherine Beveridge, or Bett, Cross Wynd, Falkland, against Mr John Morgan, farmer, Kilgour Farm, Falkland. Mrs Bett is suing Mr Morgan for £75 in respect of injuries she received through being thrown out of a coup cart. Agents: - For pursuer – Mr Jas. Clark, Kirkcaldy; for defender – Mr R.O. Pagan, Cupar.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Voluntary Workers' Association** – “Falkland Parish Church Branch of Voluntary Workers' Association, Cupar district, have made and dispatched the following articles from November 1915 to March 1919: -

2,354 pairs of socks; 206 pairs sleeping socks; 98 pairs operation stockings; 1,374 mufflers; 889 pairs mitts; 256 helmets; 12 shirts; 36 body belts; 43 invalid garments; 622 moss bags; 75 bomb bags; 30 walking sticks and 1 crutch; 6 boxes of cast-off clothing for Belgians; 1 box hospital appliances, including bandages etc. The local soldiers abroad received gifts of socks from the Association to the number of 280 pairs. The amount of money raised for war purposes amounted to £84 16s 1d.”

5th April 1919

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Whist Match** – “Falkland v Auchtermuchty played at Falkland on Wednesday night, resulting in a win for Falkland by 11 points.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Dance** – “The Lomond Oak Lodge held a very successful dance in the Drill Hall on Friday evening. About 60 couples took part in the grand march, which was led off by Brother Jas. Skinner. Bros. P. Robertson and J. Hay acted as M.C.’s. Music was supplied by Durie’s Band, Strathmiglo.”

12th April 1919

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Spring Holiday** – “Monday was observed as the Spring holiday here. The shops and works were closed for the day.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Red Cross Work Party** – “The ladies of the Red Cross Work Party were entertained to tea by Mrs Baillie in the Bank House on Tuesday afternoon.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Coup Cart Accident Leads To Unsuccessful Litigation** – “Mrs Catherine Beveridge or Bett, wife of William Bett, factory worker, Cross Wynd, Falkland, raised an action for £75 damages against John Morgan, Kilgour Farm, in Cupar Sheriff Court. In her condescendence pursuer stated that on 29th October last she was in Mr Morgan’s employment and engaged in lifting potatoes for him. Falkland being two or three miles distant from Kilgour farm, a condition of the employment was that Morgan was to provide a conveyance to drive the pursuer home at the conclusion of her day’s work. On the date mentioned, when pursuer with other workers was being conveyed home, the defender’s horse and cart was in charge of a boy named Alexander Allan, who was said to be twelve years of age – too young, pursuer contended, for such a charge. Allan’s younger brother was in the cart and on arriving near the lodge gates, called “the North Approach Gate”, where those in the cart were in the habit of dismounting, young Allan was alleged to have interfered with the “pin” on the front wing, with the result that the cart tipped up and threw the pursuer on the roadway causing a bad fracture of the left leg besides a severe shock. “After the accident”, states the condescendence, “she had to be assisted home and was unable to do any work or go outside her house for eight weeks.” The defender pleaded that the action was irrelevant and that he was not responsible for any loss or damage. Sheriff-Substitute John W. More has sustained this plea, and dismissed the action with expenses. In a note to his interlocutor the Sheriff-Substitute says: - “I am unable to find on record any averment of the pursuer which, if proved, would connect the younger Allan’s mischievous act with her

averments as to the youth and inexperience of Alexander Allan, so as to make the action relevant, as against the defender.” Agents – James Clark, Kirkcaldy, for pursuer and R. Osborne Pagan, W.S., Cupar, for defender.”

19th April 1919

Extract from *The Fife News*: **War Memorial** – “A meeting was held in the Town Hall on Monday evening, Provost Jackson presiding, to consider what form a War Memorial should take. An Institute was decided upon, and a strong Committee was elected for the purpose of carrying out the decision.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Soiree** – “The members of the U.F. Church held a social and soiree in the church on Friday evening. The Rev. Mr Batchelor was Chairman. Interesting addresses were given by the Rev. Messrs Begbie, Freuchie; Gilmour, Kingskettle; and Craig, Cults and Pitlessie. Solos were sung by Miss Bryce and Miss Horne. The choir, under the leadership of Mr Burgon, rendered several anthems. An excellent tea was served by the ladies of the congregation.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Red Cross Work Party** – “The Falkland Red Cross Work Party has now come to an end, and the members are to be congratulated on what they have achieved. Right well have they done during these long years of war. The Work Party was organised in August 1914 and the sum of about £36 was raised to buy materials, which clever, busy fingers quickly converted into comforts for the brave men at the front or in hospitals. Since then the organisation has been quite self-supporting, an annual garden fete bringing in funds to keep things going. Most of the finished work has gone to the Balbirnie centre and been dispatched thence to different destinations as required. Many grateful letters have been received from the men. Besides this, each Falkland soldier on leave from foreign service has got two pairs of socks, and each one on home service one pair. The total number of socks knitted amounts to over 2,220 pairs, shirts made 224, and a vast number of helmets, mufflers, mitts, gloves, caps, bed-socks, bed-jackets, bandages, etc., have been made and sent off. 333 surgical pillows have been dispatched. The children have gathered over a thousand large sacks of sphagnum moss. There is a surplus of £183 18s 11d, which is reserved to help with a suitable war memorial.”

26th April 1919

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Pulpit** – “The Rev. J.K. Russell, who is at present a chaplain in H.M. Forces, occupied the pulpit in the Parish Church on Sunday morning.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Grass Park Lets** – “Purin and Conland grass parks on the Lomond Hills, belonging to Mr Edward Balfour of Balbirnie, were let on Wednesday for the season at an advance of about 170 per cent. compared with last year. There were 30 enclosures. The park takers were: -

Messrs H. Masterton, Mitchelston; John Shaw, Treaton; John Morgan, Kilgour; A. Birrell, Thornton; D. Ross, Coul; T. Alexander, Hilton Hill; J. Armit, Newton Hall; R> Crombie, Balbeggie; D. Fair of Duniface; R. Morton, Drums; Mrs Brown, Pitcairn; David Kirkcaldy, Rameldry; Birrell, Hangingmyre; Fraser, Middle Balbeggie; A. Lyall, Auchmutie; John Hill of Langside; J. Rutherford, Star; A. Lathangie, Auchtermairnie Mill; and J. Hoy, Milldeans.”

10th May 1919

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cuckoo** – “The cuckoo was heard for the first time on Thursday last week.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Sacrament** – “The sacrament of the Lord’s Supper was dispensed in the Parish Church on Sunday forenoon. The Rev. Mr Batchelor officiated.”

17th May 1919

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Dancing Classes** – “The dancing classes which have been successfully carried on for the past few months by Mr Adamson, Kingskettle, were brought to a close on Friday evening with a ball. About 80 pupils took part.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **In Court** – “Margaret Fernie, or Chisholm, caretaker, residing at Millfield House, Falkland, was ordered by Sheriff Dudley Stuart, at Cupar Sheriff Court on Tuesday, to keep a dog, of which she had charge, under proper control. It was alleged that the animal had gone after the lambs on a farm in the district.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Peace Celebrations** – “A public meeting was held in the Town Hall on Tuesday – Provost Jackson presiding. A Committee was appointed to make arrangements for peace celebrations. The programme submitted included a church service, fancy-dress parade, children’s treat and games during the day with flares on the Lomond Hill in the evening.”

31st May 1919

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Annual Market** – “The annual market, which has been in abeyance for the past four years, was held in the Loan on Saturday. The lovely weather attracted a large attendance of visitors. The usual merry-go-round and swing boats did a roaring trade with the young folks. The Coaltown of Balgonie Band played selections, and supplied the dance music.”

14th June 1919

Extract from *The Fife News*: **The Hon. Mrs Maule Ramsay** – “Captain and the Hon. Mrs Maule Ramsay have arrived at House of Falkland for the summer.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Factories** – “The linen and floorcloth factories have adopted a 48 hours’ working week.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Rhubarb** – “In response to the call for rhubarb, the proceeds of which are to be given to the War Memorial Fund, about 25 cwts. have been collected.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Plates** – “Plates have now been fixed throughout the town denoting the names of the streets, thus, at last, bringing us up to the level of a large city.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Town Council** – “The Town Council met on Tuesday, and at the close of the business, the Provost, on behalf of the Council, presented Mr Anderson, town clerk, with a silver rose bowl as a mark of their esteem on the occasion of his marriage. Mr Anderson suitably replied.”

21st June 1919

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Flag Day** – “A Flag Day, organised by Mrs Baillie, Bank House, in aid of the Scottish Veterans’ Garden City Association, was held on Saturday afternoon. The sum realised was £5 2s 3d.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Storm** – “During a very severe thunder storm which passed over the district on Thursday last week, two houses were struck by the lightning, causing much damage. Two cattle, which were grazing in a field at Conland Farm, were killed.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket Club** – “At a general meeting held in the Town Hall on Tuesday, it was decided to start the Club again. The following office-bearers have been appointed: -

President – Dr Jack; Captain – Mr Geo. Anderson; vice-Captain – T.D. Hopkins; Secretary – T.S. Schofield.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Marriage – Anderson – McGregor** – “At the Palace Hotel, Aberdeen, on the 14th inst., by the Rev. John Telfer, assisted by the Rev. J.G. Batchelor, M.A., Alexander Anderson, solicitor, Falkland, Fife, son of the late James Anderson, Cotinch, Elgin, to Mary Christina, eldest daughter of W. McGregor, Nether Mains of Muchalls, Stonehaven. At home, Allan Park, Falkland, 14th and 15th August.”

28th June 1919

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Sphagnum Moss Gatherers** – “On Saturday afternoon, between thirty and forty of the sphagnum moss and herb gatherers with their leader, Mrs Brown, were entertained to tea by Mrs Dykes, Westfield Farm. With games, etc., the children spent a most enjoyable afternoon. Mrs Dykes was heartily thanked for her kindness.”

5th July 1919

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Dr J.G. Jack** – “Much regret is felt in the town at the departure of Dr J.G. Jack to Edinburgh. Dr Jack has been in the district for the past 17 years. He is succeeded by Dr W.H. Shand, who began duty on the 1st of July.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Sunday Schools** – “The combined Sunday Schools held their annual outing on Saturday afternoon in the Mansion House Park, kindly lent by the Hon. Mrs A. Maule Ramsay. The weather was all that could be desired, and a very enjoyable afternoon was spent.”

12th July 1919

Intimation in *The Fife News*: **B.O.A.F.G.** – “Lomond Oak Lodge, No. 387 – The half-yearly General Meeting will be held in the Town Hall, Falkland, on Thursday evening, 17th July 1919. Time 7.30 p.m.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Thanksgiving** – “A Thanksgiving service was held in the Established Church on Sunday forenoon. The Rev. Mr J.P. Batchelor occupied the pulpit. The Provost and Magistrates attended the service.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket Club** – “The opening match of the season takes place tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon at Scroggie with Cupar 2nd XI. The following team has been picked to play for Falkland: -

Geo. Anderson (Captain), Capt. Maule Ramsay, J. Baillie, W.M. Venters, J. Reekie, W. Dowie, J. Ross, A. Grant, A. Fraser, G. Thomson, T. Schofield.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Potato Lifter's Action Against Fife Farmer** – “At Cupar Sheriff Court on Saturday, Sheriff-Principal Fleming reversed the decision of Sheriff-Substitute J.W. More, who dismissed as irrelevant the action by Mrs Bett, Falkland, against Mr John Morgan, farmer, Kilgour, Falkland, for £75 damages in respect of injuries sustained through being thrown out of a cart driven by Mr Alex. Allan, an employee of defender. For the pursuer it was stated that defender allowed a boy, whose age was said to be 12 years, to be put in charge of the horse and cart in which the pursuer was travelling when the accident happened. She was working as a potato lifter for the defender. For the defence it was averred that the accident was caused by the act of Allan's younger brother, who interfered with the pin which prevented the cart coupling. The Sheriff Principal thought there must be some inquiry in the case. He agreed with the Sheriff-Substitute that the action must fall unless there was an averment of fault on the part of Alexander Allan. He could not find an averment that Alexander Allan saw or was aware that the younger brother was interfering with the mechanism. Still, though with some hesitation, he thought it would be better to have the facts fully ascertained before deciding what might be

moral questions in law. The defence of common employment was urged in debate. There was, however, no averment nor any plea in law on that point, and he could not deal with it at that stage. Agents – for pursuer, Mr T.W. Davidson, Cupar; for defender, Mr R. Osborne Pagan, W.S., Cupar.”

19th July 1919

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Church Choir** – “*The members of the Established Church choir motored to Aberdour on Saturday, where they spent a very enjoyable day at the sea-side.*”

Article from *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Falkland v Cupar 2nd XI – Interesting Dispute regarding “No Balls”**:

“Cupar second eleven had a pleasant and keenly contested game at Falkland on Saturday. The village side has been newly revived, and though the wicket was not of the best, it played very truly. Falkland had the benefit of the services of W. Venters, whose bowling the previous week played havoc with the Cupar first eleven when playing for Freuchie, and on Saturday he completely demoralised the Rev. Mr Alexander’s side and collared seven wickets for half a dozen runs. Vernon was the only man who stood up to him. When the home side set about the task of collecting 42 runs for a victory, they opened in disastrous fashion, and lost the first six men for four runs. With J. Baillie, late of the British Linen Bank, Cupar, and now agent at Falkland, and W. Dowie associated, however, a different complexion came over the game and they slowly brought the total to 40 before they were dismissed. With a bye, the homesters got 42 and won the match. There was some discussion regarding Falkland’s score. E.A. Pratt bowled a no ball and Baillie scored one run off it. The question arose as to whether two runs or one run should be added to the score, and it was decided that the former ruling was correct. A.M. Brown had 5 wickets for 10, and J.S. Georgson 5 for 14 runs.

In connection with the dispute about the ruling regarding scoring off “no balls”, it would appear that the decision agreed upon is not in accordance with the Laws of Cricket issued by the M.C.C. Rule 16 states: “When a run is made by the bat off a “no ball”, only the run to the batsman should be scored and not the “no ball” as well.” The game with Cupar was, therefore, really a tie.

Scores – Cupar 2nd XI – 41 runs (F. Vernon – 8). Falkland – 42 (J. Baillie – 18; W. Dowie – 15)”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Presentation** – “At a meeting of the members of St John Lodge, No. 35, held on Thursday last week, Bro. T.D. Hopkins, R.W.M., on behalf of the members, presented Bro. Alex. Anderson with a reading lamp on the occasion of his recent marriage. Mr Anderson suitably replied.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Farmer's Crave to Appeal to Court of Session Dismissed** – “Sheriff Principal Fleming, K.C., issued an interlocutor at Cupar, refusing a plea by the defender, in the case of Mrs Bett, Cross Wynd, Falkland, against John Morgan, farmer, Kilgour, Falkland, to grant him leave to appeal to the Court of Session against the Sheriff's decision to allow a proof in the action. Mrs Bett sues for £75 in respect of injuries alleged to have been sustained by her while in defender's employment, and Sheriff-Substitute More dismissed the action as irrelevant. Sheriff Fleming, however, considered that there should be some inquiry into the case.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **U.F. Church, Freuchie** – “Mr Walter Peggie, jnr., Falkland, was on Tuesday night unanimously appointed organist to the U.F. Church in Freuchie.”

26th July 1919

Article from *The Fife News*: **Falkland Peace Celebrations:**

“Beautiful weather favoured the Peace celebrations here. The children marched from the school to the mansion-house park on Falkland estate in the afternoon, where sports were held. Along the route quite a grand display of flags was shown. The races were very keenly contested. Some of the principal prize-winners were: -

Skipping Rope Race – Margaret Lawson; Egg and Spoon Race – M. Hendrie; Flat Race – Catherine Bett; Coat and Boot Race – Geo. Crombie; Flat Race – Geo. Anderson; Long Leap – A. Meldrum; Thread Needle Race – Bessie Douglas; Sack Race – W. Strudley; Three-Leg Race – Annie Oswald and Bessie Douglas

After the sports, the children were entertained in the park to an excellent tea purveyed by Mr W. Strudley. In the evening, a fancy dress parade took place. The competitors met at the school and marched from there through the principal streets to the Fountain, where they were judged by the Hon. Mrs Maule Ramsay. The prize-winners were: -

Most Appropriate Dress – Miss M. Duncan (Britannia), Miss E. Cowan (Fishwife), Miss M. Drysdale (a Jock). Comic Dress – Misses Gavin and Venters (Pierrots), John Robertson (Absent-Minded Beggar), May Dowie and Mary Anderson (Sweeps).

Children – Andrew Meldrum (Darkie), Agnes Middleton (Bo-Peep), Muriel Jackson (Norwegian Girl), Chrissie Drysdale (Stars and Stripes).

Much praise is due to the Committee who successfully carried through the arrangements. A great disappointment was felt in the village at the absence of a bonfire on the East Lomond.”



Possibly Peace Celebrations Fancy Dress

2nd August 1919

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Weather** – “The effect of the long spell of warm weather and strong drought on the pasture lands in the district has been very injurious.

Potatoes, however, seem to be thriving, and there is still a promise of a fair crop of cereal grains, but turnips are suffering.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Entertainment** – “The sphagnum moss and herb gatherers were, with their leader Mrs Brown, Dundrennan House, entertained by Mr and Mrs Bonthron, Newton, on Saturday afternoon. An excellent tea was served on the lawn in front of Newton House, and the young people then took part in a programme of sports in the park. Before leaving, a photograph of the company was taken.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Garden Fete** – “A garden fete in aid of the local War Memorial was held in the Palace grounds, kindly granted for the occasion by the Honourable Mrs Maule Ramsay, on Wednesday, 23rd July. The fete was opened by Mrs Gulland, Millfield. The fine weather, the beauty of the grounds, together with the usual attractions brought out a large number of visitors living in the town and neighbourhood. Tea and other refreshments were provided. A produce stall was quickly cleared, and the visitors spent the remainder of their time at various amusements, or lounging on the lawn listening to the music provided by the Auchtermuchty Town Band. The War Memorial fund will benefit to the extent of £75.”

9th August 1919

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Flax** – “Flax pulling has started in the district this week in a field on Falkland Wood Farm.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Harvest** – “The stooks have already made their appearance. A patch belonging to John Young, Myreside, was cut down this week.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Light Railway** – “The report of the Rural Transport (Scotland) Committee says: -

“We are aware of nothing in the circumstances of today to qualify the approval which the scheme (Falkland Light Railway) enjoyed in 1914, and we have satisfaction in giving it a place in this report.”

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

“Falkland made a very sporting bid for victory at Cupar on Wednesday night, and an exciting match was witnessed by a good attendance of spectators.

The Cupar men batted first on a good wicket, and sent their two 1st XI cracks, Gourlay, who is the only man in the team to score a century this year, and Allen, to the wickets to face the trundling of Duncan and Reekie. Both bowlers were in good form, and Duncan nearly beat Gourlay with a good lengthed “swinger” in his first over, while on several occasions he just grazed Allen’s bails. Reekie kept an excellent length, and turned the ball considerably. When 40 runs had been scored, he dismissed Gourlay with a good ball. Birrell succeeded, and scoring was slow. Robertson and Thomson with slows tried to tempt the batsmen, and, were rewarded with Birrell’s wicket – splendidly held by Dewar in the outfield with one hand. With Allen bowled by Reekie, Cupar’s scorers were dismissed and the closure was applied after fully an hour and a half’s batting.

The visitors had a hour and five minutes to make the runs, and from the first over it was apparent they were out to win. Lindsay hit a beautiful boundary off Georgeson, and Duncan replied in like manner to Allen’s bowling. Duncan proved exceedingly forceful, and of the three overs Allen bowled, 30 runs were scored. Lindsay was smartly held in the outfield and was succeeded by Thomson, who contrary to his usual careful play, also opened his shoulders. A good catch at mid-wicket disposed of him, however, after he had scored 3. Simpson, the left hander, gave Duncan much support, and as runs came speedily, it looked as if the men of Falkland were going to notch an excellent victory. When two short of his “fifty” however, Duncan was bowled by Gourlay. His was a delightful innings of merry cricket. Reekie did not get going, and Dewar was dismissed before his eye got in. The light failed very quickly, and Schofield and Middleton put up an excellent defence till time was called.
Scores: -

*Cupar – 120 for 7 wickets (L.W. Allen – 35, T.A. Gourlay – 24, W.S. Birrell – 23).
Falkland – 96 for 7 wickets (D. Duncan – 48).*

Notes:

Cricket in the Howe of Fife has flourished this year as never before. The elevens of Falkland and Freuchie can out as hot a side on the field as the larger towns, and if the enthusiasm is maintained next year, they should provide very strong opposition. For Falkland, Lindsay and Duncan are a fine pair of opening batsmen. The former gave a brief exhibition of the force of his driving, which is crisp, hard and well timed. Duncan must be reckoned among the crack batsmen of the county. His defence is sound, and his leg strokes added speedily to the score. In A. Simpson, the left-hander, there is the promise of a splendid cricketer. He presents the full face of the bat to the ball on every occasion and showed no faults. With more experience he will be a dangerous batsman. He has shown on two occasions at Cupar how he can shape on a good wicket. Reekie and Thomson are two of Falkland’s pre-war

players, and both showed their value. Reekie's bowling was decidedly good, but Thomson fares better at his usual defensive game. When Dewar gets going he keeps the fielders busy. His strokes have the full power of his shoulders behind them. Schofield, the Falkland secretary, is a careful batsman, and a safe fielder. He made a splendid attempt to catch a hot drive from Allen, and his defence to Gourlay in the bad light did him credit. The spectators would have liked to have seen Robertson at the wickets. They have not forgotten his rapid scoring and powerful hitting for Freuchie on the memorable occasion when the villagers defeated Cupar 1st XI at Duffus Park. Wednesday's match was a thoroughly sporting one, and was of the bright nature that popularises the game."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Falkland v Rothes (Leslie)** – "Played at Falkland: Falkland – 52 (W. Venters, 18; T. Schofield, 18), Rothes – 89 (C. Orr, 20)."

16th August 1919

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Public School** – "The Public School was re-opened on Tuesday after the summer holidays."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Flag Day** – "A flag day, organised by Mrs Batchelor, U.F. Manse, in aid of the Scottish Children's League of Pity, was held on Saturday. £4 16s was collected."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Guests at House of Falkland** – "Captain and the Mrs Maule Ramsay are entertaining at House of Falkland Viscountess Gormanston (mother of Mrs Ramsay), the Dowager Marchioness of Bute, Lord Colum Crichton-Stuart, Colonel the Hon. Richard Preston, D.S.O., and the Hon. Mrs Preston. The Hon. Mrs Maule Ramsay and her guests are deeply interested in the Lord Roberts Memorial Workshops, and arrangements are proceeding for the holding of a fete in aid of the funds of that laudable scheme within the beautiful grounds at House of Falkland. The date has not yet been fixed, but it will likely come off in the beginning of September."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Ladybank v Falkland** – "Interesting matches have been played during the past week among the Howe of Fife teams. On Saturday, Falkland travelled to Ladybank, where they met strong opposition, but secured a creditable draw. Carstairs and Annand had valuable innings, and the feature of the fielding side was the clever stumping by the Falkland wicket-keeper off

Robertson's slows. Robertson and Reekie, two of the pre-war players for Falkland, contributed good scores in approved style, and Reekie appeared well set when time was called. Scores: Ladybank – 111(A. Annand, 32; W. Carstairs, 27); Falkland – 80 for 6 wickets (J. Reekie, 19 n.o.; P. Robertson, 18). Bowling: Ladybank – Fraser, 4 for 43; Smith, 1 for 25; Annand, 1 for 10. Falkland – J. Reekie, 2 for 27; P. Robertson, 4 for 36; T.C. Schofield, 4 for 27.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Falkland v Freuchie** – “On Wednesday night, the victorious men of Freuchie were the visitors to the park at the foot of the Lomond Hill, and added another win to their list. Duncan is in fine form at present, and battled throughout the whole innings. Falkland were without Middleton, their wicket-keeper, and extras proved the runner-up in the score. In the match, Robertson again distinguished himself for Falkland, and slapped up 24 by hard hits. Hopkins gave good help, but the tail refused to wag, and the innings closed 30 short of Freuchie's total. Scores: -

Freuchie		
J. Lindsay	c. Allan, b. Venters	1
D. Duncan	not out	38
D. Dewar	b. Schofield	9
A. Simpson	b. Schofield	0
J. Jack	b. Venters	0
A. Henderson	b. Venters	0
E. Croall	b. Venters	4
A. Spence	c. Schofield, b. Venters	3
J. Biggs	b. Venters	0
A. Skinner	b. Schofield	1
J. Low	b. Schofield	12
	Extras	23
	Total	91

Falkland		
Wm. Dowie	b. Croall	4
T.C. Schofield	b. Spence	0
W.M. Venters	c. Spence, b. Spence	0
J. Baillie	b. Croall	1
P. Robertson	c. Lindsay, b. Spence	24
G. Thomson	c. Dewar, b. Spence	0
T.D. Hopkins	c. Lindsay, b. Duncan	19
Eben. Allan	b. Spence	2
J. Robertson	b. Spence	0
C. Drysdale	b. Simpson	1
T. Sutherland	not out	0
	Extras	10
	Total	61

23rd August 1919

Intimation in *The Fife News*: **Medical Officer** – “Medical officer and vaccinator wanted for the Parish of Falkland. Salary £20. Applications to be lodged with George S. Hardie, Clerk to the Parish Council, with one copy Testimonial, not later than the 10th September. Parish Council Office, Falkland. 20th August 1919.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Pulpit** – “The Rev. J.K. Russell, who has been home for a few days’ leave, occupied the pulpit in the Parish Church on Sunday. There was a large congregation.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Kirkcaldy Boys Brigade** – “The Kirkcaldy Boys’ Brigade had their annual outing to Falkland on Saturday. Their Band gave a musical selection in the Palace Grounds. A silver collection taken at the gate in aid of the Falkland War Memorial amounted to £2 3s 1d.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Dr J.G. Jack** – “Dr J.G. Jack met with some of his friends in the Town Hall on Saturday evening, and was presented with a handsome silver tray and cheque. Provost Jackson, who presided, handed over the gifts, and the Doctor suitable replied. The Rev. J.K. Russell thereafter commented on the changes that had taken place in the personnel of the town during his ministry.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Garden Fete** – “A Garden Fete and Sale of Work, Produce, etc., is to be held by the Hon. Mrs A. Maule Ramsay in the grounds of the House of Falkland on Thursday, 4th September. The event is in aid of the Lord Roberts’ Memorial Workshop in Dundee for disabled soldiers and sailors belonging to Fifeshire, Forfarshire and Perthshire. Lady Cochrane of Cults is to open the fete, and music will be provided by the Kirkcaldy Boys’ Brigade Band. No commendation of such a laudable effort should be necessary in counties whose sons have so acquitted themselves in the war, and it lies with all in the Lomond Vale who have it in their power to attend the fete and sale and give them their support. With good weather, a delightful day may well be spent in the grounds of the House of Falkland.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Falkland 2nd XI v Ladybank** – “Falkland 2nd XI entertained a team from Ladybank of Saturday. The Ladybank side was not so

strong as that which claimed a good draw with Falkland 1st XI a fortnight ago, but they proved too good for the second string. Scores: -

Falkland – 30 (T. Dick, 6). Ladybank – 55 (D. Williamson, 24).

Bowling for Falkland – Schofield, 7 for 17; Drysdale, 1 for 5; Wotherspoon, 1 for 6; Ross, 1 for 19.

Bowling for Ladybank – J. Fraser, 3 for 17; Cameron, 5 for 11.”

30th August 1919

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Factory Worker's Sudden Death** – “Catherine Birrell (44), Cross Wynd, Falkland, dropped down dead on Tuesday, just after leaving her employment in the Pleasance Works, Falkland. She had gone only about 50 yards from the factory when she collapsed. Dr Shand was summoned, but found life to be extinct. Deceased resided with her widowed mother.”

6th September 1919

Advert in *The Fife News*: **A Garden Fete and Sale:**



13th September 1919

Article in *The Fife News*: **A Successful Effort for memorial Workshop:**

“The lovely grounds of House of Falkland were on Thursday afternoon the scene of an interesting garden fete and sale of work in aid of the funds for the Lord Roberts Memorial Workshop. No effort had been spared to make the function a success, and the Hon. Mrs A. Maule Ramsay, the originator and organiser, was ably assisted by a band of willing workers.

Opening Ceremony – *The Hon. Lady Cochrane of Cults, who performed the opening ceremony, was introduced by Mrs Maule Ramsay. In declaring the fete open, Lady Cochrane referred to the warnings, which had been given to this country by Lord Roberts and the lamentable results caused by the unfortunate disregarding of these warnings. In recognition of Lord Roberts’s life and work this memorial was a fitting one, and in subscribing to this they must remember that they were also helping their own disabled men (Applause).*

Stalls and Stall-Holders :

Produce Stall – Hon. Mrs A. Maule Ramsay (convener), assistants Mrs Sturrock and Miss Polly Gavin.

Fancy Goods – Mrs Gulland, Millfield (convener), and her daughter, Mrs McIntosh, Edinburgh, and Miss Rae Arnott.

Art and Bookstalls – Misses Maud and Vera Ramsay, sisters of Captain Maule Ramsay (conveners); assistants, Miss Gavin and Miss Margaret Gavin; Mrs M. Brown, Dundrennan.

Sports – Mr John Baillie, bank agent; the Rev. J.T. Batchelor and Mr George Gavin.

Several showers fell during the afternoon which interfered with the proceedings. Among those present were Col. Sir A. Sprot, M.P., and Lady Sprot of Stravithie; Lady Anstruther, Balcaskie; Brigadier-General and Mrs Cheape, and Miss Lumsden, Eden Valley House, Freuchie. Kirkcaldy Boys’ Brigade Band played selections.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Chief Inspector of Factories** – *“The Chief Inspector of Factories has appointed Dr W.H. Shand to be certifying surgeon under the Factory and Workshop Acts for Falkland district.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Presentation to Headmaster** – *“Mr Wm. Robb, M.A., headmaster, was presented with an oak stationery cabinet and a brass letter balance on the occasion of his departure to fill the headmastership of Kinross Public School. Mr A. MacNab made the presentation in the name of teachers and pupils, and Miss Annie Oswald handed over the gifts. Mr Robb feelingly replied.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Sale of Work** – “A very successful sale of work was held in the grounds of the United Free Church on Saturday afternoon. The stall-holders were: -

Work Stall – Mrs Batchelor, The Manse; Mrs Anderson, Allan Park; and Misses Peggie and Smith.

Produce Stall – Mrs Ross, Misses Page and Cation.

White Elephant – Mr A. Anderson. Mrs W. Peggie, Miss Horne and numerous assistants had charge of the tea tables. In quite a short time the stalls were cleared, and the handsome sum of £74 was realised.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Boy’s Miraculous Escape from Injury** – “A Methil lad had what was little short of a miraculous escape from injury, or worse, on Thursday afternoon last week, in Falkland Main Street. Whilst a party of Methil excursionists were congregated at the Cross, a little boy who was with them wandered directly into the path of a motor passing through the town. Unable to escape from his perilous position, the boy was knocked down, the vehicle passing over his body. The expectation of the horrified bystanders was that only a mangled corpse would be left in the track of the motor, but that Providence which is said to “watch over bairns” had acted up to its responsibility. The boy had fallen between the wheels of the car, and when picked up was found to be suffering from shock, and had sustained a few bruises. A lamp and the mud-guard of the car had been smashed. The affair caused quite a sensation in the town.”

20th September 1919

Intimation in *The Fife News*: **Falkland School Management Committee – Lumsden Bursary** – “Applications are invited for bursaries under the Deed of Trust by John L. Lumsden Esq., open to present and former pupils of Falkland and Freuchie Public Schools. Candidates shall have been in regular attendance at either of the above schools for at least two years, and intend to prosecute their studies at Secondary, Technical or State-aided Schools or Universities, and shall intimate proposed course of instruction to be followed. Particulars with Schedules of Application may be had from Alexander Anderson, Solicitor, Falkland, with whom the Applications must be lodged on before 6th October. 17th September 1919.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Burgh Rates** – “The burgh rates for the year have been fixed as follows: -

On owners, 1s 5d; occupiers, 2s 8d; being an increase of 1d on owners and 3d on occupiers.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Victory Loan Contest** – “*Falkland stands fifth in the Victory Loan contest for the flag offered by the King for the highest average subscription per head of population. Falkland’s population is 830, the total subscribed is £44,870, giving an average per head of £54 1s 3d.*”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Parish Rates** – “*The parish rates for the year have been fixed as follows: -*

On owners, for poor etc., rates, 4 ¼ d; on occupiers, 5d. On owners for school rates, 1s 4 ½ d; on occupiers, 1s 9 ¾ d. Total of parish assessments – on owners, 1s 8 ¾ d; on occupiers, 2s 2 ¾ d. This makes an increase in the school rate of 10 ¾ d for owners and 1s 2 ¾ d for occupiers.”

27th September 1919

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Continuation Classes** – “*The enrolment for the continuation classes took place on Monday night. There was a good attendance.*”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death – MacGregor** – “*At Falkland Wood, Falkland, on the 20th inst., James Smith MacGregor, beloved son of Mr and Mrs Robert MacGregor, in his 11th year.*”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Fatal Accident** – “*A distressing accident occurred at Falkland Wood Farm on Friday night. James MacGregor, aged 10, son of Mr Robert MacGregor, late of Templelands Farm, was up a tree gathering chestnuts when the branches broke and he fell to the ground, fracturing his skull. He never regained consciousness and died a few hours later. He was a bright cheery lad, and much sympathy is felt for his parents. The funeral took place on Tuesday, and was largely attended.*”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Captain George Gardner, M.C.** – “*Captain George Gardner, M.C., 1/4th Royal Scots, and at present schoolmaster in H.M. Borstal Institution, Polmont, has been appointed governor of Oakbank Industrial School, Aberdeen. There were over one hundred applicants for the post. Captain Gardner will be remembered as the assistant master in Falkland Public School from 1909-*

1911, during which period he was also secretary of the Cricket Club. During the recent war, Captain Gardner saw much fighting with his Battalion in France, Gallipoli and Palestine.”

4th October 1919

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Railway Strike** – “Falkland is experiencing the rigours of the railway strike. Letters, however, have arrived from Edinburgh, Cupar, and other places. The supplies are fairly good, there being no shortage so far of food stuffs. The factories are running as usual. An arrangement has been made for the distribution of provisions from Auchtermuchty, which is serving a wide district. Falkland has also arranged to get supplies by carrier from Kirkcaldy harbour.”

18th October 1919

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Potato-Lifter's Action Against Farmer** – “The result of a small boy's mischievous act was heard on Thursday, in Cupar Sheriff Court, when proof was led in an action brought by Mrs Catherine Beveridge or Bett, wife of Wm. Bett, Cross Wynd, Falkland, against John Morgan, farmer, Kilgour, Falkland, for £75, with interest, in respect of injuries sustained by her through falling out of a cart while in the employment of the defender. The case came before the Court some time ago, and was dismissed as irrelevant by interim Sheriff More. On an appeal, however, Sheriff Principal Fleming suggested that some inquiry should be made into the circumstances of the accident. Pursuer, who said she was employed at potato-lifting by defender, and under the terms of the engagement was driven home every night in a cart, along with others, alleged that through the inexperience of the driver, Alexander Allan, aged 13, the cart was upset. She admitted that she had heard that a younger brother of the driver had interfered with the mechanism of the cart. Apart from Alexander Allan's youth, she had no fault to find with him as a driver. In consequence of the accident, she had sustained a fractured leg, and, in addition to losing her wages, she had had to pay her married daughter, who nursed her, £1 a week for eight weeks, and maintain her and her child at a cost of £1 15s a week. Alex Allan (13), the driver of the cart, son of Wm. Allan, foreman, Kilgour Farm, said his younger brother, William, had come on to the cart without permission, and had caused the accident by removing the pin of the cart. In the witness-box, Wm. Allan (11), frankly admitted having couped the cart.

“I put my hand on the pin” he said, “and the cart couped up”. The defender, Mr Morgan, said the boy Alexander had been engaged by his father, the foreman. He personally did not know his age, but he had had no fault to find with his competency. The condescendence for the defender further set forth that Wm. Allan, for whom the driver was not responsible, maliciously caused the accident. In any case the

pursuer's injuries were extremely trifling. Dr Jack, Falkland, stated that he visited the pursuer about 4 days after the accident, and found that she was suffering merely from a superficial bruise on the leg. There was no fracture. On being recalled, pursuer said Dr Mudie, Ladybank, told her to sit in her chair for six weeks. He also said that her leg was fractured.

Mr R.O. Pagan – “Was it put in splints?”

Mrs Bett – “What would it be put in splints for?”

The Sheriff said he was not a medical expert, but he never heard of a broken leg being treated by the sufferer sitting in a chair. In making avizandum, Sheriff Dudley Stuart said an old friend of his used to say that when it came to acts of mischief, “there was naething in the world sae terrible as a wee laddie.” He thought that case was a good illustration of this.

Agents – for pursuer, Mr James Clark, solicitor, Kirkcaldy; for defender, Mr R. Osborne Pagan, W.S., Cupar.”

25th October 1919

*Extract from The Fife News: **New Headmaster** – “Mr Alexander Nisbet, Springfield, has been appointed headmaster of Falkland Public School.”*

*Extract from The Fife News: **B.W.T.A.** – “A special meeting of the British Women's Temperance Association was held in the Drill Hall on Tuesday evening. The Rev. Mr Batchelor presided, and an address was given by Mrs Storrie, Glasgow. Solos were rendered by Misses Horne, Peggie, Finlay, and Burgon.”*

*Extract from The Fife News: **Whist Drive and Dance** – “A very successful whist drive in aid of the War Memorial Fund was held in the Drill Hall on Thursday evening last week. The prize-winners were: -*

Ladies – 1. Mrs Aitken, Falkland Road Station; 2. Miss Peggie, Falkland; booby prize, Miss L. Smith, Falkland.

Gentlemen – 1. Mr Aitken, Falkland Road Station; 2. Mr T. Schofield; booby prize, Mr C. Morgan, Kilgour.

Two hours' dancing was much enjoyed by the young folks.”

1st November 1919

Intimation in *The Fife News*: **B.O.A.F.G.** – “B.O.A.F.G. Lomond Oak Lodge, No 387 National Insurance and Fraternal Sections – A Special General Meeting of the above Lodge will be held in the Town Hall, Falkland, on Thursday Evening, 6th November 1919. Time – 7 p.m. Business – Electing new Secretary.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Town Council Nominations** – “Eight nominations for nine seats: - Bailie John Angus, Bailie John Brown, Peter Robertson, Peter Hunt, D. Chisholm, John Drysdale, Wm. Duncan and Robert Ness.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Parish Council Nominations** – “Four seats: - Walter Peggie, Alex. Fraser, Provost Jackson, and Alex. Shanks, Falkland Wood.

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Schools** – The schools were re-opened on Monday after the three weeks given the children to assist in the potato lifting.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Dividend** – “The dividend for the Falkland Equitable Co-operative Society, Ltd., has been fixed as follows: - 2s 10d per £1 for members; 1s 5d per £1 for non-members.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Factories Takeover** – “The works of Charles Jackson & Sons Ltd., Falkland, have been taken over by the Scottish Co-operative Wholesale Society Ltd., who entered into possession on Saturday last. The works comprise a linen factory and a floorcloth factory.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Servitude Road Dispute** – “The record was closed at Cupar Sheriff Court on Thursday, by Sheriff Dudley Stuart, in the action in which Thomas Milne, residing at Gowrie, by Freuchie, heritable proprietor of the lands and estate of Gowrie, near Falkland, asks the court to declare that he has a right to the servitude road leading from the public road or highway between Falkland and New Inn by the west side of Kilgowrieknowe garden wall to the pursuer’s lands and estate of Gowrie. The pursuer desires a right of passage over the said road for foot passengers, sheep, cattle, horses, carts, and other vehicles, traction engines, threshing mills, and agricultural machinery. He states that George Maxwell, farmer, proprietor of the lands and estate of Kilgowrieknowe, has unwarrantably interfered

with the servitude road, and has ploughed up a portion of it on the west or north-west side to an average breadth of two feet six inches or thereby, and has lowered the level of the said portion of the road to a depth of nine inches. He therefore asks that the defender be asked to restore the road to its former condition. In his condescendence pursuer further sets forth that the servitude road has been used by him and his authors for forty years and upwards as a principal access to the lands of Gowrie. For the defence it is admitted that the road has been used by pursuer and his authors for the prescriptive period for the passage of foot passengers and for cart traffic, etc., but it is denied that pursuer is entitled, as a matter of right, to use the road for the passage of traction engines and threshing mills. The road was never designed for, and is quite unsuitable for, such a purpose. Any such use made of the road has been merely by tolerance of defender and his authors. The solum of the ground upon which the road is formed is the property of defender, and he is entitled to use it for the purposes of his farm.

Agents – For pursuers – Messrs Macbeth, Currie & Co., solicitors, Dunfermline; for defender – Mr J.L. Anderson, solicitor, Cupar.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Potato Lifter’s Action Against Farmer Fails** – “*Sheriff Dudley Stuart, after consideration of the facts stated in the action in which Mrs Catherine Beveridge or Bett, Cross Wynd, Falkland, sued John Morgan, farmer, Kilgour, Falkland, for £75 with interest in respect of injuries sustained by her through falling out of a cart while in the employment of defender as a potato-lifter, has assoiled the defender, with expenses. In his note, the Sheriff points out that the cause of the accident was the mischievous act of William Allan, the younger brother of the driver of the cart, Alexander Allan. Pursuer’s contention was that the defender was responsible for the consequences of the boy’s thoughtless prank, but after considering the evidence, the Sheriff had come to the conclusion that that was not the case.*

Agents – For pursuer, Mr James Clark, solicitor, Kirkcaldy; for defender – Mr R. Osborne Pagan, W.S., Cupar.”

8th November 1919

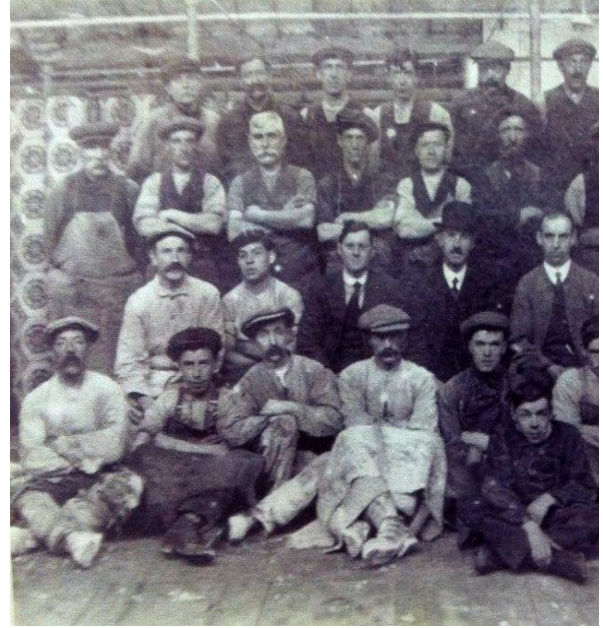
Extract from *The Fife News*: **Linen and Floorcloth Works Taken Over by Co-op** – “*The latest enterprise of the Scottish Co-operative Wholesale Society in the region of productive enterprise is the acquisition of St John’s Floorcloth Works and the Pleasance Linen Factory at Falkland, which businesses were purchased as a going concern, and taken over by representatives of the Society a week ago. The linen factory was founded by Mr Charles Jackson. The manufactures comprise linen, towelling, and tablecloths, though sheeting, crashes and dowlas are occasionally*

wrought. There are 150 looms, of which about 50 are idle on account of the difficulty of getting workers. The weekly output varies from 100 to 2000 dozen towels, and in normal times 75 weavers are employed. These, with the employees in other departments, bring the total up to 100. The floorcloth works were started about 18 years ago, the older portion being originally a linen factory, run by Messrs Jackson. About 20,000 square yards of linoleum is the weekly output, and although at present only 25 persons are employed, the number in pre-war days was 45. In both factories, the products are at the disposal of the Scottish and English Wholesale Societies.”

15th November 1919

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Armistice Anniversary** – “The two minutes’ silence was observed here on Tuesday. In the factories the power was shut off at 11 o’clock, which brought the workers to a standstill. In the school a hymn was sung and a prayer offered.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Scottish Co-operative Wholesale Society** – “To inaugurate the Scottish Co-operative Wholesale Society Limited’s entering into possession of the Pleasance Linen and St John’s Floorcloth Works, Falkland, the employees were entertained to a grand social and dance in the Floorcloth Department on Friday evening. Mr Robert Stewart, chairman of the Society, occupied the chair. The tables were beautifully laid, and about 200 sat down and did justice to an excellent supper. After supper, addresses were given by ex-Bailie Little, Director of the Society, Mr John W. Jackson, Mr G. Robertson, and others. A concert party from Glasgow and a kinematograph, showing the Society’s productive works, were very much enjoyed. After the floor was cleared, dancing was heartily engaged in for a few hours. An orchestra from Glasgow supplied the music.”



**Pleasance Linen Factory Workers
St John's Floorcloth Workers**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Pulpit** – “The Rev. J.K. Russell, B.D., who has been serving as Chaplain to H.M. Forces for the past 12 months, has now been demobilised, and occupied the pulpit of the Established Church on Sunday.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Presentation** – “On Friday evening, the employees of the Floorcloth factory presented Mr Andrew Forrester, their late works manager, with a case of pipes and a fountain pen. Mr T.D. Hopkins made the presentation, and Mr Forrester suitably responded.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **National Insurance and Fraternal Sections** – “Mr David Duncan, Knowehead, Freuchie, has been appointed Secretary for the National Insurance and Fraternal Sections in place of Mr T.D. Hopkins, resigned. Mr Hopkins has held this post for the past six years.”

29th November 1919

Extract from *The Fife News*: **New Headmaster** – “Mr Nisbet, the new headmaster of the Public School, commenced his duties last week.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Appointment** – “Mr Ivan Tait, Newton of Falkland, has been appointed assistant surveyor to Kirkcaldy District Committee at a salary of £200 a year.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Supper** – “Mr Andrew Forrester, late works manager of the St John’s Floorcloth Works, entertained the employees to a supper in the Commercial Hotel Hall on Thursday evening last week. With songs, etc., a very enjoyable evening was spent.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Whist Drive and Dance** – “A very successful whist drive and dance, in aid of the district Nursing Association, was held in the Drill Hall on Friday night. The prize-winners were: -

Ladies – 1. Miss Thomson, Strathmiglo; 2. Mrs Morgan, Kilgour Farm; Consolation – Miss Humphries, Falkland.

Gentlemen – 1. Mr Aitken, Falkland Road; 2. Mr Paterson, Dubbs Farm, Auchtermuchty; Consolation – Mr C.A. Drysdale, Falkland.”

6th December 1919

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Presentation** – “The workers of the Pleasance Linen and St John’s Floorcloth Works were each presented with a sum of money as a parting gift from their late employers, Messrs Charles Jackson & Sons (Limited).”

13th December 1919

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Expenses in Servitude Road Dispute** – “In connection with the dispute concerning a servitude road, brought to Cupar Sheriff Court by Thomas Milne, Gowrie, by Freuchie, heritable proprietor of the lands and estate of Gowrie, near Falkland, against George Maxwell, farmer, Kilgowrieknowe, proprietor of the lands and estate of Kilgowrieknowe, near Falkland. Mr A.E. Grosset, Cupar, agent for the pursuer, said his client had accepted a tender made by pursuer, and he was therefore entitled to expenses. Mr J.L. Anderson, Cupar, for the defender, said the acceptance of the tender by the pursuer was practically an abandonment of his

whole case. The pursuer's whole complaint was that the defender had encroached upon the servitude road by ploughing up to the width of two feet six inches, and thereby narrowing his (pursuer's) path to somewhere about 7 feet. The origin of that litigation was this complaint, which he had abandoned at the eleventh hour. Within the last fortnight pursuer had sued for peace. Evidently he thought he would have to grasp at some straw, and he accepted that tender, which was put on record, and which was to the effect that he would be permitted to bring a traction engine over the road, provided he made good any damage caused by it to the pursuer's property. That was a thing which nobody had ever denied him. In other words, the defender had imposed his will upon the pursuer, and the pursuer had accepted. If that did not mean that the defender was absolutely successful, he did not know what success meant. Sheriff Dudley Stuart said he would consider the matter."

20th December 1919

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lecture** – “A very interesting lecture was given by the Rev. Mr Beveridge, of New Deer, on “Lady Nairne and her Songs” on Tuesday evening in the Drill Hall in aid of the War Memorial. Songs were sung by Misses Horne, A. Forsyth, E. Grant, and L. Finlay, Messrs Drysdale and Grant. Miss Edmiston and Miss Gavin played the accompaniments.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Action Dismissed** – “Sheriff Dudley Stuart has dismissed the action in which he was asked to dispose of the question of expenses, namely, the case brought by Thos. Milne, Gowrie, by Freuchie, against George Maxwell, farmer, Kilgowrie Knowe, in connection with a servitude road. The Sheriff holds that the case was settled by a tender made by the pursuer, and the proper course now is to dismiss it.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Social and Dance** – “A grand social and dance in connection with the Falkland Equitable Co-operative Store was held in the Drill Hall on Friday evening. Addresses were given by Mr James Skinner (president); Mr J. Balfour, Kirkcaldy; Mr Stewart, Kirkcaldy. Songs were contributed by Misses A. Forsyth and M. Oswald, Messrs J. Ross, J. Walker, and J. Morrison. Dancing was engaged in till the early hours of the morning.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Masonic** – “At a meeting of the St John's Masonic Lodge, the following office-bearers were elected: -

R.W.M. – Bro. John Drysdale; I.P.M. – Bro. T.D. Hopkins; D.P.M. – Bro. James Jackson; S.M. – Bro. Alex Grieve; W.S.W. – Bro. T.C. Schofield; W.J.W. – Bro. William Aitken; W.S. – Bro. D. Campbell; Treasurer – Bro. A. Venters; S.D. – Bro. A. Fraser; J.D. – Bro. David Duncan; I.G. – Bro. Alex Fraser snr; Chaplain – Bro. Rev. D. Begbie; B.B. – William Leuchars; S.B. – Bro. P. Robertson; A. – Bro. R. Miller; Tyler – Bro. John Walker.”

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Extract from *The Fife News*: **Presentation** – “A social meeting of the congregation of the Parish Church was held in the Drill Hall on Wednesday evening last week. Mr David Bonthron presided. Mr Tait, Park House, Newton of Falkland, in a few racy remarks presented the Rev. J.K. and Mrs Russell with two chairs, a settee, and a silver card-tray on the occasion of their marriage. Mr Russell feelingly replied. Songs, etc., contributed to the enjoyment of the evening.”