

Falkland 1900-2000

Year 1924

(As researched by Jack Burgess)

5th January 1924

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Billiard Table** – “A half-size billiard table has been placed in the War Memorial Institute for the purpose of teaching the art to the younger members.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Children** – “The children who attend the Parish and U.F. Churches were entertained and presented with gifts taken from Christmas trees erected at these churches last Friday evening.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **New Year Holidays** – “The linen and floorcloth factories, along with other works, closed down last Saturday for one week.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **New Year** – “Bringing in the New Year was very quietly observed in the village. There did not seem to be the same merry-making as has been maintained on former occasions.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Coals for the Poor** – “The annual distribution of coal is being made this week to the poor in Falkland parish, also parcels of tea and other seasonable gifts, through the kindness of Mrs Gulland, Elie, late of Millfield; the Committee of the Ladies’ Club, Mrs A. Maule Ramsay, and ex-Provost Jackson. The old folks appreciate the kindness of the donors in remembering them at this time of year.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Vital Statistics** – “Of 31 deaths in Falkland parish during the year, 10 were persons over 70, five over 80, and one over 93 years of age. There were 32 births and 14 marriages, compared with 35 births and 12 marriages, respectively, for the previous year.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Ornithological Society** – “This Society held their 57th annual show in the Drill and Town Halls on Wednesday. Although there was no caged bird section, many fine birds were exhibited in the poultry and pigeon classes. The judges were: -

Poultry, soft feather – Wm. Danchin, Glenraig

Hard feather – Jas. Delaney, Gateside.

Pigeons – Andrew Anderson, Edinburgh.

The Hain Cup, presented for the best bird in the show, and the Society’s Cup for the best pigeon, were won by Messrs A. Garland, Gateside, and G. Anderson, jnr., Anstruther.

12th January 1924

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

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Pulpit** – “Mr Summers, a student from St Andrews University, occupied the Parish Church pulpit on Sunday morning. Rev. Mr Anderson of Auchtermuchty conducted the afternoon service in the U.F. Church.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Dance** – “As a result of the Christmas dance organised by the Ladies’ Club, 36lb of tea and 72lb of sugar have been distributed amongst the deserving people in the village. One guinea was also forwarded to Perth Infirmary.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cinema** – “The big picture on Saturday evening was entitled ‘Sonny’, with Richard Barthelmess in the leading role. The new serial entitled ‘The White Eagle’, and featuring Ruth Roland, promises to be very exciting.”



Richard Barthelmess

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death** – “At Falkland Palace, Falkland, on the 8th inst., George Gavin, factor, Falkland Estate – R.I.P. Funeral on Friday, 11th inst. Service in the Palace Chapel at 1 o’clock. This is the only intimation and invitation.”

Article in *The Fife News*: **Death of Mr George Gavin, Falkland Palace – A Highly Esteemed Factor:**

“The hand of death has been heavily laid of late on men of Fife, whom the county can ill spare. Three weeks ago it was our melancholy duty to record the unlooked-for death of Mr James E. Grosset, L.L.B., of Eden Park, Cupar. Among those present at that gentleman’s funeral was Mr George Gavin, factor, Falkland Palace, and now we record with profound regret that he also has answered the inexorable call. Both men have been cut off in the prime of life, and have left blanks that will not be easily filled. Mr Gavin was 57 years of age.

Mr Gavin had been confined to his house for a fortnight, and suffered from two heart attacks during that time, but he recovered, and was thought to be progressing favourably. A severe heart attack on Tuesday evening terminated fatally.

Mr Gavin was born and educated in the city of Aberdeen. He received his early training in estate management in the office of the widely known agriculturalist, Mr Andrew Whitton of Couston of Newtyle, who was then factor on the extensive Mackenzie-Wharncliffe estates belonging to the Earl of Wharncliffe, and on the estate of Belmont, the property of the late Right Hon. Sir Henry Campbell-

Bannerman, M.P. In 1980, Mr Whitton resigned these factorships, and Mr J.W. Barty, LL.D., Dunblane, was appointed his successor as factor on the Wharncliffe estates. Mr Gavin thereupon transferred to Dunblane, and latterly became Dr Barty's principal assistant in the factorial department of an extensive business, which included the management, not only of the Wharncliffe properties, but of a large number of estates in West Perthshire and Stirlingshire. He remained 14 years in the 'Cathedral City', and in 1901 was appointed resident factor to Sir Robert Moncrieffe, Bart of Moncrieffe, Bridge of Earn. In addition to the local management of the Moncrieffe estate and Sir Robert's estate of Trinity Gask, near Crieff, he had the supervision of the large dairy on the home farm and a flock of pedigree Shropshire sheep.

While at Moncrieffe, Mr Gavin received the important appointment of factor on Falkland estate, succeeding in that office the late Major Wood, who factored the property for 32 years, and occupying as his residence a part of the Royal and ancient Palace of Falkland. Mr Gavin discharged the duties pertaining to the office with judicious care and efficiency, and proved a valuable public servant, whose obliging disposition gained him wide respect. He was a member of Falkland Parish Council, a member of the Executive Committee of the County Council, and served his term of three years as a Director of the Fife Agricultural Society, of which he was a vice-President. He was a member of the local Committee for the Highland Show at Cupar in 1912, and a member of the Royal Scottish Arboricultural Society's Committee in charge of the arrangements for the Forestry Exhibition in the showyard. Mr Gavin was an active member of Cupar District Committee.

With the social life of Falkland, Mr Gavin had much to do. The fetes connected with the coming-of-age of the late Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart, M.P., (who was killed in the Great War), his Lordship's marriage, the birth of a son and heir, and the homecoming of Lord and Lady Ninian and their young son were all admirably carried out under the direction of Mr Gavin, and reflected great credit on his organising skill and ability. Last autumn, when Her Majesty the Queen visited Falkland Palace, and was received by the Hon. Mrs Maule Ramsay, Mr Gavin made all the arrangements for that event, which will become historic. Mr Gavin was presented to Her Majesty. In the lifetime of Lord Ninian, Falkland Golf Club were given a fine site for their Club-house mainly through Mr Gavin's representations to his Lordship. Mrs Gavin died in 1914. Mr Gavin's only son is in Nigeria. The eldest of his four daughters was married to Mr W. Gilmour Leburn, Gateside House, on 11th July 1922. The young couple proceeded to Hamburg, Germany, where Mr Leburn was engaged in business. They returned last autumn, accompanied by the late Mr Gavin, who crossed over to Hamburg, and spent a few weeks there. An interview with them regarding the position of Germany was published in this journal in November.

The funeral takes place today (Friday), at 1.30 p.m.)"

19th January 1924

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Draughts** – “Mr Herbert Robson won the War Memorial Institute annual draughts tournament by defeating Mr Peter Robertson in the final.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Tribute** – “The Rev. J.K. Russell paid a touching tribute to the late Mr Gavin from the Parish Church pulpit on Sunday morning.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death** – “The death occurred at the Lodge last Friday of Mr Andrew Cation. He had been lodge-keeper on Falkland estate for the last 12 years or so. Deceased was 68 years of age.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cinema** – “‘Nero’, with Jacques Gretillat playing the leading part, was the title of the feature film shown last Saturday night. A treat is in store for picture-goers this week-end, when ‘Circus Days’, featuring Jackie Coogan will be screened.”



Jacques Grétilat as Nero with Violet Mersereau during the film.

Extract from *The Fife News*: **B.O.A.F.G.** – “At the annual general meeting of the B.O.A.F.G. ‘Lomond Oak’ Lodge (387), held in the Town Hall on Thursday evening last week, the following office-bearers were appointed for 1924: -

W.M. – Bro. James Skinner; D.M. – Peter Robertson; P.M. – George Hardie; S.W. – Wm. W. Gullon; J.W. – Peter Birrell; I.G. – Michael Lawson; O.S. – John Reekie; Chaplain – David Munro; Stewards – Falkland, Peter Lawson; Freuchie, Robert

Dewar; Secretary – James Hardie; Treasurer – James Lawson; Auditors – Thos. D. Hopkins and Peter Robertson; Trustees – Wm. Gray, Dunshalt; Jas. Duncan, Freuchie; and George Hardie, Falkland. Bro. George Hardie was nominated as candidate to the District Executive.”

Advert in *The Fife News*: **Cinema**



Cinema Advert

Article in *The Fife News*: **Funeral of the Late Mr George Gavin, Factor of Falkland Estate:**

“A large and representative gathering of friends and the public attended the Chapel at Falkland Palace on Friday afternoon to pay their last respects to Mr George Gavin. A short service was held in the chapel, and the officiating clergymen were Father Connolly, Lochgelly, and Father McNamara, Perth. The coffin was then conveyed to the hearse by the employees on the estate. On arrival at the private burial ground at House of Falkland about 1.30 p.m., eight of the tenantry carried the remains to the graveside. The pall-bearers were: -

Mr W.G. Leburn (son-in-law), Mr Nath Gavin, Manchester (brother), Mr R. Gavin, Glasgow (brother), Mr MacDonald, Perth (brother-in-law), Captain A. Maule Ramsay, House of Falkland, Lord Collum Crichton-Stuart, M.P., Mr David Bonthronne, Newton of Falkland, Dr J.G. Jack, Glasgow.

Among the many floral tributes were those from the tenantry, the employees of the estate, and Southfield Hospital, Auchtermuchty. The Town Council, Parish Council, and County Council were all represented at the funeral.”

26th January 1924

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cinema** – “There was a large audience at each house on Saturday evening to see Jackie Coogan in ‘Circus Days’. The star attraction for to-morrow night (Saturday) is ‘Samson and Delilah’ with Maria Corda in the leading role.”



Circus Days (1923)

2nd February 1924

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Boy Scouts** – “The local troop of Boy Scouts and Company of Boys’ Brigade, under Scoutmaster John Baillie and Lieutenant Wm. Robertson, attended afternoon service in the Parish Church on Sunday.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Picture House** – “There were good attendances at both houses on Saturday evening when the picture entitled ‘Samson and Delilah’ was screened. The feature film to be shown to-morrow night (Saturday) is ‘The Sign of Four’. Isobel Elsom plays the leading part in this picture.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **B.O.A.F.G. Lomond Oak Lodge, No. 387 – Semi-Jubilee Dance** – “A very successful dance was held in the Drill Hall, Falkland, on Friday night, at which about fifty couples took part. The hall was tastefully decorated

with evergreens, motto's, streamers, etc. Anderson's Jazz Band from Cowdenbeath supplied an excellent programme of bright and up-to-date music, which was much appreciated by the dancers. The refreshments were in the capable hands of Mrs Birrell and her Committee of Ladies. Great praise is due to them for the very efficient manner in which their duties were carried out. Delegates were present from Kirkcaldy District Executive; Vale of Eden Lodge, Cupar; Pride of Thornton Lodge, Thornton; Rothes Oak Lodge, Leslie; and Masonic Lodge, St John, Falkland. The duties of M.C.'s were carried out by Bros. Peter Birrell and John Hardie. Much of the success of the function was due to the capable and energetic Committee, whose arrangements for the comfort and enjoyment of all were very well made. Bros. Wm. Clark, district secretary, and Thomas Greenhorn each gave a very interesting account of the work carried out by the 'Lomond Oak' Lodge since its opening over twenty-five years ago, and congratulated the office-bearers and brethren on the funds of the Lodge, which amounted to almost £1,700. On behalf of the delegates, Bro. Duncan Robb, W.M., Vale of Eden Lodge, proposed a very hearty vote of thanks for the very enjoyable time which they had spent amongst the brethren and friends at Falkland. The 'Grand March' was led off by Bro. James Skinner, W.M., and Mrs G.S. Hardie. Bro. Geo. S. Hardie, P.M., and Miss Girdwood, followed by delegates, brethren and friends. The following were present: -

W.M., James Skinner; P.M., George S. Hardie; I.G., Michael Lawson; Bros. James Archibald Henry and Wm. Birrell, Alex Shepherd, Thomas and Chris R. Drysdale, Peter Lawson, Richard and James Homden, Walter Peggie, Thomas Imrie, George Dryden, James and John R. Hay, Wm. Clark and Thos. Greenhorn, from Kirkcaldy District; A. Marshall and J. Seath, from Pride of Thornton Lodge; Duncan Robb, Wm. Duncan and R. Kidd., from Vale of Eden Lodge; Henry Blyth and John Laing, from Rothes Oak Lodge; Jas. Walker, from Masonic Lodge, St John; Messrs T.C. Schofield, Wm. Findlay, J. Lawson, J. McEwan, Geo. Anderson, W. Malloch, E. Borthwick, W. and A. Dewar, R. Bogie, D. Joss, J. Dalrymple, A. Henderson, J. and K. Brunton, A. Archibald, J. Scott, R. Peebles, W. Meldrum, J. Young, C. Oram.

Ladies – Misses A. Edmeston, E. Kennedy, E. Grant, L. Hardie, C. Lawson, J. Anderson, Mrs Homden, Misses J. Drysdale, M. Archibald, L. Fernie, C. Hardie, J. Girdwood, E. Taylor, N. Robb, N. Anderson, M. and B. Anderson, M. and M. Lawson, M. Birrell, K. White, H. and J. Nelson, B. Douglas, C. Cowan, H. and A. Forsyth, J. and L. Findlay, R. Grant, I. Bogie, J. Smith, M. Calder, E. Ashton, J.B. Dewar, C. Drysdale, A. Oswald, M.J. Thomson, E. Hay, M. Dowie, A. Dalrymple, A. and J. Meldrum, E. McEwan, J. Turnbull, C. Sturrock, Mrs Bartie, and Mrs Garland.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death – Seawright** – “At Toronto, suddenly, Agnes Bayne, beloved wife of Richard Seawright, and dearly beloved eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs W.E. Strudley, Bruce Arms Hotel, Falkland, aged 30.”

9th February 1924

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

“Freuchie Rovers had Falkland as their opponents in a Cupar and District League match on Freuchie Park last Saturday. Falkland, judged by their play, seemed to have lacked opportunities for practice lately, and we have no doubt that with an improvement in this direction they would give more effective opposition. As it was, Wilkie scored for Freuchie off a penalty almost at the start, and within the first half the home team put on another three goals, 2 by Henderson and 1 by Ferguson. After changing, Henderson put on another goal, thus performing the hat trick, and Wilkie also put on a second goal off a corner. Forrester in goal for Freuchie had one or two visitors, but for long stretches was left without company.

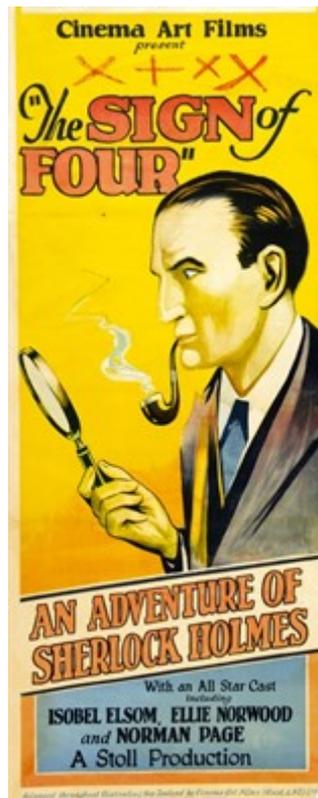
Final score – Freuchie Rovers – 6, Falkland Vics – 0.”

Cupar & District Football League – Western Section

Week ending 2nd February 1924

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
<i>Bellevue</i>	7	6	1	0	17	7	12
<i>Kettle Vale</i>	10	6	4	0	21	14	12
<i>Freuchie</i>	7	5	1	1	23	7	11
<i>Leslie</i>	7	5	1	1	17	4	11
<i>Markinch</i>	5	4	1	0	15	6	8
<i>Stratheden</i>	6	3	3	0	10	14	6
<i>Newburgh</i>	5	1	4	0	6	14	2
<i>Falkland Vics</i>	8	1	7	0	15	34	2
<i>Prinlaws Utd</i>	7	0	7	0	9	33	0

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cinema** – *“Both houses were well patronised last Saturday evening, when ‘The Sign of Four’ was screened. ‘The Prodigal Son’ is the title of the big picture for this week-end.”*



The Sign of Four (1923)

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – “The Victoria F.C. were defeated 6-0 by Freuchie Rovers at Freuchie on Saturday. Lack of training told its tale.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Dominoes** – “Mr Herbert Robson won a domino tournament in the War Memorial Institute on Tuesday evening. He defeated Mr Wm. Strudley in the final.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Masonic** – “Lodge St John (No. 35), Falkland, were visited by a deputation from the Provincial Grand Lodge, headed by Bro. Middleton, Grand Master, along with Bro. G. Tennant Gordon, P.G.L. secretary. The books were found to be in a satisfactory condition. Bro. John Garland, R.W.M. presided.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Testimonial to Retired Factory Manager** – “On Tuesday evening, Messrs Thomas Schofield and John Collins called at the Pleasance, on Mr John Skinner, late works manager of the S.C.W.S. Pleasance Linen Works, and on behalf of the staff and employees, and a few commercial friends presented him with a wallet of Treasury notes. Mr Schofield spoke of the

high esteem and regard which accompanied the gift from all the subscribers. Then Mr Collins, who had been associated with Mr Skinner for about 35 years, remarked on the kind and obliging manner the late manager had displayed towards his fellow workers, and complimented him on recently attaining his jubilee before retiring. Mr Collins hoped that both Mr and Mrs Skinner would be long spared to enjoy the well earned rest. Mr Skinner feelingly replied.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Billiards** – “The Institute billiard team travelled to Freuchie on Thursday evening last week and defeated the homesters by 4 games to 2. Scores: -

Freuchie		Falkland	
J. Dalrymple	100	H. Brown	71
J. Morgan	58	J. Burgon	100
A. Robertson	90	C. Drysdale	100
J. Macdonald	48	W. Strudley	100
T. Livingstone	68	T. Drysdale	100
E. Borthwick	100	S. Grierson	96
	464		567

16th February 1924

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Scouts** – “The local troop of Boy Scouts were inspected at their headquarters last Friday evening, by Major George Lumsden, Tarvit, Cupar, Commissioner for the county of Fife.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cinema** – “‘The Prodigal Son’, featuring Stewart Rome, was shown on Saturday night, and despite the inclement weather, there were good audiences. ‘Trouble’, with Jackie Coogan in the leading role is the fare for this week-end.”



Scene from 'The Prodigal Son' (1923)

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Whist Drive and Dance** – “A whist drive and dance, organised by the Ladies Club, was held in the Liqueorstane Temperance Hotel on Thursday evening last week, and proved a great success. There was a large turnout of players at the whist drive, twenty tables being occupied, but the winning scores were not very high, although play was keen. Mr Thomas Schofield made an efficient M.C., and music for the dance was discoursed by Smart’s band from Auchtermuchty. Prize-winners at the whist were: -

Ladies – 1. Mr A. Smith (playing as a lady); 2. Miss C. Peggie; consolation – Miss M. Smith.

Gentlemen – 1. Mr J. Robertson, Ladybank; 2. Mr C.R. Drysdale; consolation – Mr Jas. Hay.

Mr W. Fraser, Ladybank, won a prize for guessing the highest score, and Mr W. Findlay, Newton of Lathrisk, was winner of ‘naming the hidden article’ competition.”

23rd February 1924

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Women’s Guild** – “The members of the Parish Church Women’s Guild held a very happy social meeting in the vestry on Thursday evening last week. Mrs Alexander, Cupar, was present, and delivered an address on the

Guild Council. Songs were rendered by Misses E. Grant, H. Forsyth, A. Oswald, and C. Drysdale, and Mrs Russell gave a reading. Miss A. Edmeston was accompanist."

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

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Billiards** – "The return match between Falkland and Freuchie took place at Falkland War Memorial Institute on Thursday evening last week. On this occasion the visitors avenged their previous defeat by winning 4 games to 2. Scores: -

Falkland		Freuchie	
D. Clark	90	D. Duncan	120
W. Strudley	98	T. Livingstone	120
H. Brown	117	J. Dalrymple	120
S. Grierson	120	E. Borthwick	117
J. Burgon	106	R. Robertson	120
C. Drysdale	120	A. Robertson	109
	651		706

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cinema** – "Both houses were packed on Saturday night when 'Trouble' starring Jackie Coogan, was screened. The antics of this little character created hearty laughter."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Social and Dance** – "Some time ago a Committee was elected from the employees of the linen and floorcloth factories to arrange for a social and dance, and as a result of their efforts the function took place in the Drill Hall last Friday evening, and proved a great success. Provost Hopkins occupied the chair in the presence of a large company. After a delightful tea, a large and varied concert programme was carried through, to which the following contributed: -

Pianoforte duet – Misses A. Edmeston and H. Forsyth; songs 'Dear Old Home Songs' and 'Love's Old Sweet Song' – Miss M.J. Thomson; 'Auld Scotch Mither Mine' and 'Angus MacDonald' – Miss A. Forsyth; 'Far, Far, Awa' – Miss H. Forsyth; 'Robin Adair' and 'The Song That Reached My Heart' – Miss Annie Oswald; 'My Old

Man' – Mr Herbert Robson; 'McGinty's Goat' and 'Cabbages, Cabbeans and Carrots' – Mr Thomas Schofield; Recitations 'Gunga Din' and 'The Girl on the Stairs' – Mr Thomas Drysdale; mandolin selection – Miss Jenny Drysdale; dances 'Sword Dance' and 'Highland Fling' – Misses Bessie Anderson, Margaret and Jeannie Lawson.

At a dance which followed, about 50 couples took the floor to the music of Davidson's Band from Cardenden. Messrs Wm. Robertson and Peter Birrell were efficient M.C.'s."

Extract from *The Fife News* – **Birth – Batchelor** – “At United Free Church Manse, Falkland, on 14th February, to the Rev. James P. Batchelor, M.A., and Mrs Batchelor, a son.”

1st March 1924

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Merriment** – “The Reading-Room was the scene of much merriment on Thursday evening last week when the younger members of the Institute were entertained by the Ladies' Club. After doing justice to a splendid tea, various games were taken part in with great zest.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Social** – “The members of the U.F. Church Bible class, along with their friends, held a very enjoyable social meeting in the Church Hall last Friday evening. A delightful tea was served by the ladies, and afterwards many games were carried through, and a few songs contributed.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **A Lantern Lecture** – “A lantern lecture entitled ‘Mind the Step’, was delivered in the Parish Church on Saturday afternoon by Mr Dixon. Mr Robert Miller operated the lantern.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – “Falkland Victoria F.C. gained two points on Saturday afternoon when they made the strong going Stratheden go under by two goals to nothing. The locals held the upper hand all through the game, and gained a well-earned victory. Strudley and Dall were the marksmen.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Scouts** – “The local troop of Boy Scouts, under Scoutmasters Baillie and Wallace, were present at divine worship in the U.F. Church on Sunday afternoon. A section of the Boys' Brigade, numbering about twenty, and

commanded by Lieutenants Robertson and Dakers, journeyed by bus on Sunday to Kirkcaldy to attend a conference and church parade there."

8th March 1924

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Billiards** – *"Mr James Ross defeated Mr Wm. Strudley in the final of a billiard tournament in the Institute last Wednesday evening."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cinema** – *"The Return of the Prodigal", which is the sequel to 'The Prodigal Son', was shown on Saturday night, and those who were present witnessed some very good acting. 'Guy Fawkes' is the feature picture for tomorrow night (Saturday), and should prove good entertainment."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Service** – *"Rev. James Bell of Auchtermuchty conducted the morning service in the Parish Church on Sunday."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Masonic Dance** – *"The brethren of Lodge St John, 35, held their annual dance in the Drill Hall last Friday evening, and, due to the efforts of a hard working Secretary and Committee, it proved a great success. The hall was tastefully decorated for the occasion, and festoons, bunting and streamers were much in evidence. Delegates were present from Lodges King Robert the Bruce, Ladybank, and St Cyre, Auchtermuchty. Bro. John Garland, R.W.M. of the Lodge, extended a hearty welcome to all of the company, and hoped that they would enjoy themselves. He then, accompanied by Mrs Garland, led off the 'Grand March' to the music of Neil's orchestra from Pitlessie. The duties of M.C.'s were ably carried out by Bros. Wm. Anderson and Alex. Cowan, and the catering was very efficiently attended to by a Committee of ladies. There would be about 45 couples present."*

15th March 1924

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Scouts and Boys' Brigade** – *"On Sunday, the local troop of Boy Scouts and Company of the Boys' Brigade, under Scoutmaster Wallace and Lieutenants Robertson and Dakers, attended forenoon service in the Parish Church, and afternoon service in the U.F. Church."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Billiards** – “The final of the boys’ billiards tournament was played off in the Institute last week. Messrs James Dakers and Robert Anderson were the finalists, and after a close game the former was victorious.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Pulpit** – “Miss Watters, a Sunday School representative, occupied the Parish Church pulpit on Sunday morning, and delivered an address on Sunday School work to the congregation. The same subject was also dealt with in the U.F. Church in the afternoon by Miss Letham.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Billiards** – “A billiard team from Nether Street Institute, Kirkcaldy, visited the Institute on Thursday evening last week, and defeated the locals by four games to nil.

Scores: -

Falkland		Nether Street	
H. Brown	147	R. Dey	150
S. Grierson	124	G. Cook	150
T. Drysdale	117	J. Dingwall	150
D. Clark	131	W. Riggins	150
	519		600

After the game, the players were entertained to tea by the Ladies Club.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Concert** – “The Drill Hall was packed to overflowing on Wednesday evening, when the members of the Choral and Musical Appreciation Class, under Mr D.C. Walker held their concert. The programme was on the same lines as described in last week’s Fife News, in the report of the Freuchie concert.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Appointment** – “Mr A. Shanks, Falkland Road, has been appointed a member of the sub-Committee of the County Council, under the Diseases of Animals Act, in place of the late Mr George Gavin, Falkland Estate Office.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cinema** – “Guy Fawkes’ was shown on Saturday night, and the acting of Matheson Lang in the leading role was very good. Picture-goers are sure of amusing entertainment this week-end, as Harold Lloyd (‘Winkle’) plays the principal part in ‘Grandma’s Boy’, which will be screened.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death of Retired Works Manager** – “On Monday night, Mr John Skinner, Pleasance, passed away after a brief illness. About the New Year Mr Skinner retired from the works managership of S.C.W.S. Linen Factory, which position he held for about twenty-five years. Deceased was 78 years of age. Much sympathy is extended to Mrs Skinner in her sad bereavement.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Concert** – “A very successful concert, organised by Messrs D. Clark and J. Ross, was held in the Drill Hall on Friday night. Bailie Robertson occupied the chair, and there was a large audience. A long and varied programme was ably sustained. Songs were given by Misses J. Bett, M.J. Thomson, M. Dowie, Messrs D. Cowan, John Ross, C.R. Drysdale; recitations, Mr T. Drysdale; mandolin selections, Mr Harry Lee. Misses J. Drysdale and J. Bett, and Messrs H. Lee, C.R. Drysdale and D. Cowan contributed a short humorous sketch, entitled ‘Beaten at the Post Office’. Mr D. Clark acted as accompanist. The proceeds of this concert go to local charity.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cantata** – “The sacred cantata, entitled ‘The Mission of the Flowers’ was given in the Parish Church on Thursday evening last week by the members of the Band of Hope, under the leadership of Mr George Spence, with Miss A. Edmeston as accompanist. Solos and duets were contributed as follows: -

‘Shadow and Sunlight’, Miss L. Page; ‘The Good Shepherd’, Miss J. Drysdale; ‘In Country Fair’, Miss A. Oswald; ‘Forgive Us, O Our Father’, Miss B. Anderson; ‘Copy the Flowers’, Misses M. and C. Drysdale; ‘Pardon and Peace’, Misses N. Anderson and J. Bett.

A story in conjunction with the singing, and illustrated at intervals with lantern slides, was read by Rev. J.K. Russell. On Saturday, the children were entertained to tea in the vestry.”

22nd March 1924

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Outbreak of Anthrax** – “An outbreak of anthrax has occurred on Mr John Gibson’s farm of Woodmill, near Falkland. In three days, three bullocks died in three separate coverts. Two of the deaths occurred on Saturday

and the first one on Thursday last week. The diagnosis of Mr Robert Reid, V.S., Cupar, was confirmed by the Board of Agriculture expert.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Billiards** – “The final of the annual medal competition was played off in the Institute on Thursday evening last week, in the presence of a large turnout of members. Messrs S. Grierson and Charles Oram were the finalists, and after a good game, the former was victorious by 250 points to 189. Mrs T.D. Hopkins, donor of the medal, presented the prizes after the game.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Scouts’ Concert** – “A very enjoyable concert organised by the local Boy Scouts was given on Thursday night in the Drill Hall. Provost Hopkins presided over a large and appreciative audience. A long and varied programme was ably sustained by the following: -

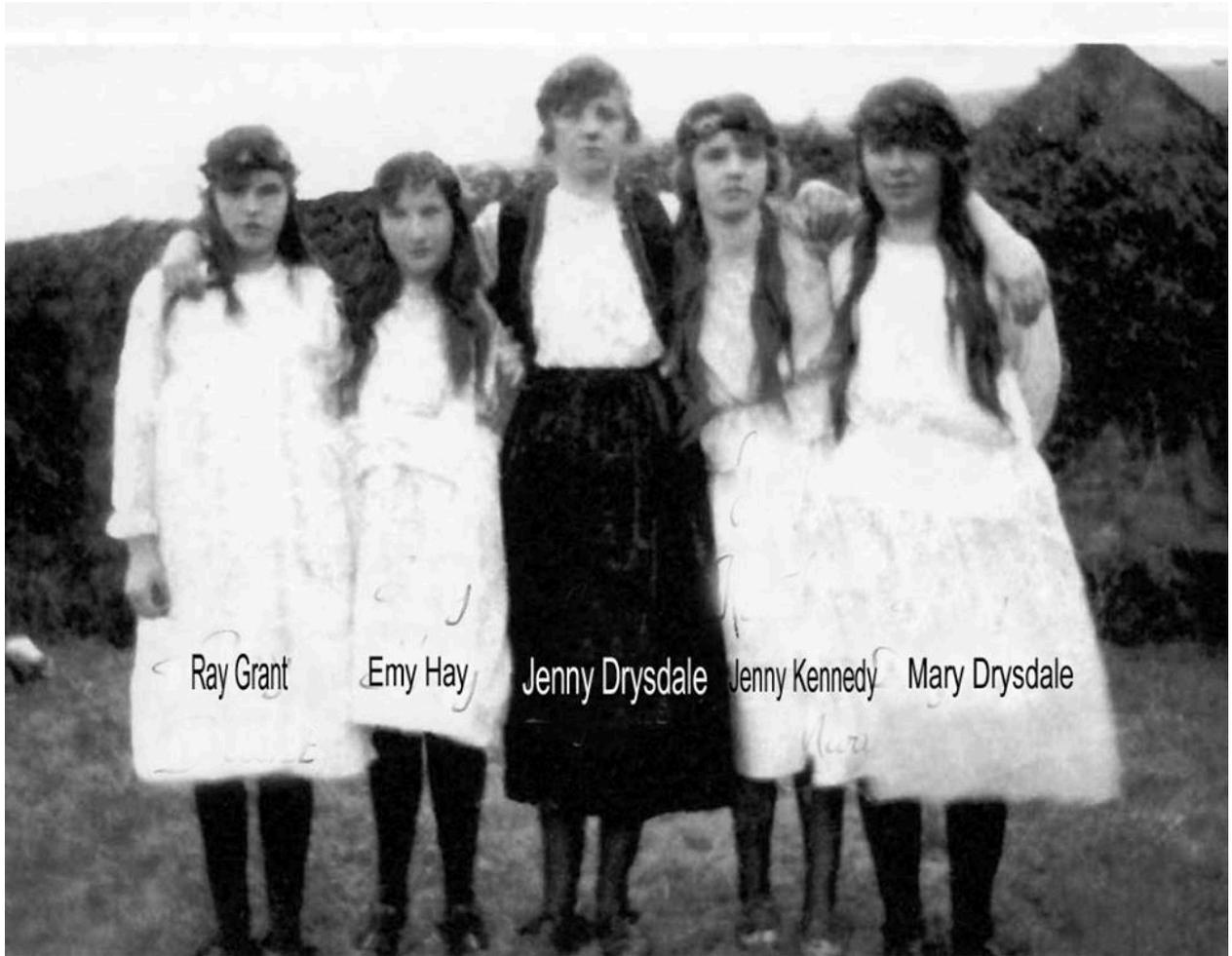
Songs ‘Forth to the Battle’, Boy Scouts; ‘The Picaninnies’, School Chorus Party; ‘The Safest o’ the Family’, Mr T. Patterson; ‘Barney O’Hea’, School Chorus Party; Recitation, ‘Gunga Din’, Mr T. Drysdale; Dancers, Misses B. Anderson, M. and J. Lawson; Sketches, ‘The Chemist’s Shop’, ‘The Recruit’, ‘Darkies in Dongoland’, Boy Scouts; and Indian Clubs display by Mr D. Cowan. Miss H. Forsyth acted as accompanist.

The children acquitted themselves in a very efficient manner, and this reflects great credit on the Misses Forsyth and Scoutmasters J. Baillie and R. Wallace.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricketers’ Dance** – “This dance, which is now an annual affair, took place in the Drill Hall last Friday night, and was a huge success. The hall was very tastefully decorated for the occasion, with festoons, bunting, etc., by Messrs R. Wallace and W. Robertson. About 50 couples took the floor to the music of the Jingo Jazz Orchestra from Kirkcaldy, and the catering arrangements for the function were ably carried out by the members of the Ladies’ Club. Much credit is also due to the Club Committee for the able manner in which arrangements were executed. Messrs Robert Hopkins and Thomas Drysdale were efficient M.C.’s. The acceptances were: -

Ladies – Misses J. Anderson, M. Anderson, E. Ashton, Mrs Bartie, Mrs Brown, Misses C. Cowan, **J. Drysdale**, C. Drysdale, **M. Drysdale**, Mrs J. Drysdale, Misses B. Douglas, K. Duncan, Dewar, A. Edmeston, J. Finlay, L. Finlay, L. Fernie, E. Grant, **R. Grant**, Mrs Garland, Mrs T.D. Hopkins, Misses **E. Hay**, C. Hardie, E. Kennedy, **J. Kennedy**, M. Lawson, Mrs Lewis, Misses J. Meldrum, A. Meldrum, J. Nelson, H. Nelson, J. Ross, J. Robertson, J. Smith, M.J. Thomson, B. Todd, K. Venters, J.

Venters, J. Anderson, Auchtermuchty; B. Grant, Freuchie; L. Hutchison, Auchtermuchty; N. Mechie, Auchtermuchty; J. McKendrick, Auchtermuchty.



Five Falkland Girls (possibly the ones at the Cricketers' Dance

Gentlemen – Messrs H. Birrell, W. Birrell, J. Burgon, J. Brown, A. Cowan, D. Cowan, T. Drysdale, C.R. Drysdale, J. Drysdale, R. Dryburgh, R. Dakers, A. Dakers, A. Douglas, Dewar, S. Grierson, Provost Hopkins, J. Hay, R. Hopkins, T. Hamilton, S. Howie, J. Hardie, T. Imrie, J. Jack, P. Lawson, M. Lawson, J. Lewis, R. Nellies, R. Ness, C. Oram, T. Ross, A. Robertson, P. Robertson, H. Robson, W. Todd, J. Walker, R. Bogie, Kirkforthar Feus; C. Beattie, Freuchie; E. Borthwick, Freuchie; G. Hepburn, Kinghorn; W. Malloch, Dunshalt; D. Reid, Strathmiglo; A. Scott, Cowdenbeath; Shepherd, Forthar; J. Wallace, Kirkcaldy.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “Below is a list of the Falkland Golf Club competitions for 1924: -

March 29 Opening match – Ladies v Gentlemen

April 12 *Monthly Medal*
April 19 *Mixed Foursomes*
May 8 *Monthly Medal*
May 10 *Gentlemen v Ladies*
May 22 *Scratch Medal*
June 5 *Monthly Medal*
June 14 *Mixed Foursomes*
June 12 *Lathrisk Cup*
and 20
July 10 *Monthly Medal*
July 12 *Mixed Foursomes*
Aug 7 *Monthly Medal*
Aug 16 *Mixed Foursomes*
Sept 11 *Monthly Medal*
Oct 9 *Monthly Medal*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Workmen** – “Workmen are at present busily engaged between Falkland and Freuchie laying a cable for the installation of electric light into Falkland.”

29th March 1924

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Service** – “Rev. D.M. Corry, Edinburgh, conducted the afternoon service in the U.F. Church on Sunday.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cinema** – “The hall was well filled at each showing of ‘Who Are My Parents?’ on Saturday night.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Church Soiree** – “A very enjoyable soiree was held in the U.F. Church last Friday evening, when Rev. J.P. Batchelor presided over a large

company. The speakers during the evening were the Rev. W. Gemmell Mitchell, Freuchie; Rev. Mr Rae, Leslie; Rev. Mr Anderson, Auchtermuchty; and Rev. J.K. Russell, Falkland. The choir, under Mr Walter Peggie, jnr., rendered the anthems 'The Lord's My Shepherd', 'O Love that Wilt not Let Me Go', 'Magnify, Glorify', 'Come Let us Sing to the Lord'. Solos entitled 'Nearer My God to Thee', and 'He Wipes the Tear from Every Eye' were given by Miss E. Grant and Mr Thomas Drysdale. Miss C. Peggie played the accompaniments."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Social** – "The members of the combined choir which took part in the aforementioned soiree held a very enjoyable social meeting in the U.F. Church Hall on Tuesday evening. Rev. J.P. Batchelor presided over a very happy company. After a delightful tea, served by the ladies, various games were carried through, and songs were contributed by Miss E. Grant, and Messrs G. Anderson and T. Drysdale. Mr Batchelor then thanked all who had helped to make the meeting a success, and also the members of the Parish Church choir for their aid in the singing last Friday evening."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Motor Driver's Narrow Escape** – "A motor driver had a miraculous escape in an accident at Kirkcaldy on Wednesday afternoon. A motor lorry, while descending The Path, got out of control, and dashed into a wall at the side of the road, tearing a huge gap in the brickwork and scattering the stones into the field below. The front portion of the lorry was badly battered, and the vehicle was on the verge of plunging over into the field, when it came to a standstill, the two front wheels protruding into space in a perilous position. The lorry is owned by Ramsay & Gray, haulage contractors, Falkland, and was coming into the town. It is thought that in descending this somewhat steep street, the brakes had failed to act."

5th April 1924

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cinema** – "The hall was well filled at each showing on Saturday night, of 'Daddy', featuring Jackie Coogan."



'Daddy' (1923) American silent drama film

Extract from *The Fife News: Boys' Brigade* – “The local Company of the Boys’ Brigade under Lieutenants Robertson and Dakers, attended afternoon service in the Parish Church on Sunday. This Company also paraded at Headquarters on Monday evening, and were inspected by Mr David Bonthron of Newton House.”

Extract from *The Fife News: Death – Cairn* – “Suddenly, in Quebec, Canada, on Saturday, 29th March, Vincent, eldest and dearly beloved son of Mr and Mrs Cairn, Central Restaurant, Falkland, in his 22nd year – R.I.P.”

Extract from *The Fife News: Death in Canada* – “Much sympathy is extended to Mr and Mrs Cairn and family, on their receiving the sad news (by cable) on Sunday morning of the sudden death of Vincent, their eldest son. He left Falkland during August of last year to join the harvesters in Canada, and after successfully completing his time at the harvest, he found employment in the paper mills at Quebec. His letters home were most encouraging, and even as recently as last Saturday his parents received one in which he said he was looking forward to

returning home for a short holiday. Vincent (who was better known as Jimmy) was of a quiet and retiring disposition, and was very well liked among his fellows here.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “There was a large turnout of members at the Golf Course on Saturday afternoon, when the opening match between ladies and gentlemen took place. Just before the match commenced, Miss Martyn, Captain of the Ladies’ Golf Club, drove off a ball from the first tee and thus opened the course for the season. The match resulted in a win for the ladies by 8 games to 2. Tea was served to the players by Misses C. Peggie, J. Kennedy, E. Hay and J. Nelson.

Scores: -

Ladies		Gentlemen	
Miss J. Venters	1	Mr G. Hepburn	0
Mrs T.D. Hopkins	1	Mr W. Venters	0
Miss K. Venters	1	Mr G. Robertson	0
Mrs J. Drysdale	0	Mr G. Anderson	1
Miss M. Chisholm	1	Mr T. Drysdale	0
Miss J. Drysdale	1	Mr J. Burgon	0
Miss H. Forsyth	1	Provost Hopkins	0
Miss N. Anderson	0	Mr J. Drysdale	1
T.S.	1	Mr J. Ross	0
C.D.	1	Mr W. Peggie	0
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12th April 1924

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Services** – “Rev. Mr Calder of Aberlady conducted both morning and evening services in the Parish Church on Sunday.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Boy Scouts’ Camp** – “A company of Boy Scouts from Edinburgh, who were camping out at Lathrisk during the week-end attended divine worship in the Parish Church on Sunday morning. There was also a similar

company from Kirkcaldy encamped at the Triangle Park on the side of the East Lomond.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – *“The ladies’ monthly medal competition was played on Saturday afternoon, and won by Miss H. Forsyth.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Collection** – *“A collection in aid of the Royal Blind Asylum and School, Edinburgh, was taken in the linen and floorcloth factories last week, and realised almost £5.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cinema** – *“The Child Thou Gavest Me’ was shown on Saturday night, and both houses were packed.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Spring Holiday** – *“Monday was observed as the annual spring holiday. Quite a number of people left the village for the day, taking advantage of the cheap fares offered by the Railway Co.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket Club Fixtures** – *“Mr Thomas Drysdale, Secretary of the local Cricket Club, has arranged the following list of attractive fixtures for the approaching season, and some stirring encounters should be witnessed at Scroggie Park during the summer: -*

<i>April 26</i>	<i>Burntisland</i>	<i>Home</i>
<i>May 3</i>		<i>Open</i>
<i>May 10</i>	<i>Leslie</i>	<i>Home</i>
<i>May 17</i>	<i>Springfield</i>	<i>Away</i>
<i>May 24</i>		<i>Open</i>
<i>May 31</i>	<i>Burntisland</i>	<i>Away</i>
<i>June 4</i>	<i>Kennoway</i>	<i>Away</i>
<i>June 7</i>	<i>Courier XI</i>	<i>Home</i>
<i>June 11</i>	<i>Freuchie</i>	<i>Away</i>

June 14	Markinch	Home
June 19	Cupar	Home
June 21	Leslie	Away
June 25	Kennoway	Home
June 28	Kelty	Away
July 5	R.A.F. Leuchars	Home
July 9	Freuchie	Home
July 12	Dunnikier	Away
July 19	Markinch	Away
July 24	Dunfermline	Home
July 26	Cupar	Away
Aug 2	Springfield	Home
Aug 9	Dunnikier	Home
Aug 16	Nairn's XI	Home
Aug 23	R.A.F. Leuchars	Away
Aug 30	Kelty	Home
Sept 6	Nairn's XI	Away

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Whist Drive** – “A whist drive, organised by the Ladies’ Club, and in aid of the local F.C. was held in the Liqueorstane Temperance Hotel. Unfortunately, there was a poor turnout, but nevertheless a very enjoyable time was spent. Mr Thomas Schofield acted as M.C. The prize winners were: -

Ladies – 1st – Miss J. Kennedy. 2nd – Miss Malloch, Dunshalt. Consolation – Miss Annie Leggie

Gentlemen – 1st – Mr Charles Oram. 2nd – Mr Robert Nellies. Consolation – Mr William Todd.

Miss Jenny Kennedy also won the travelling prize and Mr William Robertson was successful in a guessing competition. After the whist there followed a dance at which music was supplied by Messrs William Rae (piano) and George Anderson

(violin). During the interval, songs were rendered by Messrs T. Drysdale, D. Cowan, and H. Robson.”

19th April 1924

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Service** – “The Rev. W.L. Craig, of Balmalcolm, conducted the morning service in the U.F. Church on Sunday”



Falkland U.F. Church Congregation circa 1920's

Extract from *The Fife News*: **School** – “The Public School re-opened on Tuesday morning after the Easter vacation. There was a good attendance of pupils.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “The monthly medal competition for gentlemen was played off on Saturday afternoon, and was won by Mr Alex. Hopkins, with a score of 86. Mr T. Drysdale was runner-up.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Putting** – “A large number of people turned out at the opening of Mr Robert Henderson’s putting green at the Liquorstone on Saturday afternoon. Mrs Brown, Dundrennan, opened the course by playing the first stroke, and thereafter many exciting tussles took place between contending players. The company was afterwards entertained to tea by Mrs Henderson.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Putting Match** – “Giffordtown Putting Club paid a visit to Falkland on Saturday evening to play the locals in a friendly game at Mr Strudley’s green. Unfortunately, the visitors’ full team did not turn up, but some of the local players filled the vacancies. The homesters won by 5 games to 4. Scores: -

Falkland		Giffordtown	
Miss J. Finlay	0	Mrs Reid	1
Mrs Brown	0	Mr J. Collie	1
Mr R. Sime	1	Mr Turner	0
Mr H. Robertson	1	Mr A.D. Reid	0
Mr J. Lawson	0	Mr Ness	1
Mr Wm. Strudley	1	Miss E. Kennedy	0
Mr G. Shields	0	Miss L. Finlay	0
Miss J. Drysdale	1	Miss H. Edmeston	0
Mr P. Lawson	1	Miss E. Grant	0
Mr D. Cowan	0	Miss N. Forsyth	1
	5		4

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cinema** – “There was a big programme at the Hall on Saturday night, as two five-reel pictures, entitled ‘The Avenging Torrent’ and ‘Doctor’s Orders’, the last named a comedy featuring Harold Lloyd, were shown. The first episode of the new serial ‘Plunder’, with Pearl White in the leading role, was also screened.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **The Commercial Hotel** – “The licence of Thomas E. Stewart, Commercial Hotel, was renewed on Tuesday by Cupar District Licencing

Court, it being stated by Bailie Hunt that negotiations for the sale of the hotel to Miss Clara Sangster, formerly hotel-keeper at Kingskettle, had fallen through."



Commercial Hotel and The Cross (circa 1920's)

Article in *The Fife News*: **A Falkland Centre-Forward:**

"Falkland football players and supporters will be pleased to hear that Wm. Strudley, the popular centre-forward of the Victoria F.C., has been asked to play a trial for Denbeath Star. The matches in which he is to take part are against Wellesley and Methil Rovers on Friday and Monday nights. 'Bill' has been one of the leading lights in the district as a footballer, and it is hoped he will be successful in taking this step up. In fact, local football fans were a bit disappointed when his name was not amongst those chosen to play in the trial game at 'Mughty on Tuesday night, as he is considered by them to be the best centre playing in the Cupar and District League."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Marriage – Hardie – Girdwood** – *"At the Rothes Arms Hotel, Leslie, on the 9th April, by the Rev. J. Robertson MacGregor, James S. Hardie, elder son of George Hardie, Pleasance, Falkland, to Jenny Marshall, eldest daughter of Robert Girdwood, Ryehill, Leslie."*

26th April 1924

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket** – “The local cricketers commenced practising at the end of last week, and should be in good trim for the opening match to-morrow (Saturday).”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “A mixed foursomes competition was played over nine holes on Saturday afternoon, and was won by Mrs J. Drysdale and Mr Jas. Burgon. The runners up were Miss J. Venters and Mr C.R. Drysdale.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cinema** – “‘Dick Turpin’s Ride to York’, featuring Matheson Lang, was shown on Saturday night, and the film was very well patronised.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cantata** – “The members of the Band of Hope, under Mr George Spence, gave a second rendering of the cantata, entitled ‘The Mission of the Flowers’, in the Parish Church on Sunday evening to a large congregation. Solos were given by Misses J. Drysdale, A. Oswald, B. Anderson, and L. Page, while duets were taken part in by Misses M. Drysdale, J. Bett, and N. Anderson. Miss A. Edmeston played the accompaniments.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf Club** – “A special general meeting of the members of the Golf Club was held in the Clubhouse on Saturday afternoon, for the purpose of electing a Secretary in place of Mr James Hay, who has left the village to take up another situation. In the name of the Club, Mr George Robertson, the Captain, tendered sincere thanks to Mr Hay for the able manner in which he carried through all the duties connected with the Secretary-ship. Mr John Drysdale was appointed to fill the vacancy.”

3rd May 1924

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cuckoo** – “Surely a sign of warmer weather! The cuckoo has been heard, and swallows have arrived.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket Teas** – “The teas at the match against Burntisland on Saturday afternoon were kindly provided by Mrs D. Bonthrone of Newton House.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cinema** – “A five-reel comedy, entitled ‘A Friendly Husband’, featuring Lupino Lane, was screened on Saturday night and proved a great scream. The hall was well filled at each showing.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Falkland House** – “Captain and the Hon. Mrs A. Maule Ramsay have been spending a few days at Falkland House.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Boys’ Brigade** – “The local Company of the Boys’ Brigade, under command of Lieutenants Robertson and Dakers, attended the U.F. Church on Sunday morning.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket** – “Falkland C.C. travel to Kinross to-morrow (Saturday) to play the Shire there. The following team has been chosen: -

T.D. Hopkins (captain), J. Allan, T. Drysdale, C.R. Drysdale, T.C. Schofield, W. Stark, R. Hopkins, J. Shields, P. Lawson, J. Ross and R. Dryburgh.”

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

“The weather conditions on Saturday afternoon were not exactly ideal for cricket, but a very good game took place at Scroggie Park, Falkland, between the above mentioned teams. Winning the toss, Burntisland elected to bat, and the opening pair, W. Brand and J. Pollands, faced the bowling of J. Ross and J. Allan. Five runs were on the board when the first wicket fell, Pollands being clean bowled by Allan. Adamson came in first wicket down, but did not stay long, as he was out to a finely taken catch by Shields in the longfields, off Ross’s bowling. Lawson followed, and left without any addition to the score, being dismissed by a rather loose one from Allan. Brand and Sugden were now together, and runs were coming at a steady pace until the former was run out, due to a smart return from Schofield. The following four batsmen were all out for ‘ducks’, but it seemed the ‘rot’ had been stopped when Rarity and Sugden became partners. This was not the case, however, as the latter, after contributing 11, was bowled by Ross. Anderson and Rarity only put on 6 for the last wicket when Rarity was out to a well-taken catch by Schofield at leg. The innings closed for 35.

C.R. Drysdale and J. Shields opened for Falkland, and 10 runs were signalled before Shields was caught behind the wicket. Lawson now partnered Drysdale, and commenced fireworks right away by opening with a nicely played 4 on the leg side. The former was now hitting out to some tune, and the visitors' score was passed by eight runs when Adamson clean bowled Drysdale, who, although his contribution was only 3, had played steady cricket. T. Drysdale and Stark were dismissed without breaking their 'ducks', and then a long and profitable partnership ensued with Lawson and R. Hopkins, before the former was out to a doubtful lbw decision, after a well-compiled 29. Allan was caught by Pollands after scoring 9, and Schofield along with Hopkins gave the fielders some leather-hunting, till the latter, in attempting to turn a ball to leg, was held by Brand. The Provost came in eighth wicket down and though only scoring 5, had quite a spell at the wicket. The innings closed at 101 for nine wickets. The following analysis show that the home bowlers were in deadly form: -

	O	M	R	W
<i>J. Ross</i>	7	3	12	4
<i>J. Allan</i>	6	1	22	5

Result – Burntisland – 35 runs (L. Synden 11, W. Brand 10); Falkland – 101 runs (P. Lawson 29, R. Hopkins 26)”

Article in *The Fife News*: **Freuchie and Falkland Children’s Trip:**

“Through the kindness of the Lumsden Bursary Trustees, the pupils attending the Supplementary Classes at Freuchie and Falkland Schools enjoyed a trip to Edinburgh last Saturday. To the number of about fifty, they entrained in the morning at Falkland Road Station, accompanied by four of their teachers, and in due time reached the Metropolis. From the Waverley Station, they walked via Princes Street Gardens, the Mound, High Street, and South Bridge to the Royal Scottish Museum in Chambers Street, receiving explanations en route of the various objects of interest.

At the Museum, the party was divided, the boys taking the Engineering Hall, where the greatest interest was evinced in the exhibits showing the development of the bicycle, aeroplane, etc., whilst the girls were shown the needlework, tapestry, etc. Both sexes united to be taken through the natural history collection, and last and most popular of all was the display of historical treasures, such as Queen Mary’s cradle, James V’s bed, carved oak chair from Falkland Palace, Cavalier lace collars, Queen Mary’s needlework, and the last letter written by Queen Mary. A very special item, shown by the kindness of the head attendant, was the recently discovered part

of the city wall which was being erected at the time of Flodden, on which the marks of hurried work subsequent to the battle were plainly discernible.

On leaving the Museum, a first-class dinner was enjoyed in the well-known Patrick Thomson's restaurant, after which the youngsters were taken by tramway cars to the Zoo, where the living animals created intense interest, possibly the most popular items being the Polar bears, in their picturesque surroundings, and the sea lions. At the conclusion of the sight-seeing here, tea was partaken off in the Zoo tea-rooms. Thence the return was made by car to the Haymarket Station, and so home, which was reached, the trippers tired, but happy, about seven o'clock.

Of the educational value of the trip there can be no doubt, and great credit is due to the Lumsden Trust, which provided the finances, to Major J.L. Lumsden, who took a keen personal interest in promoting the arrangements, and to the teachers, who took upon themselves the rather onerous task of piloting the young people on their journey.

The excursion was somewhat of the nature of an experiment, and of its success there can be no doubt."

10th May 1924

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Communion** – *"Communion was dispensed in the Parish and U.F. Churches on Sunday morning. The thanksgiving services in the evening were conducted by the Rev. Oliver Russell, of Paisley, and the Rev. James Whyte, Ceres."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – *"A friendly match between the Victoria F.C. and Buckhaven Half-Holiday F.C. was played at Myreside Park on Thursday evening last week, and resulted in a win for the visitors by 3 goals to 2. W. Strudley bagged both goals for the locals, and Cairns (2) and Logie scored for Buckhaven.*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cinema** – *"Picture-goers were provided with fine entertainment last Saturday night, when 'Reported Missing' was shown. Owen Moore acted in the leading role."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Woman Killed on Railway Near Thornton** – *"The mutilated body of a woman, who was found dead by the side of the London and North-Eastern Railway between Markinch and Thornton, has been identified as that of Miss Helen Adams, 45 years of age, a sister of Mrs William Bowers, West*

Conland, Falkland, with whom she had been residing for a short period. Another sister resides at Newton of Falkland. It had been noticed for some time past that the deceased had been strange in her manner, and when she left Conland on Thursday morning last week, she gave no indication of where she was going. She had, it appeared, wandered about, and in the afternoon booked at Falkland Road Railway Station for Edinburgh. A railwayman states that when the train was a short distance from Markinch Station, he observed a woman standing at the open door of one of the carriages. The deceased had a niece at Edinburgh, with whom she frequently resided.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Co-operative Society** – “There was a large turnout of members at the half-yearly general meeting of the Falkland Equitable Co-operative Society, Ltd, held in the Town Hall on Monday evening. Bailie Hunt, chairman of the Society, presided. The balance-sheet was read and approved, and although the sales showed a slight decrease as compared with last half-year, the Society is in a healthy condition. The office-bearers due to retire at this term were: -

Messrs P. Hunt, Chairman; T. Jackson, treasurer; and Peter Robertson, James Walker, and James Oswald, members of Committee.

Bailie Hunt did not seek re-election, and Mr T. Jackson was appointed Chairman. Messrs Robertson, Walker and Oswald were re-elected to the Committee, and Mr Wm. Bartie was appointed treasurer, in place of Mr T. Jackson. Two ladies – Mrs Jas. Mather and Mrs T. Paterson – were elected to the Committee, this being the first time in the history of the Society that members of the fair sex have been appointed.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Putting Competition** – “A putting competition, which has been going on during the past fortnight at Mr Henderson’s course at the Liqueorstane, reached the final stage last Saturday evening. The following were the prize-winners: -

Ladies – 1. - Miss J. Drysdale; 2. – Miss J. Nelson.

Gentlemen – 1. – Mr H. Brown; 2.- Mr D. Cowan.

The competition was played over 18 holes.

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket** – “Falkland C.C. are at home to Rothes (Leslie) C.C. to-morrow (Saturday), and the following eleven will take the field: -

T.D. Hopkins (Capt.), J. Allan, T. Drysdale, C.R. Drysdale, T.C. Schofield, W. Stark, R. Hopkins, P. Lawson, J. Ross, J. Shields, M. Robertson.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Putting** – “*St Clair putting team from Kirkcaldy visited Falkland on Wednesday, and played the local team in a friendly match on Mr Strudley’s green. The homesters won 8 ½ games to 6 ½. Scores: -*

St Clair		Falkland	
<i>Miss J. Gourlay</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>Miss L. Finlay</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Mr A. Simpson</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Mr G. Shields</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Mr A. Speed</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Miss J. Finlay</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Mr G. Moncreith</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>Miss J. Nelson</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Mr W. Sturrock</i>	<i>½</i>	<i>Miss J. Drysdale</i>	<i>½</i>
<i>Miss P. Cairns</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>Miss E. Grant</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Mr A. Walker</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Mr C.R. Drysdale</i>	<i>½</i>
<i>Mr A. Gourlay</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>Miss Haig</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Mrs Gourlay</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Miss N. Forsyth</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Mr T. Gourlay snr</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Mr J. Lawson</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Mr W. Sharp</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>Mr Strudley snr</i>	<i>½</i>
<i>Miss Storrar</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>Mr D. Joss</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Mr T. Gourlay jnr</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Miss Edmeston</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Mr A. Cuthill</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>Mr O. Strudley</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Mr H. Peebles</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>Mr R. Sim</i>	<i>1</i>
	<i>6 ½</i>		<i>8 ½</i>

17th May 1924

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Services** – “*The Rev. R.F.V. Scott of Strathmiglo occupied the Parish Church pulpit on Sunday evening. Both morning and evening services in the U.F. Church were conducted by the Rev. Mr Anderson of Markinch.*”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “Mrs T.D. Hopkins won the Ladies’ Monthly Medal competition last Friday evening. A similar competition for the gentlemen took place on Saturday afternoon and Bailie Robertson was the winner.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket** – “Falkland play Springfield at Springfield tomorrow (Saturday). The following team will travel: -

T.D. Hopkins (capt.), James Allan, Thomas Drysdale, C.R. Drysdale, T.C. Schofield, Wm. Stark, Robert Hopkins, P. Lawson, James Ross, James Shields, and M. Robertson.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Co-operative Dividend** – “The ‘Store’ dividend of 2s 4d per £1 on purchases to members, and 1s 2d to non-members were paid out on Saturday afternoon.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Concert** – “A very enjoyable concert in aid of the local Boys’ Brigade Camp Fund, was given in the Drill Hall last Friday evening. The audience was not so large as it might have been, but those who were present got full value for their money. Provost Hopkins occupied the chair. A long and varied programme was ably sustained by the following: -

Songs – ‘Queen of the Earth’, ‘Hame O’ Mine’, Miss A. Forsyth. ‘Somewhere a Voice is Calling’, ‘Until’, Miss M.J. Thomson. ‘MacNamara’s Band’, ‘The Drum Major’; recitations ‘Tommy’ and ‘The Green Eye of the Little Yellow God’, Mr T. Drysdale. Humorous songs ‘Inverary’, ‘The Suffragette’, Mr T. Paterson. Dances ‘Irish Jig’, ‘Sword Dance’, ‘Highland Fling’ and ‘Shean Treus’, Misses M. Lawson, J. Lawson and B. Anderson. Miss H. Forsyth played the accompaniments.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Motor Accident** – “An alarming motor collision took place at the Liquorstone corner on Sunday evening. While a charabanc was passing the corner from South Street, it collided with a car coming from the Kirkcaldy direction. The force of the impact was so great that the charabanc dashed into the school wall. Fortunately there were few passengers travelling, but Mrs Lawrie and her son, who were proceeding home to Coaltown of Balgonie, sustained nasty cuts about their faces and hands by the broken glass. After attention from Dr Shand, they were taken to a friend’s house. The occupants of the small car luckily escaped without injury, but both vehicles were badly damaged.”

24th May 1924

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “The return match between the ladies and gentlemen took place on Thursday evening last week, and on this occasion the latter avenged their previous defeat by winning by 6 games to 4. Play was over 14 holes.

Scores: -

Ladies		Gentlemen	
Mrs Jas. Hardie	0	J. Wallace	1
Miss J. Venters	0	G. Hepburn	1
Miss K. Venters	0	G. Anderson snr.	1
Mrs T. Hopkins	0	A. Wilson	1
Mrs J. Drysdale	1	A. Venters	0
Miss J. Drysdale	1	T.C. Schofield	0
Miss H. Forsyth	1	C.R. Drysdale	0
Miss E. Edmeston	0	T.D. Hopkins	1
Miss C. Drysdale	0	G. Anderson jnr.	0
Miss E. Kennedy	0	J. Drysdale	1
Miss N. Anderson	1	R. Dakers	0
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Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – “A friendly match between the teams of the Falkland and Strathmiglo Boys’ Brigades was played at the Myre on Thursday night last week. The visitors won easily by 5 goals to nil.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cinema** – “A Pathe colour picture entitled ‘The Lady of Monsorean’ was shown on Saturday night. Owing to the fine weather, the audiences were smaller than usual.”

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

“At Springfield.

Scores – Springfield – 30 (W. Glen 8, T. Arthur 7). Falkland – 41 (C. Drysdale 13, J. Allan 10)

Bowling for Falkland – Allan had five wickets for 11 runs, and Ross five for 18.

Bowling for Springfield – J. Garland had five for 18, and W. Martin five for 22.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death – Storrar** – “At Pleasance, Falkland, on 21st inst., Marjory Isabella Storrar, aged 83.”

31st May 1924

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Pulpit** – “The Rev. W.H. Porter, Cults, occupied the Parish Church pulpit on Sunday morning. The evening service was conducted by the Rev. W. Gemmell Mitchell, Freuchie.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Thunderstorm** – “A sharp thunderstorm passed over the village on Sunday evening about 7 o’clock. The lightening was very vivid, and there was a heavy downpour of rain for about half an hour.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “The annual competition for the scratch medal took place on Thursday evening last week. Mr G. Hepburn, Kinghorn, was the winner with a score of 84.”

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

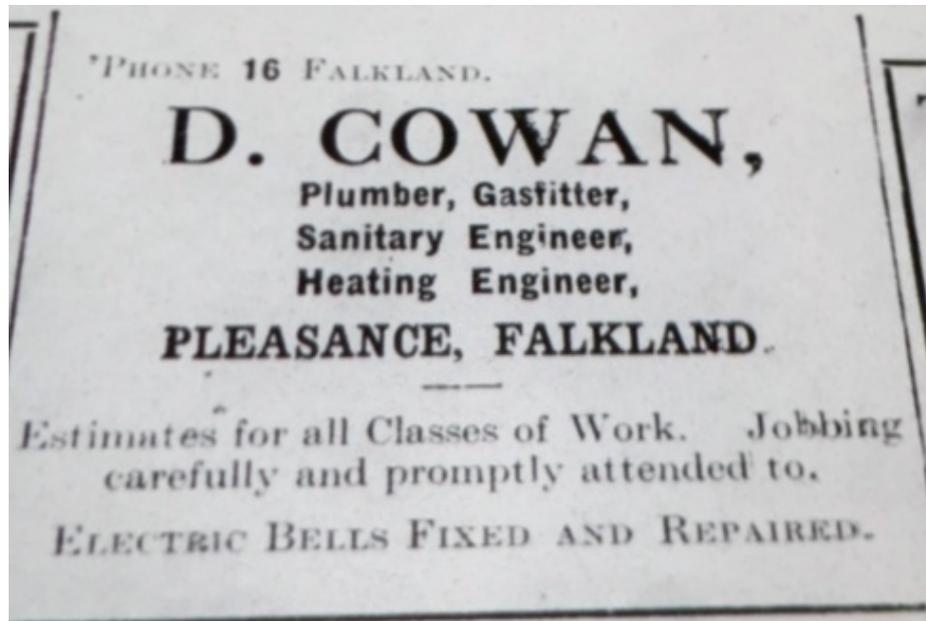
Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cinema** – “A six-reel drama, entitled ‘Without Fear’, and featuring Pearl White, was screened last Saturday night. Both houses were well attended.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket** – “Falkland C.C. travel to play Burntisland tomorrow (Saturday). The following team has been chosen: -

T.D. Hopkins (capt.), J. Allan, T. Drysdale, C.R. Drysdale, J. Ross, P. Lawson, R. Hopkins, T.C. Schofield, W. Stark, J. Shields, and M. Robertson.”

7th June 1924

Advert in *The Fife News*:



Advert for D. Cowan, Pleasance, Falkland

Intimation in *The Fife News*: **Falkland School Management Committee – Lumsden Bursary** – “Applications are invited for the above Bursary, open to present and former Pupils of Falkland and Freuchie Public Schools. Particulars with Schedules of Application, may be had from the Clerk, James S. Hewetson, Solicitor, Auchtermuchty, with whom Applications must be lodged not later than 24th June 1924.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Organist** – “Mr W.S. Rae, Balmbrae, has been appointed organist and choirmaster of Strathmiglo Parish Church.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket** – “Falkland C.C. are at home to the Courier XI from Dundee to-morrow (Saturday). The locals will be represented by: -

T.D. Hopkins (capt.), J. Allan, T. Drysdale, C.R. Drysdale, T.C. Schofield, W.S. Currie, P. Robertson, R. Hopkins, W. Stark, P. Lawson, and J. Ross.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death – Scott** – “At Newton of Falkland on 29th May, David Scott, aged 92, late cemetery keeper, Falkland.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death of Nonagenarian** – “Mr David Scott, late of Cemetery Cottage, Falkland, passed away at Newton of Falkland on Thursday last in his 92nd year. He was cemetery keeper at Falkland for many years.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cinema** – “The attendances at the Cinema were smaller than usual last Saturday night. ‘The Fourth Musketeer’ was the title of the six-part film.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket** – “Inclement weather last Saturday caused the cricket match between Burntisland and Falkland to be wired off, likewise the golf match between the Falkland and Kinghorn Ladies teams.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Fine** – “John Elliot Hardie, butcher, Pleasance, Falkland, was fined £1 at Cupar Sheriff Court on Tuesday by Sheriff Dudley Stuart, for having driven his motor cycle at a speed dangerous to the lieges.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Edinburgh Excursion** – “The second joint excursion for the season of the Saint Andrew Society and The Historical Association of Scotland, Edinburgh, took place on Saturday to Falkland Palace. In spite of the weather, there was a large attendance, and the party were shown the portions of the Palace built by the different Stuart Kings, down to James V., who was responsible for most of the building now standing, and who died there in 1542. The connection of Mary Queen of Scots with the Palace was explained, and the party visited the dungeon where the Duke of Rothesay was said to have been starved to death in 1401.”

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

“Fine weather prevailed on Wednesday evening, when Falkland C.C. visited Kennoway. At the outset, the homesters bowling was very good, and the batsmen found run-getting difficult. Robertson failed to break his ‘duck’, and Lawson had to return to the pavilion after registering four. Stark and Drysdale were together for quite a time, until the former was out to a good ball from Rankine. The following three batsmen – T. Drysdale, Hopkins and Shields – were quickly disposed of, and things were looking a bit black at this stage, as six wickets were down for 26. Schofield and Drysdale ‘doored’ for a bit, until the latter mishit a ball on the off from

Gillespie, and was caught at third man. P. Robertson contributed 12 in a short time, and was clean bowled in attempting to drive Brown. Ross was run out in attempting a short run, there being some misunderstanding. Devenport and Schofield gave the score a good lift, until the latter played on from Rankine, and the innings closed for 61.

Kirkby and Ross opened for Kennoway, and, as was the case with the visitors, found it difficult to collect runs. With the exception of Kirkby, the batsmen could not master the Falkland bowling, and seven wickets had fallen for 14 runs when Lister stopped the 'rot'. Kirkby and he began to hit out a bit, and the score was taken to 38 before Lister played on to his wicket. Just after this, time was called, and Falkland were deprived of what seemed to be victory. The Kennoway Captain, by virtue of steady cricket, carried his bat for twelve. Scores: -

Falkland – 61(P. Robertson 12, H. Devenport 11). Kennoway – 42 for 8 wickets (J. Lister 15, H.C. Kirkby 12)

Bowling for Falkland – J. Ross had four for 14, and P. Lawson, three for 14.

Bowling for Kennoway – D. Brown had five for 19, D. Rankine two for 31, and J. Gillespie two for 8.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death – Hamilton** – “At Falkland, on 3rd inst., Mrs Hamilton (nee Cathie Ross), beloved wife of S. Hamilton, stoker, R.N.”

14th June 1924

Poem published in *The Fife News*:

Falkland

Right under the crest of the Lomond

There snuggles the dearest wee town

And the hill stands on guard just behind it

And watches each smile and each frown.

It watches the beautiful Palace

Where Kings and their Courts used to stay

And the falcon that hunted the forest

And the old tennis court of that day.

It watches the Provost and Council

For a right Royal burgh it be

But if there's a word of dissension

The wind and the rain come to see.

It sees much that we cannot see now

That stately old Lomond of Fife

And it longs for the days of the Tories

When Socialists could not make strife.

For, if they once get into power

The Lomond won't only stand guard

It will up with its thunders and lightnings

And everything there will be marred.

And so it will be over Scotland

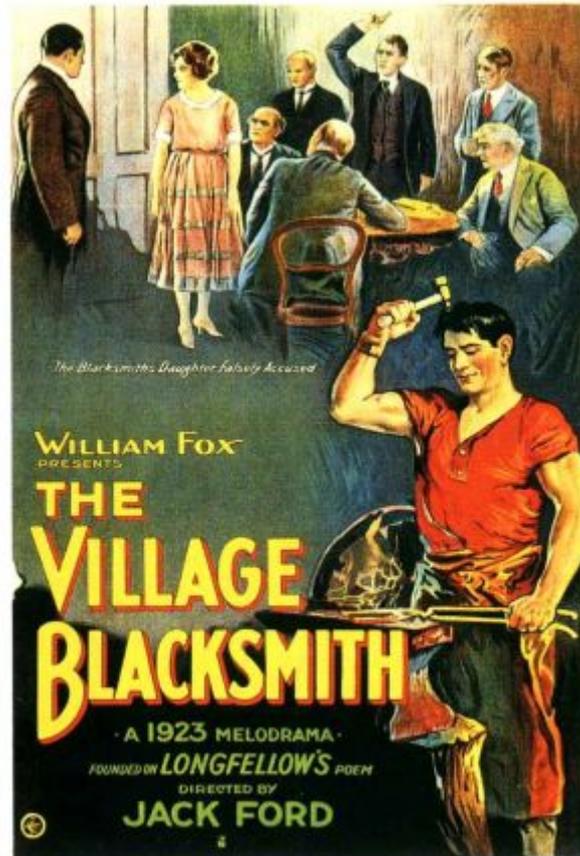
The very hilltops will cry out

So up with your thunders and lightnings

And blot all that nonsense right out.

M.G.

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cinema** – “The Village Blacksmith’, taken from Longfellow’s poem, was shown on Saturday night.”



The Village Blacksmith (1923)

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Excursion** – “The annual excursion of the employees of the Linen and Floorcloth Factories was held last Saturday, Forfar being their destination. About eighty persons travelled, and the weather being warm, a very enjoyable time was spent.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket Teas** – “The teas at the Cricket match between Falkland and Burntisland on Saturday afternoon were kindly provided by Mrs Garland, South Street.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket** – “Falkland C.C. play Markinch C.C. at Scroggie Park to-morrow (Saturday), and will field the following team: -

J. Allan (Capt.), T. Drysdale, C.R. Drysdale, T.C. Schofield, W.S. Currie, W. Stark, P. Lawson, R. Hopkins, P. Robertson, J. Ross and J. Shields.

The 2nd XI's meet at Markinch.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “The gentlemen’s monthly medal competition took place on Thursday evening last week. There was a good entry, and some fine cards were returned. Mr James Wallace, a scratch player, was the winner with 78, which constitutes a record for the course in competition play. The similar competition for the ladies was played off on Saturday afternoon, and was won by Miss Jean Venters.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “A friendly match between teams representing Falkland and Markinch was played over the home course on Tuesday evening, and resulted in a win for the visitors by 8 games to 3. Scores: -

Markinch		Falkland	
J.G. White	1	J. Bailie	0
J. Short	0	J. Lindsay	1
R. Wilkie	0	G. Robertson	1
J. Hutchison	0	G. Anderson	1
J.M. Farmer	1	A. Wilson	0
W. White	1	J.P. Burgon	0
W. Henderson	1	T.C. Schofield	0
R. Imrie	1	J. Drysdale	0
R. Colville	1	A. Venters	0
R. Rae	1	C.R. Drysdale	0
J.A. Farmer	1	T.D. Hopkins	0
	8		3

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Putting Match** – “St Clair putting team visited Falkland on Wednesday evening, and played the locals in a friendly match over the Liqueorstone Course. The visitors were victorious by 8 games to 3, while 4 games were halved. Scores: -

Falkland	St Clair
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Miss J. Anderson	0	Mr B. Torrance	1
Mr G. Shields	0	Mr A. Walker	0
Mr J. Deas	0	Mr A. Speed	1
Mr H. Robson	0	Mr T. Gourlay	1
Miss L. Finlay	1	Mr J. Gourlay	0
Miss E. Hay	0	Mr A. Cuthill	1
Mr J. McLaughlan	0	Miss Storrar	0
Mr D. Robertson	1	Mr H. Young	0
Mr J. Lawson	0	Mr W. Sharp	1
Mr R. Sim	1	Miss Gourlay	0
Mr D. Cowan	0	Mr W. Sturrock	1
Miss A. Meldrum	0	Mrs T. Gourlay	1
Miss A. Edmeston	0	Mr R. Mitchell	1
Miss J. Finlay	0	Mr D. Wilson	0
Miss J. Nelson	0	Mr A. Moncrieff	0
	3		8

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

“These teams met at Scroggie Park, Falkland, on Saturday afternoon in glorious weather. The brothers Drysdale opened for the homesters against the bowling of Dunn and Anderson. The batsmen contented themselves with singles for a few overs, until T. Drysdale opened his shoulders, and had a couple of boundaries off Dunn. In attempting to take a ball to leg from the same bowler, this batsman was held by Porter. Dunn caught P. Lawson napping with a Yorker, and W.S. Currie, a newcomer to the team, now partnered C. Drysdale. This pair steadied for a bit and the score was standing at twenty-nine when Drysdale was bowled. R. Hopkins never settled down, and was caught in the slips without opening his account. P. Robertson was now at the crease, and commenced to hit out right away. Shortly afterwards Currie mishit a full toss from Anderson, and was caught and bowled. Robertson and Schofield, by snatching short runs, made the fielders look lively, and after having a short but merry innings, the former was c. and b. A prolific partnership took place between Schofield and Allan, the latter scoring quickly, especially on the

leg side. These two raised the score to 98, when the former was caught behind the wicket. The Provost was out l.b.w. without breaking his 'duck'. Allan and Ross carried the total to 126, and then Ross was run out. Allan was unbeaten at the finish, and his score included six 4's and for 2's.

McNab and Grant were the 'Courier's' opening pair against Ross and Allan, each of whose first overs were maidens. The first wicket fell without a run registered, McNab being smartly run out from a fine return by Currie. Foggie was now along with Grant, and though these two doored for a time only one run was on the boards when the latter was caught in the slips. With the exception of Anderson, who contributed six runs, the remaining batsmen could make little headway against the homesters' bowling, and the whole side was out for 15.

Bowling for 'Courier' XI – P. Dunn secured six wickets for 64, K. Anderson one for 24, and D.A. Grimond 2 for 33.

Bowling for Falkland – J. Allan had four for 4, J. Ross three for 8, and W.S. Currie two for 2.

Scores – Falkland – 126 (J. Allan 48 n.o., P. Robertson 13, T.C. Schofield 13).
Courier – 15 (K. Anderson 6).”

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

“Played at Freuchie on Wednesday night. Scores:

Freuchie

J. Lindsay	b. Allan	5
D. Duncan	c. Allan, b. Currie	39
D.R. Duncan	b. Lawson	18
S. Campbell	b. Lawson	5
J. Dailly	not out	11
E. Croall	c. Allan, b. Currie	0
J. Jack	not out	9
A. Jack	Did not bat	
A. Grant	Did not bat	
J. Morgan	Did not bat	

K. Beveridge	<i>Did not bat</i>	
	<i>Extras</i>	4
	Total	91

Falkland

C.R. Drysdale	<i>b. D.R. Duncan</i>	3
T. Drysdale	<i>b. D.R. Duncan</i>	8
T. Lawson	<i>c. Beveridge, b. D.R. Duncan</i>	5
W.S. Currie	<i>b. D.R. Duncan</i>	1
T. Hopkins	<i>b. Croall</i>	11
W. Stark	<i>b. D.R. Duncan</i>	3
T. Robertson	<i>b. D. Duncan</i>	12
T.C. Schofield	<i>c. D. Duncan, b. Croall</i>	1
J. Allan	<i>b. Croall</i>	1
J. Shields	<i>b. D. Duncan</i>	0
J. Ross	<i>not out</i>	0
	<i>Extras</i>	5
	Total	50

Bowling for Falkland – W.S. Currie had two wickets for 11 runs, and T. Lawson two for 17.

Bowling for Freuchie – D.R. Duncan had five for 19, E. Croall three for 8 and D. Duncan two for 18.”

21st June 1924

Extract from *The Fife News* – **Service** – “*The Rev. Mr Anderson of Auchtermuchty U.F. Church, conducted the morning service in the Parish Church on Sunday.*”

Extract from *The Fife News* – **Cricket Teas** – “*Miss Polly Gavin, Falkland Palace, kindly provided the teas at the match between Falkland and Markinch on Saturday afternoon.*”

Extract from *The Fife News* – **Auchtermuchty Brass Band** – “Auchtermuchty Brass Band visited Falkland on Sunday evening and rendered a programme of sacred music at the Loan.”

Extract from *The Fife News* – **Cricket** – “Falkland C.C. travel to Leslie to-morrow (Saturday) to play Rothes C.C. An XI will be chosen from the following: -

T.D. Hopkins, J. Allan, W.S. Currie, T. Drysdale, C.R. Drysdale, T.C. Schofield, P. Lawson, P. Robertson, R. Hopkins, W. Stark, J. Ross, and M. Robertson.

The 2nd XI's meet at Falkland.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Aiding Local B.B. Company** – “With a view to augmenting the funds of the local Company connected with the movement, the Kirkcaldy Boys' Brigade Band played selections and dance music at the East Loan on Saturday on Saturday afternoon, and evening. A gratifying sum was collected.

The members of the Leven Reform Co-operative Women's Guild, along with their children and friends, numbering 200, and under direction of Mrs Thomson, secretary, had a very enjoyable outing at the East Loan on Saturday afternoon. The catering arrangements for this party were admirably executed by the local 'Store' under the supervision of Mr W. Bartie, the manager.”



East Loan, Falkland (circa 1920's)

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “A team of golfers from Ladybank paid a visit to Falkland on Tuesday evening, and played the locals in a friendly match over 18 holes. Both weather and light were not exactly ideal, but, nevertheless, some good games were witnessed. After the match, tea was served to the players by Misses E. Hay, J. Nelson, M. Lawson, C. Drysdale, and N. Anderson. Scores: -

Ladybank		Falkland	
J.G. Phimster	1	J. Baillie	0
W.H. Black	0	J. Lindsay	1
R. Carswell	1	G. Hepburn	0
W. Thomson	0	G. Robertson	1
A. Ellis	1	G. Anderson	0
J. Campbell	1	J. Hay	0
M. Dewar	0	T. Drysdale	1
D.R. Duncan	0	A. Wilson	1
D.B. White	1	J. Drysdale	0
J.L. Duncan	1	T. Schofield	0
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Article in *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Falkland v Markinch:**

“Glorious weather prevailed when these teams met at Scroggie Park, Falkland, on Saturday afternoon. At the commencement matters did not look too rosy for the homesters, as the first five wickets were down for twenty-seven. A fruitful partnership, which realised about sixty runs, took place between Currie and Robertson, and these two hitting hard and often, raised the total to 86, when the former was stumped. Stark was the only other member of the home side to reach double figures, having ten to his credit. The remaining batsmen fell cheaply, but the total score reached the respectable figure of 107.

The first four members of the Markinch side were easily disposed of, the board reading only fourteen runs. Beveridge and Duncan brightened things up a bit for the visitors, especially the latter, who contributed twenty by hefty hitting. The following batsmen could do little against the bowling of Ross and Allan, and the innings closed for 51.

Scores: -

Falkland – 104 (W.S. Currie 37, P. Robertson 36)

Markinch – 51 (A. Duncan 20)

Bowling for Markinch – A Grant secured six wickets for 35, T. Morrison, three for 30, and A. Duncan, one for 30.

Bowling for Falkland – J. Allan had six wickets for 16, J. Ross, three for 13, and W.S. Currie, one for 16.”

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

“At Markinch. Scores: -

Markinch – 35 (W. Gamba 14 n.o.)

Falkland – 18 (H. Devenport 12)

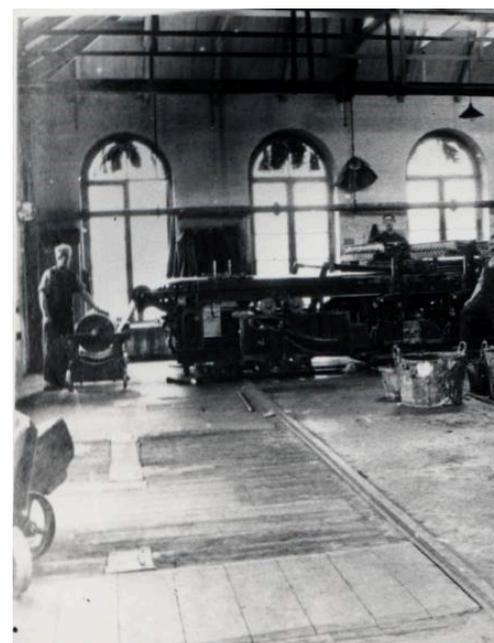
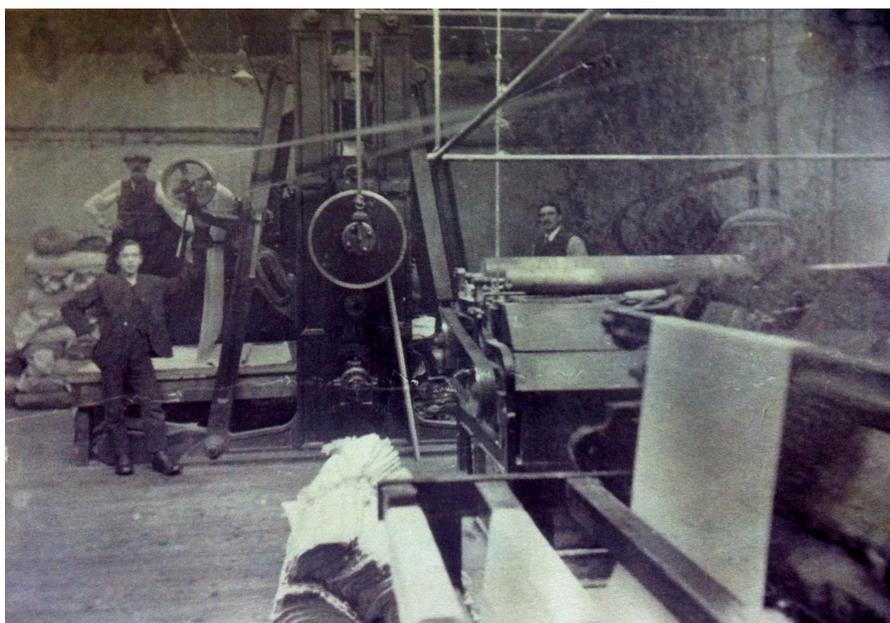
Bowling for Falkland – W. Strudley had three wickets for 17 runs, H. Devenport, three for 8, and H. Birrell, two for 10.

Bowling for Markinch – K. Waddell took five wickets for 3 runs, W. Hill, five for 15.

28th June 1924

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Sunday School Picnics** – *“The children attending the Parish Church Sunday School sustained a disappointment on Saturday afternoon. Their annual picnic was to have taken place at Falkland House Park, but about one o’clock rain began to fall, and continued for an hour or so. After congregating at the vestry, the minister and teachers decided to abandon the event, but agreed that sports should be held this (Friday) evening. The children of the U.F. Church Sunday school were to have journeyed to Wellfield, but although the rain came on, the minister and teachers waited a bit, and about half-past two the weather cleared up beautifully. The journey to Wellfield was, however, cancelled, and the party crossed to a field adjoining the Church, kindly granted by Mr Ronaldson, Dovecot Farm. A very enjoyable time was spent.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Outing** – *“The members of the North Eastern Section of the Co-operative Managers’ Association had a very pleasant outing here on Wednesday last week. Their programme included a visit to the Floorcloth and Linen Factories during the forenoon, and to the Maspie Den in the afternoon.”*



Linen Factory Finishing Department (circa 1920's)
Floorcloth Factory (circa 1920's)
1920's)

Maspie Den (circa

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Presentation** – “On the occasion of his being transferred to the Head Office, Edinburgh, Mr James Burgon was waited upon by the staff of the British Linen Bank, and presented with a handsome silver cigarette case.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “Teams representing Ladybank and Falkland Ladies’ Golf Clubs played a friendly match over the Falkland course on Saturday afternoon. The visitors won by 6 games to 2. Details: -

Ladybank		Falkland	
Mrs Affleck	1	Miss J. Venters	0
Miss Oliphant	1	Mrs J. Drysdale	0
Miss E. Patrick	1	Miss K. Venters	0
Miss Wedderspoon	1	Miss M. Chisholm	0
Miss Dall	0	Mrs T.D. Hopkins	1
Miss Bowman	0	Miss J. Drysdale	1

Mrs Cellars	1	Miss N. Forsyth	0
Mrs Peebles	1	Miss E. Martyn	0
	6		2

Extract from *The Fife News*: **School Sports** – “Falkland School sports were held in the Sports Park last Friday afternoon. The weather was ideal for the occasion, and a large company of spectators were present. All the events passed off very smoothly, and the competition was keen in every department. Results: -

Girls (under 10) Flat Race – 1. M. Baxter, 2. J. Findlay, 3. M. Wemyss.

High Jump – 1. M. Baxter, 2. J. Findlay, 3. C. Elder.

Girls (under 12) Flat Race – 1. C. Fraser, 2. M. Hopkins, 3. E. Fraser.

Skipping Rope Race – 1. C. Fraser, 2. M. Hopkins, 3. E. Fraser.

High Jump – 1. M. Hopkins, 2. C. Fraser, 3. E. Fraser.

Girls (over 12) Flat Race – 1. C. Lawson, 2. J. Nelson, 3. M. Fraser.

Egg and Spoon Race – 1. A. White, 2. M. Herd, 3. K. Lawson.

High Jump – 1. J. Nelson, 2. N. McCall, 3. M. Shields.

Three-Legged Race – 1. M. Downie and F. Stark, 2. N. Mather and N. McCall, 3. A. White and K. Lawson.

Potato Race – 1. F. Stark, 2=. M. Downie and C. Fraser.

Boys (under 10) Flat Race – 1. R. McEwan, 2. J. Paterson, 3. G. Sturrock.

High Jump – 1. H. Shanks, 2. D. Hardie, 3. J. Lawson.

Boys (under 12) Flat Race – 1. A. Shanks, 2. G. Findlay, 3. D. Munro.

Sack Race – 1. G. Findlay, 2. A. Shanks, 3. F. Drysdale.

High Jump – 1. G. Findlay, 2. D. Munro, 3. A. Shanks.

Boys (over 12) Flat Race – 1. W. Drysdale, 2. A. McGregor, 3. E. Quinn.

Sack Race – 1. J. Birrell, 2. D. Henry, 3. A. McGregor.

High Jump – 1. W. Drysdale, 2. J. Wallace, 3. A. McGregor.

Long Jump – 1. W. Drysdale, 2. A. McGregor, 3. E. Quinn.

Hop, Step and Leap – 1. J. Wallace, 2. W. Drysdale, 3. A. McGregor.

Potato Race – 1. W. Drysdale, 2. J. Birrell, 3. J. Wallace.

Three-Legged Race – 1. W. Drysdale and J. Birrell, 2. J. Wallace and A. McGregor, 3. A. Shanks and B. Stark.

Relay Race (team) – W. Drysdale, J. Birrell, G. Findlay and A. Shanks.

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket Teas** – “Mr Walter Peggie jnr. Kindly provided the teas at the match between Falkland and Cupar XI on Thursday evening last week.”

Poem inserted in *The Fife News*: **Falkland:**

*Far awa' on the Lomond Hill,
Stands a wee cottage I know,
The colour is white,
But the view isna' right,
And in it lived Jeanie and Jo.*

*Jo is a man, and a' men are the same,
Jealous, as jealous, and so,
As Jeanie is pretty,
And often quite witty,
That's what is wrang wi' her Jo.*

*So, when pretty Jean became mistress Jo,
He built the wee house far away,
Poor Jean wasna happy,
Saw only one magpie,
An' that's no enough for a day.*

*For the cottage looked right up the hill,
Where there's only blueberries and bracken,
Jean wanted a view,
And a neighbour or two,
An' a garden to hae a bit crack in.*

*Poor Jeanie could stan' it nae longer,
She grew awfu' tired o' the hill,
If she went round the corner,
Millfield was beyond her,
But Falkland was further down still.*

*So one day when Jo was at work,
And the Lomond looked grim and sae misty,
She took to her heels,
And left a' the wee deils,
O' loneliness, to her Jo Christie.*

*So that was a lesson for Jo,
For Jo, that most troublesome man,
And he soon joined his Jean,
And they now may be seen,
In a house where she sees a' she can."*

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

"At Scroggie Park, Falkland, on Thursday evening last week. Scores: -

Falkland – 67 (P. Robertson 14, C.R. Drysdale 13)

Cupar – 60 (A.J. Edmond 29)

Bowling for Cupar – R. Mason secured six wickets for 30, and A. Edmond four for 22.

Bowling for Falkland – W.S. Currie had five wickets for 10 runs, P. Lawson, three for 17, and J. Allan two for 15.”

5th July 1924

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

“The Half-Yearly General Meeting of the above Lodge will be held in the Town Hall, Falkland, on Thursday, 10th July 1924, at 7.30 p.m. Fines for non-attendance strictly enforced. Jas. S. Hardie, Secretary.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Examination** – “Miss Margaret Lawson, East Port, has passed her second examination (elementary) for violin playing, at the London College of Music, Edinburgh.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Trip** – “The U.F. Church choir trip was held last Saturday, the destination being Callander. The outward journey was via Milnathort, Rumbling Bridge, and Tillicoultry, and the homeward route by Dunfermline. A very enjoyable time was spent, despite heavy rain.”

12th July 1924

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket Teas** – “Mrs Archibald, Lomond Crescent, kindly provided the teas at the match with R.A.F. on Saturday afternoon.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Pulpit** – “Rev. Mr Silver, a Church of Scotland missionary, occupied the Parish Church pulpit on Sunday morning, and delivered an address on mission work in the South of India.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Prizes** – “Prizes, in the nature of books, were distributed to the children of the Parish Church Sunday School with most marks and

best attendance during the past year, on Sunday afternoon. Misses Jean Anderson and Janet Ross made the presentations.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Sale of Work** – “*The Parish Church Women’s Guild members held a very successful sale of work at the vestry on Saturday afternoon. Miss Lumsden, Eden Valley House, Freuchie, performed the opening ceremony. Purchasers soon got busy round the various stalls, and stocks were not long in diminishing. The sum of £92 was realised. Stall-holders: -*

Produce Stall – Mrs Bonthron and Miss Ness.

Linen Stall – Mrs Nisbet and Miss H. Forsyth.

Work Stall – Miss Forsyth, Mrs Russell, Mrs J. Drysdale, Mrs Chisholm, and Mrs Galloway.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **U.F. Church Sunday School Prizes** – “*A children’s service was held in the United Free Church on Sunday afternoon. After an appropriate address by the minister (Rev. J.P. Batchelor), prizes were distributed, many of the scholars having achieved perfect attendance during the past session. An item of special interest was the presentation of certificates gained in the recent Sunday School Scripture examination. Three scholars entered, and each gained a 1st class certificate. In handing these over to Jessie Balfour, Isabel Love, and George Love, the minister hoped that their success would stimulate the rest of the scholars to enter for the examination next year.”*

Article in *The Fife News*: **New Chairman of Cupar District Committee:**



Mr D. Bonthron

“The new Chairman of Cupar District Committee – Mr D. Bonthron, Falkland – is a well-known personality in the Howe of Fife. He represents the Falkland Division on the County Council, and has a seat on several Committees of the Council. The upkeep of roads is one of the most important features of the work of the District Committee, and, as Mr Bonthron knows all the roads in East Fife thoroughly, he will prove an invaluable director of affairs. He is a keen sportsman, and is interested specially in Rugby football. When the Howe of Fife Club was formed, he was appointed President, and a short time ago he succeeded Mr A.G. le Maitre as President of the Midlands Rugby Union. He is an old Fife Light Horseman, and served with the first contingent of the Fife and Forfar Imperial Yeomanry as a Corporal in the Boer War, being severely wounded at Nooitgedacht on 13th December 1900. Mr Bonthron is a man of broad views, with keen business qualities, but he is no respecter of persons, should he be bent on some particular line of policy. He is a man who knows his own mind, and spares no effort to carry any point which may be for the ultimate good of the community. Mr Bonthron is guided by high principles, which have earned for him universal respect.”

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

“This match took place at Scroggie Park, Falkland, on Saturday afternoon, in fine weather. The airmen turned up with only nine players, and the vacancies were filled by A. Cowan and P. Birrell. Batting first, the homesters ran up a total of 76 runs, practically half of which were amassed by a fruitful partnership between Drysdale

and Allan. The other members of the side did not make much of a show, mainly due to the fine bowling of Cuthbert. Cowan and Birrell opened for the visitors, but neither of this pair broke his 'duck'. Reeves and Gregory were the only batsmen to make anything of a stand, which also, as in the case of the homesters, realised half of the total score. Allan was in deadly form with the ball for Falkland, claiming eight wickets for 22 runs. Scores: -

Falkland – 76 (T. Drysdale 20, J. Allan 20).

R.A.F. Leuchars – 45 (F/O Reeves 16, F/O Gregory 8)."

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

"On Wednesday evening at Scroggie Park, Falkland. Scores: -

Falkland

C.R. Drysdale	c. Jack, b. Croall	1
T. Drysdale	b. D.R. Duncan	0
J. Allan	b. D.R. Duncan	3
W.S. Currie	b. Croall	1
P. Lawson	c and b Croall	2
P. Robertson	run out	7
J. Ross	not out	5
W. Stark	b. Croall	3
T.C. Schofield	c. D.R. Duncan, b. Croall	0
R. Hopkins	b. Croall	1
W. Strudley	b. D.R. Duncan	0
	Extras	3
	Total	26

Freuchie

J. Jack	c. Strudley, b. Allan	6
J. Dalrymple	b. Ross	1

L. Rymer	b. Ross	2
D. Duncan	c. Currie, b. Ross	0
D. Beveridge	b. Lawson	9
D.R. Duncan	b. Currie	13
J. Baillie	c. Allan, b. Robertson	30
E. Croall	b. Lawson	0
W. Barclay	c. Currie	0
A. Grant	run out	3
G. Allan	not out	10
	Extras	4
	Total	78

Bowling for Freuchie – Croall – six wickets for 13 runs, and D.R. Duncan three for 10.

Bowling for Falkland – Ross – three wickets for 22, Lawson two for 10, Currie two for 18, Allan one for 11 and Robertson one for 12.

19th July 1924

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Appointment** – “Professor J.B. Baillie, at present Professor in Moral Philosophy in Aberdeen University, has been appointed Vice-Chancellor of Leeds University. He is a brother of Mr John Baillie, bank agent here.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “The gentlemen’s monthly medal competition took place on Thursday evening last week. Mr John Drysdale was the winner, having a score of 88 – 8 = 80, with Mr George Anderson runner-up. Tea was served to the players by Mrs J. Drysdale, Misses C. Drysdale, N. Anderson, J. Nelson, and M. Lawson. The ladies’ similar competition held last Friday evening was won by Miss H. Forsyth, with Miss J. Venters as runner-up.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Flower-Day** – “Saturday was observed as flower day in aid of the Lord Roberts Memorial Workshops, and the sum collected amounted to £5

10s. Mrs Brown, Dundrennan, was the organiser, and the following took part in the sale of the flowers: -

Misses E. Hay, J. Nelson, M. Lawson, G. Brown, B. Anderson, and J. Lawson, along with eight boys of the local Scout troop.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Sale of Work** – “With regard to the report of the Guild sale of work published under last week’s local news, various stallholders were unintentionally omitted. There were: -

Tea Stall – Convenors, Mrs J. Birrell and Miss Drysdale. Assistants, Misses M. Birrell, E. Ashton, M.J. Thomson, J. Kennedy, J. Anderson and M. Drysdale.

Poultry Stall – Miss J. Venters.

Sweet Stall – Misses A. Edmiston, and E. Grant.

Lucky Dip – Misses K. Collins, and A. Cowan.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Trippers** – “Over three hundred trippers visited the village on Saturday afternoon. These comprised three parties, viz: -

Leven Rechabites, two hundred; Dunfermline Co-operative Children’s Choir, about fifty; and a company from Windygates and District, numbering about seventy.

Several musical pieces rendered by the Dunfermline choir were much appreciated by the many listeners.”

Poem inserted in *The Fife News*: **Jessie and Maud of Falkland**

“Along in the West Port of Falkland,
Lived Jessie Annan and Maud,
And tho’ they used often to bicker,
Wha would na’, when one’s getting’ auld.

Maud, wi’ her pretty white mutch on,
Used to look out, when we passed,
Used aye to say ‘It’s a fine day’,

And always to smile to the last.

*Jessie, perhaps more important,
A guid strong churchwoman was she,
To Kirk always went wi' her Bible,
Wrapt in a nice white hankie.*

*Jessie, once cook in a city,
A splendid guid cook, too, was she,
Prided herself on the game course,
And hare soup was her speciality.*

*But Jessie could ne'er thole the Dr,
An' the Dr he felt just the same,
An' Jessie, perhaps wi' her cooking,
Had a quick temper, too, when it came.*

*The Dr he aye lo'ed his cycle,
An' the bright pairts, he kept, oh sae bright,
An' sometimes he dashed thro' the West Port,
An' lighted it a' up at night.*

*Now Jessie was once in a temper,
An wi' her head turned the wrang way,
She deluged the Dr wi' water,
An' that gave him something to say.*

*But that is a tale of the long past,
The West Port is a' gone in parts,
And Jessie, and Maud, and the Dr,
Hae a' gone, and left sorry hearts.*

M.G.

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

“On Dunnikier Policies. Scores: -

Dunnikier – 80 (J.C. Bain 29, R. Campbell 16)

Falkland – 14 (T. Drysdale 6)

Bowling for Falkland – J. Allan had two wickets for 48; P. Lawson, two wickets for 15; J. Ross, five wickets for 14; and T. Drysdale, one wicket for 0 runs.

Bowling for Dunnikier – J.C. Bain had five wickets for 6 runs, and W. Tainsh three wickets for 7.”

Intimation in *The Fife News*: **Death – Craig** – *“At Falkland. 12th inst., Mrs Justice Peggie, wife of John Craig.”*

26th July 1924

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Holidays** – *“The linen and floorcloth factories closed down last Friday night for a week’s holidays. The Public School is also closed for five weeks summer vacation.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Visitors** – *“There has been a goodly number of visitors in the village during the week, but the weather has only been moderate.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Camp** – *“The local troop of Boy Scouts, along with Scoutmaster Wallace, have been under canvas at the Triangle Park since last Saturday.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Entertainment** – “Mr Gilbert, the local cinema proprietor, kindly gave a cinematograph entertainment in aid of the Lord Roberts Memorial Workshops in the Drill Hall on Tuesday evening. A sum of £3, less 15s for rent of hall, was realised.”

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

“Played at Scroggie Park, Falkland, last Saturday. Scores: -

Markinch – 48 (G. Thomson 21, J. Duncan 5)

Falkland – 30 (W. Strudley 17, R. Dryburgh 4)

Bowling for Falkland – H. Birrell claimed seven wickets for 11 runs; R. Dryburgh one wicket for 9 runs; W. Strudley, one wicket for 11 runs, and H. Devonport, one wicket for 15 runs.

Bowling for Markinch – K. Waddell secured six wickets for 14 runs, and G. Hopkins three wickets for 16.”

2nd August 1924

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Putting** – “A putting competition, held at the Liqueorstane putting green during last week, resulted as follows: -

Ladies – 1. Miss Gourlay, Kirkcaldy; 2. Mrs Gourlay, Kirkcaldy.

Gentlemen – 1. Mr R. Elder, Kirkcaldy; 2. Mr T. Drysdale, Falkland.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Holidays** – “The linen and floorcloth factories re-opened on Monday morning after the summer vacation.”

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

“This proved a good match at Duffus Park. Cupar batted first and were unfortunate in losing Edmond for a duck. Smart and Mason showed good strokes, and later Donechy added a pleasant twenty, but the other eight only added a run a piece. Allan was Falkland’s hero. He had the misfortune of lbw when one short of 50. Scores: -

Cupar 2nd XI – 94 (R. Mason 32, T. Smart 29)

Falkland – 110 (J. Allan 49, W.S. Currie 15)

Bowling for Falkland – Lawson had five wickets for 27 runs, and Currie four for 25.

Bowling for Cupar – Mason had five wickets for 49, Barclay three for 19, and Edmond two for 34.”

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

“This attractive match took place at Scroggie Park, Falkland, on Thursday afternoon last week in fine weather. Scores: -

Falkland – 38 (W.S. Currie 10, R. Battes 9)

Dunfermline – 123 (W. Anderson 57, T.G. Nicholson 18)

Bowling for Dunfermline – Anderson had seven wickets for 19 runs, N. Wilkie two for 0, and Nicholson one for 8.

Bowling for Falkland – Lawson claimed three for 30, C. Drysdale two for 10, and Allan two for 37.”

9th August 1924

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Collection** – “A collection taken in the village and district in aid of the Institution for Incurables (Edinburgh), realised £6 3s. The collectors were Misses A. Wotherspoon and L. Nelson.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Fancy Dress Parade** – “A fancy dress parade, in aid of the local Nursing Association fund, will be held to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon at 1.30. A full report will be published in next week’s *Fife News*.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Putting Match** – “Coaltown of Burnturk putting team visited Falkland on Wednesday evening, and played the locals in a friendly match on Mr Strudley’s putting green. The visitors won easily by 13 games to 6. A stroke competition for two golf balls was also held, and the winners were: -

For Coaltown, Mr Ferguson; and for Falkland, Miss J. Drysdale.

Afterwards the company adjourned to the hotel where a pleasant hour was spent in song and story. Details: -

Falkland		Coaltown of Burnturk	
<i>J. Lawson jnr.</i>	0	<i>Miss Wilson</i>	1
<i>T. Drysdale</i>	0	<i>J. Duncan</i>	1
<i>T. Sutherland</i>	0	<i>J. Balsillie</i>	1
<i>C.R. Drysdale</i>	0	<i>J. Ferguson</i>	1
<i>Miss J. Drysdale</i>	1	<i>P. Simpson</i>	0
<i>Miss E. Grant</i>	1	<i>Mrs Fenton</i>	0
<i>Miss E. Edmeston</i>	0	<i>Miss Kirkcaldy</i>	1
<i>Miss J. Nelson</i>	1	<i>Mrs Balsillie</i>	0
<i>Miss J. Anderson</i>	0	<i>H. Beveridge</i>	1
<i>W. Ross</i>	1	<i>Mrs Ferguson</i>	0
<i>W. Peggie jnr.</i>	0	<i>J. Fenton</i>	1
<i>W. Todd</i>	0	<i>Miss Fairbairn</i>	1
<i>G. Anderson</i>	0	<i>G. Wilkie</i>	1
<i>G. Shields</i>	1	<i>J.B. Steedman</i>	0
<i>R. Dakers</i>	0	<i>Miss Steedman</i>	1
<i>H. Robson</i>	0	<i>J. Wilkie</i>	1
<i>D. Cowan</i>	0	<i>Miss Ferguson</i>	1
<i>Miss J. Findlay</i>	0	<i>J. Steedman</i>	1
<i>Miss L. Wilson</i>	1	<i>C. White</i>	1
	6		13

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

“At Springfield. Scores: -

Springfield – 39 (*J. Garland 8, W. Martin 8*)

Falkland – 71 (*R. Hopkins 22 n.o., P. Lawson 12*).”

16th August 1924

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Fancy Dress Parade** – “The sum collected at the parade amounted to £48, and the Committee hereby beg to thank all those who helped to make the function so highly successful. Our report appears later.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “The gentlemen’s monthly medal competition was held on Thursday evening last week. Mr George Anderson returned the best card, which read $94 - 4 = 87$. Mr J. Baillie was runner-up.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Wemyss Amateur Orchestra** – “Wemyss Amateur Orchestra visited the East Loan on Sunday afternoon and rendered a splendid programme of sacred music to a large audience.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Popular Cricketer Weds** – “The friends of Mr Walter M. Venters, Falkland, the popular and well-known Captain of Kirkcaldy Cricket Club, will be interested to know of a very happy event in his career, which took place on Wednesday last week, when he was married to Gertrude, the only daughter of Mr and Mrs Henderson, Balsusney Road, Kirkcaldy. Mr Henderson, who has for many years been manager in the machine department of the Fife Forge Co., has a large circle of friends, many of whom were present at the wedding ceremony, which was performed by the Rev. D.L. Francis, of Raith Parish Church. The bride was given away by her father. The groomsmen were the bride’s brother, Mr Edward Henderson, student, Edinburgh University, and the bridesmaid was the bridegroom’s sister, Miss Catherine Venters, Falkland. The happy pair left for the honeymoon amidst the hearty congratulations and best wishes of a large and happy gathering.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Napoleon’s Heart** – “Carlyle to ‘The French Revolution’ (1826-37), by David Alec Wilson, just published, contains some very interesting reading. Among the Ecclefechan memories is a story which Dr Arnott, ‘the only English physician acceptable to Napoleon in his last illness’, was fond of telling to Carlyle and his other friends, and one which, we are informed, has never before been printed: -

‘Napoleon wanted his heart to be taken by Dr Antommarchi to his widow, and at the post-mortem, it was put in spirits in a silver vase to that purpose. But Governor Hudson Lowe ordered Antommarchi to bury the heart with the body. So the silver vase had to be put in the coffin and was buried – only not the heart, at least not the heart of Napoleon. It passed into an insignificant-looking glass jar, and was in Dr

Arnott's cabin on his voyage home. One stormy night, a smashing sound awakened the doctor. He rose to make sure of the most precious of his possessions, and found the glass jar broken. Hastily lighting a candle, he was in time to see the heart of Napoleon in the jaws of a rat; but whether he was able to retrieve it remains unknown.'

The above Dr Arnott was an ancestor of the late Mr Arnott, tenant farmer of Newton of Lathrisk, and left an interesting record of his many interviews with Napoleon."

Extract from *The Fife News: **Putting Match*** – *"The Falkland putting team journeyed to Kirkcaldy on Wednesday evening and played St Clair team in a friendly match on Mr Gourlay's green. The visitors were easily beaten by 9 games to 3. Afterwards, the company adjourned to the pavilion for tea, after which singing and dancing were engaged in, to which was added a splendid wireless entertainment. Details of match: -*

St Clair		Falkland	
A. Speed	1	Miss J. Anderson	0
Mrs Beadie	1	Miss A. Edmiston	0
A. Gourlay	1	Miss J. Ross	0
W. Sharp	0	D. Cowan	0
W. Sturrock	1	Miss J. Sim	0
Miss Storrar	0	Miss L. Finlay	1
E. Simpson	1	Miss J. Finlay	0
A. Walker	1	Miss J. Nelson	0
J. Halley	0	Miss E. Grant	0
Mrs Gourlay	0	G. Shields	1
Miss Gourlay	0	C.R. Drysdale	1
A. Cuthill	1	T. Sutherland	0
R. Torrance	1	H. Robson	0
J. Gourlay	0	H. Lee	0
R. Mitchell	1	J. Lawson	0

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket Teas** – “The players taking part in the match between Falkland and Dunnikier on Saturday afternoon were kindly entertained to tea by Mrs Anderson, Allan Park.”

Article in *The Fife News*: **Fancy Dress Parade at Falkland: ‘A Varied Exhibition of Costumes**

“The historic burgh of Falkland was the scene on Saturday afternoon of an interesting pageant, organised in aid of the local nursing funds. Ideal weather favoured the function, and there was a large entry, comprising ingenious and picturesque costumes. The Hon. Mrs Maule Ramsay, House of Falkland; Mrs Currie, Millfield; and Mrs James Jackson, Chapelyard, Falkland, found the task of allocating the prizes no easy one.

Shortly before the time arranged for the judging to take place, the old square in front of the palace was alive with the ‘silk and motley’ of the competitors. The vivid garments of gipsy girls and pierettes rubbed shoulders with graceful Court ladies and stately crinolined damsels.

There was a fair proportion of children among the entrants, and with commendable kindness, the Committee in charge of the arrangements had provided special consolation prizes for all children, in addition to the prizes awarded for outstanding merit in regard to costumes.

Mrs Brown and Mrs Birrell, Falkland, were joint-Conveners of the Committee, who comprised members of the Falkland Ladies’ Club.

Prize Winners:

First prize for the most original costume among the ladies was awarded to Miss A. Edmiston, who was smartly dressed in the black and yellow garb of a ‘Jester’. Miss Lexie Findlay, as a dainty ‘Sweet Lavender’ won second prize in this section; and Miss Jean Sturrock, who represented that well-known paper ‘Our Dogs’, was third.

As a ‘Glaxo Baby’, Miss Craig, Glasgow, won first prize in the humorous section. Second place was given to Miss M. Dryburgh, and Miss D. Young, who came as female tramps, with a perambulator crammed with balloons and tin ware. Mrs Nicoll, Freuchie, who won third prize, was a witch, with the inevitable broom-stick and black cat.

The most original gentleman was Mr A. Dakers, who came as a mounted cowboy, with black sheep-skin trousers, revolver, and sombrero. Second place was won by

Messrs John Robb and John Nicoll, Freuchie, who were the mysterious 'Klu-Klux-Klan'. Mr Wm. Robertson, whose costume was that of a Guard's officer in 1830, was awarded third prize.

Plasterers and sweeps, painted half white and half black, to denote their trades, Messrs Wm. Smart and Thomson, Freuchie, were awarded first prize in the humorous section; Mr W. Todd, a fierce-looking, befeathered Indian on horse-back, was second, and Mr Andrew Dewar, Lathrisk, a tramp, was third.

Among girls 9 to 14 years of age, Maggie Dakers was the most original, as an advertisement for Brooke Bonds Tea; Daisy Honeyman, a pretty balloon girl, was placed second; and third prize was awarded to Kitty Murie, Kirkcaldy, a realistic 'Japanese girl'.

In the humorous section, Kate Skinner was first, in a bath towel garment, as 'Ancient Order of the Bath'; second, Kate Lawson as a bride; with her bridegroom, Maggie Thomson, third.

The most original boy's costume was 'Vim', that of Jackie Anderson. The second place was given to W. Dryburgh, who came as a 'Zulu', with scanty garments and a skin shield. The third prize winner was Joe Wardrop, a 'Mexican'.

The most humorous boy's impersonation was that of David Gourlay, Kirkcaldy, who dressed as a jockey, was mounted on a Shetland pony. A delightful 'Boy Blue', the winner of the second prize, was Kennedy Drysdale, and the third prize was given to Robert Craig, a little quack doctor.

Among girls under nine years, the first prize was given to Muriel Hain, Freuchie, who was 'Felix'. Miss Nelly Bett, as 'Yes, We Have No Bananas', won second prize, and Jenny Hepburn, as a 'Fairy Queen', and Jenny Stark, a butterfly, were third equal.

Prize-Giving Ceremony:

Mr Charles Oram, Falkland, presided at the prize-giving ceremony, which was performed in one of the lovely parks of Falkland House by Mrs Maule Ramsay. Mrs Maule Ramsay, who was accompanied by her two daughters, the Hon. Ismay and Claudia Crichton Stuart, and the Dowager Marchioness of Bute, was wearing a fawn suit, striped with lemon, and with an accordion-pleated skirt. Her white tagel cloche hat was ornamented with feathers. Miss Ismay came in a poudre bleu wool suit, and a cyclamen Bangkok hat, while Miss Claudia's woollen frock was striped with grey, to match her grey summer felt. Over a grey silk gown, pin-striped with black, the Marchioness of Bute wore a black charmeuse cloak with a white fox collar. Her black toque was ornamented with jet. Master Michael Crichton Stuart, the heir to Falkland House, was also of the party.

On the motion of Mr T. Drysdale, votes of thanks were accorded the judges and others who had helped to make the function a success.

Side-Shows:

Various side-shows in the park were organised by Mr R. Wallace. Those in charge of the entertainments were Messrs C. Oram, J. Ross, David Cowan, James Skinner, and Herbert Robson. Mr Wm. Robertson, Falkland, was the human 'Aunt Sally' at one of the booths.

In the 'art gallery', some of the works of art were decidedly amusing. 'Antique lace, very rare', was an old leather bootlace, 'The Queen's Bodyguard' was a pair of corsets; and 'The Grub that makes the Butterfly', bread.

Tea was served under one of the stately old trees, by a band of ladies. These were:

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Mrs Birrell (convener), the Misses Anderson, Misses Lawson, Findlay, Ashton, Thomson, Kennedy, Edmiston, Grant, Drysdale, and J. Kennedy.

Kingskettle Silver Band, under the leadership of Mr R. Adams, played the fancy dress procession up to the park, and subsequently provided music for a dance, which was held in the evening.

Costumes and their Wearers:

The spectacular effect of the whole parade, seen en masse, was particularly good. Among the many attractive costumes, a few deserve special mention. As an early Victorian lady, Miss Lizzie Nelson wore a brown silk crinoline and a real old Paisley shawl. A fitting partner was Miss Cathie Hardie, in frock coat and 'tile'. A tricky 'Willie Winkie' was Willie Skinner. Miss A. Oswald came as a Victorian flower seller, in a quaint flowered gown and beribboned bonnet. Master M. Stark, as 'After the Match', represented a somewhat decrepit footballer. John Bett gave a good impersonation of the 'Order of the Bath'. Two little flower girls, with fragrant baskets of blossoms, were Bella and Anna Dryburgh. Mr T. Paterson, as the 'Wild Man of Borneo', drove up in a motor car with an enormous white stuffed dog as a mascot. The ever-popular 'Jackie Coogan' was impersonated by Masters T. Page and D. McBean, and Master T. Honeyman was a 'Balloon Boy'. His elder brother, J. Honeyman, came as a shepherd. John Morgan, Freuchie, was a tinker, with a plentiful supply of tin-ware; and James Kinnear, Freuchie, was a somewhat dilapidated tramp piper. A convincing cowboy was Joseph Wardrop, Kirkcaldy; and a miniature Red Indian was Patsy Wardrop. Isobel Love came as a 'Red Cross Nurse', Isa Dakers was a flower girl; and John Lawson, a small, 'absent-minded beggar', had forgotten his trousers. Another 'absent-minded beggar' was A. Meldrum.

A Wounded Soldier:

J. Dakers came as a Dutch boy, and John Walker was a wounded soldier in hospital blue. A formidable 'Bill Sykes' was J. Mather; and Finlay Drysdale came as 'The

Dude', in frock-coat, tall hat, and immaculate white spats. A bright costume, entitled 'Balloon Girl', was worn by Mary Jane Thomson. Mary Lawson was a kilted Scotsman. As 'Bonnie Scotland', Miss Betsy Dryburgh wore a pretty black frock and hat plentifully bestrewed with Scotch thistles. As an 'Irish Colleen', Miss Mary Drysdale wore a green and yellow costume, and carried a basket of eggs. Mr D. Cowan's costume formed a parody on police garb. Miss Chrissie Lawson represented 'Confetti', and Miss E. Grant was a 'Gipsy Girl'. A Charles I costume, consisting of black plumed hat, black velvet coat, and blue silk knee-breeches, was worn by Miss Jean Nelson. Miss Jennie Drysdale was a black and red 'Pierrot', and Miss Emma Hay was 'Folly'. A pretty green-frilled paper gown was worn by Miss Jennie McQueen as an 'Irish Colleen'. Miss Bessie Anderson was a smart 'Jack Tar'. Miss Lizzie Page was an elderly lady, with a Paisley shawl, and her escort was Miss Agnes Baxter, in an old-world checked suit. Two realistic tinkers were Mrs J. Robb, Freuchie Mill, and Mary Latto.

In White Ducks:

A 'Colonial', in a white duck suit, was Miss Jennie Kennedy. Maggie Beattie, Freuchie, was a clown, and Mary Beattie was a 'Highland dancer'. Margaret Staig came as 'Fairy Dyes', and Jessie Staig as 'Night'. A shy little gnome in a green suit, was Willie Robertson, and James Nelson was a 'Highland Soldier', with a white-wash brush as a sporran. 'Dick Whittington', John Quinn, Falkland, carried a white cat. Edward Quinn, who was a cow-boy, wore fringed trousers, cunningly contrived from a potato sack. Ellen Armit was a tiny 'Milk Maid', with stool and pail. Miss Agnes Robertson was 'A Poppy Girl'. Ellen Dykes, Falkland, was a graceful 'Sunflower', while Nancy Mather came as the 'Order of the Bath'. A cleverly made-up coon was Janet Nelson, and Betty Kemley, Edinburgh, was a 'Coster Girl'. Ina White came as a 'Chinaman', in vivid blue, with yellow facings. Alice Bett represented 'Red, White and Blue', and Lexie Wallace was a 'Golliwog'."

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

"At Scroggie Park, Falkland, on Saturday afternoon. The homesters fairly made amends for the heavy defeat they sustained at Kirkcaldy earlier in the season, by dismissing Dunnikier for 16, and then running up a total of 79. The Falkland fielding was very smart, catches by Dryburgh and T. Drysdale being particularly well taken. Lawson and Allan were in deadly form with the ball, claiming 5 for 5 and 5 for 10 respectively. Currie was the most successful trundle for the visitors, he having 2 for 1, while Kilpatrick jnr., had 2 for 8, and Kilpatrick snr., 4 for 19. Scores: -

Dunnikier – 16 (W. Currie 10)

Falkland – 79 (W. Stark 36, T. Drysdale 11)"

23rd August 1924

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

Extract in *The Fife News*: **Putting** – “A putting competition held Strudley’s putting green on Thursday evening last week resulted as follows: -

1. Mr James Ross. 2. Miss Jean Nelson. 3. Mr William Bartie. 4. Miss Jenny Drysdale.”

6th September 1924

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

“Kelty provided the opposition for Falkland in the latter’s last home fixture at Scroggie Park, Falkland, on Saturday afternoon. After the recent heavy rains, the wicket was very soft and cut up badly. Batting first, the visitors ran up a total of 48, the chief contributors to which were Mill with 16, and Rodger 10. Lawson and Robertson were the main run-getters for the homesters, and for a spell it seemed as if the latter would pull the match out of the fire, but the ‘tail’ wagged feebly, and the innings closed for 43, the match ending in a win for Kelty by 5 runs. Scores: -

Kelty – 48 (H. Mill 16, P. Rodger 10)

Falkland – 43 (P. Lawson 18, P. Robertson 14)

Bowling for Falkland – Lawson claimed five wickets for 9 runs, and Allan three for 25)

Bowling for Kelty – Reid secured five for 13, and Bain four for 27)”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket Teas** – “After the match between Kelty and Falkland on Saturday, the players were kindly entertained at tea by the members of the Ladies’ Club.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Aiding Lord Roberts Workshops** – “With this object in view, a very successful concert was held in the Drill Hall last Friday evening. Captain A. Maule Ramsay, House of Falkland, occupied the chair in presence of a large audience, and in his remarks described minutely how the work was carried out

amongst the disabled men. Hon. Mrs A. Maule Ramsay and party from Falkland House attended the concert. The artists were: -

Mrs T.B. Hood, soprano; Mr John Dawson, tenor; Mr T.B. Hood, violincello; Mr John Young, flute and piccolo; all from Kirkcaldy, and Mr J.W.D. Fraser, Kingskettle, comedian. Mr Alastair Arthur, Kirkcaldy, played the accompaniments.

This party rendered a long and varied high-class programme, and were encored repeatedly. An incident of note which took place during the evening was the presentation of a bouquet to Mrs Hood by Miss Jean Finlay. On the motion of Mr John Baillie, Bank House, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Captain Ramsay for the able manner in which he had acted as chairman. The amount collected from a flag day held some time ago added to the proceeds of this concert makes a handsome total of over £20 for the furtherance of a deserving cause.”

13th September 1924

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Putting Competition** – “A competition for boys under 16 years of age was held at the Liqueorstane course on Tuesday evening, and resulted as follows: -

1. Marshall Stark, 2. Willie Drysdale.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “The gentlemen’s monthly medal competition was played off on Saturday afternoon in glorious weather. Mr John Drysdale was the winner with a score of

96-8 = 88”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Putting Match** – “The return match between Falkland and Auchtermuchty took place at the Liqueorstane putting green on Thursday evening last week. The visitors were easy winners by 9 games. After being entertained to tea in the hotel, the company spent a pleasant hour in song and story. Details: -

Auchtermuchty		Falkland	
T. Galloway	1	Miss J. Ross	0
G. Fowlis	1	Miss J. Anderson	0
W. Fraser	1	Miss J. Drysdale	0
K. Curr	1	G. Anderson	0

A. Galloway	1	G. Shields	0
A. Henderson	1	D. Cowan	0
E. Forgan	1	W. Robertson	0
J. Forgan	1	E. Sergeant	0
G. McIntosh	½	J. Lawson	½
W. Rennie	1	C. Ross	0
Miss L. Anderson	1	W. Forrester	0
Mrs Henderson	1	J. Sim	0
Miss J. Gordon	1	Miss E. Nelson	0
Miss J. Suttie	1	H. Lee	0
A. Whitehead	0	Miss J. Nelson	1
R. Lockhart	0	Miss E. Grant	1
T. Baker	0	Miss Edmondston	1
Miss L. Taylor	0	Miss J. Melville	1
	13 ½		4 ½

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death of Brother of the Late Mr Gulland** – “The death is announced at Cheltenham, at the age of 91 years, of Surgeon-General Alexander Dudgeon Gulland, M.D., who served in the Crimean and other wars. He was a brother of the late Mr Gulland, banker and town clerk of Falkland, and was born on 14th October 1833. Deceased was educated at Edinburgh University, and was only 21 years of age when he joined the Army, and went out to serve in the Crimean campaign. In 1883 he retired from the Army with the honorary rank of Surgeon-General, and since then he lived in Cheltenham. His son by his second wife, Captain Alex. Falkland Gulland, of the 4th Buffs, died of wounds received at Ypres in June 1917. General Gulland retained a great love for Falkland, his native place. He is the last of a name much honoured in the county of Fife for a great many years.”

20th September 1924

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket Club Averages** – “During the past season, Falkland C.C. played 18 matches, of which 10 were won, 6 lost, and 2 drawn. The

total runs scored amount to 1,261 for the loss of 175 wickets, against opponents 1,051 runs for 163 wickets. The chief individual averages are as follows: -

Batting

	Innings	Runs	Highest Score	Times not out	Average
<i>J. Allan</i>	16	180	49	1	12.0
<i>T. Drysdale</i>	13	123	33	-	9.5
<i>P. Robertson</i>	13	122	36	-	9.3
<i>P. Lawson</i>	18	154	54	-	9.0
<i>W.S. Currie</i>	13	118	37	-	9.0
<i>R. Hopkins</i>	16	110	26	2	8.0

Bowling

	Overs	Runs	Wickets	Average
<i>P. Lawson</i>	119.2	177	34	5.2
<i>W.S. Currie</i>	53.1	138	24	5.75
<i>J. Ross</i>	123.3	221	34	6.5
<i>J. Allan</i>	165.5	383	58	6.6

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – “A friendly match played between Falkland and Markinch Y.M.C.A., at the Myre on Saturday afternoon, resulted in a win for the homesters by 5 goals to 4.”

27th September 1924

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “The ladies’ monthly medal competition was played off on Saturday afternoon. Miss Jenny Drysdale was the winner.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Pulpit** – “Rev. W. Gemmell Mitchell, of Freuchie, occupied the Parish Church pulpit on Sunday evening.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Choral and Musical Appreciation** – “The Choral and Musical Appreciation class which was carried on in the School during last winter under Mr D.C. Walker, Director of Music to the Fife Education Authority, is to be resumed this year. The enrolling meeting was held on Monday evening, when there was a good turnout, especially of ladies.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Heather Day** – “Mrs Nisbet has handed over £4 18s 9 ½ d for the funds of the Children’s League of Pity. The collectors were Margaret Shields and Mary Downie, Marjory Herd and Janet Nelson, Margaret Thomson and Agnes White, Kate Lawson and Agnes Brown, Mary McKillop and Flora Stark, Cathy Lawson and Nancy Mathers.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Rural Library** – “One hundred new books have come for the Rural Library, and are given out free to adults, every Thursday from 6.30 to 7.00 p.m. at the Public School.”

11th October 1924

Extract from *The Fife News*: **J.P.** – “Mr Charles Jackson, Lomondvale, was on Thursday sworn in as a J.P., in Cupar Sheriff Court, by Sheriff Dudley Stuart.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Women’s Guild Funds** – “The Parish Church Women’s Guild Committee met in the Manse and made the following allocation of funds raised at their sale of work on 5th July of this year: -

Women’s Association for Foreign Missions - £20

Women’s Association for Home Missions - £8

Maintenance of the Ministry (Smaller Livings) - £8

The Women’s Guild Mission, Kalimpong - £5

Deaconess Hospital - £2 10s

The Deaconess Rest - £2 10s

Falkland Nursing Fund - £2

Falkland Kirk Session Coal Fund - £2

Women’s Association for Foreign Missions – Mission Buildings Fund - £5

A total sum of £55 was thus allocated, the balance in hand being retained for material and annual subscriptions.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Edinburgh Infirmary Collection** – “The annual collection on behalf of the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, totalled £15 13s 9d. The collectors this year were Mr Harry Lee, West Port, Falkland; Mr Alex. Dryburgh, The Muir; Mr Andrew Falconer, Falkland Wood, and Miss Tait, Newton of Falkland. As has been customary in recent years, a collection of produce, game, etc., will be taken at the Parish Church on the occasion of the harvest thanksgiving service on Sunday, 19th October, and the gifts then received will be distributed among the Hospitals. Last year, Perth, Dundee, and Edinburgh Infirmarys were the recipients.”

25th October 1924

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Potatoes** – “Potato lifting is now in full swing in the district. Weather conditions are fairly good, and this greatly facilitates the work.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – “A friendly match between the local team and Kennoway Celtic played at the Myre on Saturday afternoon resulted in a win for the visitors by 5 goals to 2.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Assessments** – “The assessments for the year are as follows:

Burgh – Owners, 1s 9½d; Occupiers, 3s 11½d

Parish – Owners, 2s 2d; Occupiers, 2s 2d.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cattleman’s Assault on Boy** – “William John Rollo Heggie, cattleman, Newton of Falkland, was convicted on evidence, at Cupar Sheriff Court on Tuesday, of having, on 24th September, on the Falkland-Freuchie highway, assaulted Wm. Urquhart, aged 14 years, residing at Newton of Falkland, by kicking him on the right hip with his booted foot. A fine of £1, with the alternative of ten days imprisonment, was imposed by Sheriff Dudley Stuart.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Farmyard Fire** – “A serious outbreak of fire took place at the stackyard of Myreside Farm, belonging to Mr John Duncan, on Friday

afternoon. Willing helpers were there in plenty, but their services were of little avail, as the flames had got a firm hold, and the stacks of grain and hay were completely destroyed. Fortunately the damage is covered by insurance."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Town Council** – *"The annual meeting of the ratepayers was held in the Town Hal on Monday evening, but there was only a small turnout. Bailie Hunt occupied the chair. The retiring members at this term are: -*

Provost Hopkins, Bailie Robertson, and Councillors Grant and Jack, each of whom gave an account of his stewardship during his term of office. All four were re-elected. The Chairman intimated that there was still one vacancy on the Council, due to the resignation of Councillor Annan, on account of ill-health. Other candidates were proposed, but declined."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Harvest Thanksgiving Services** – *"Harvest Thanksgiving services were held in the Parish Church on Sunday and following the custom of the past three years, a collection of gifts in kind was taken for the Hospitals. The response of the congregation was extremely good when the fact is recalled that only a fortnight ago the sum of £15 13s 9d was forwarded to the Treasurer of the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, from this parish. The outstanding items of a very varied collection were: -*

1 cwt. potatoes, 56lb jam, 1/2cwt vegetables, 16 1/2lb tea, 1/2cwt apples, 28lb sugar, 4 dozen bananas, 6 1/2 doz eggs, 5lb grapes, one box soap.

The communion table was laden with chrysanthemums, which were also dispatched. £2 17s 6d was the money offering to pay carriage; the balance of this also goes to Hospital funds. The Deaconess Hospital, Edinburgh, and Perth Royal Infirmary share the above gifts."

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



East Fife Parliamentary Election Notice

1st November 1924

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – “Falkland F.C. suffered another defeat on Saturday afternoon. In a friendly game, versus Markinch Bluebell, played at Mossburn, they were defeated by 5 goals to 3.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Funeral and Deposit Society** – “The funds of this Society were disbursed on Saturday afternoon. The amount deducted for death claims and expenses is 2s 2d per member and 1s 1d per half-member.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **War Memorial Institute** – “The annual general meeting of the members was held in the Reading Room on Monday evening, when there was a good turnout. In the absence of Mr Walter Peggie, the Rev. J.P. Batchelor occupied the chair. On the motion of Bailie Robertson, it was agreed that if a member subscribed three consecutive quarterly payments, he be entitled to one

year's membership, the present rates being 2s 6d quarterly, or 7s 6d yearly. The question of laying out a tennis court was considered, and this matter is to be further inquired into by the Committee. Mr Robert Nellies was appointed to the Management Committee in place of Miss Martyn, who did not seek re-election."

8th November 1924

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Communion** – *"Communion was celebrated in the Parish and U.F. Churches on Sunday morning. The Rev. R.F.V. Scott of Strathmiglo was to have conducted the thanksgiving service in the former church, but had to call off owing to illness, and the Rev. J.K. Russell officiated. The minister at the thanksgiving service in the U.F. Church was the Rev. W.J. Auld of Freuchie."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Public School** – *"The Public School re-opened on Monday morning after three weeks' vacation for potato lifting."*

15th November 1924

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Kirkin'** – *"The 'kirkin' o' the Cooncil' took place on Sunday."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Poppy Day** – *"The sum of about £17 was collected on Tuesday (Armistice Day) from the sale of poppies, in aid of the Earl Haig's fund for unemployed ex-Servicemen. Mrs Robert Miller, Westlea, was the local organiser."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Special Services** – *"Special services of remembrance were held on Sunday. At the morning service in the Parish Church, the ex-Servicemen, Boy Scouts, and Company of the Boys Brigade were present, and wreaths from each of the parties were laid at the foot of the memorial tablet. Piper John Kay played the 'Lament' and Mr John Ross sounded the 'Last Post'. At the afternoon service in the U.F. Church, wreaths from the Scouts and Boys Brigade were placed on the table to which the memorial plate is affixed."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Outbreak of Fire** – *"While returning from a dance in the early hours of Saturday morning, Mr Thomas Schofield noticed smoke issuing from a window of a house in the High Street, belonging to Mr Peter Robertson. He*

immediately raised the alarm, and with many willing helpers soon on the scene, the fire was got under control. The damage, which is confined to one room, is covered by insurance.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf Club Dance** – “A highly successful dance in aid of the local Golf Club, was held in the Drill Hall last Friday. Decorations, consisting of evergreens, bunting, streamers, balloons and lanterns gave the interior of the building an appropriate effect for the occasion. About fifty couples were assembled, and delightful up-to-date music was discoursed by the Imperial Band from Cowdenbeath. The catering, which was all that could be desired, was in the hands of Mrs Nellies, Mrs Lewis, Mrs Garland, and Mrs Bartie, along with the energetic dance Committee, comprising Mrs Hardie, Miss K. Venters, Misses H. Forsyth, J. Drysdale, and Messrs J. Hardie and C. Drysdale. Messrs Hardie and Drysdale were efficient M.C.’s. Two guessing competitions held during the night were won by Mr W. Foster, Cowdenbeath, and Mr T. Morrison, Markinch. The list of acceptances is as follows: -

Ladies – Misses M. Archibald, J. Anderson, M. Anderson, N. Anderson, Mrs Bartie, Mrs Brown, Misses M. Birrell, B. Douglas, J. Drysdale, A. Edmiston, E. Fernie, L. Finlay, A. Forsyth, H. Forsyth, Mrs Garland, Misses M. Gavin, E. Grant, Mrs Hardie, Mrs Hopkins, Misses E. Hay, E. Kennedy, J. Kennedy, C. Lawson, M. Lawson, Mrs Lewis, Misses J. Melville, L. McEwan, Mrs Nellies, Misses J. Nelson, C. Peggie, J. Robertson, J. Ross, J. Smith, M.J. Thomson, K. Venters, J. Venters, Mrs Jas. Wemyss, Mrs John Wemyss; Miss Allardyce, Lathrisk; Miss Brunton, Markinch; Miss Dewar, Lathrisk; Miss Dalrymple, Freuchie; Miss Dryden, Newton of Falkland; Miss Girdwood, Leslie; and Mrs Grainger, Edinburgh.

Gentlemen – Messrs J. Archibald, G. Anderson, W. Bartie, H. Birrell, W. Birrell, A. Cowan, R. Dakers, R. Dryburgh, C.R. Drysdale, J. Drysdale, J. Garland, J. Hay, Jas. Hardie, John Hardie, Provost Hopkins, A. Hopkins, J. Kay, P. Lawson, H. Lee, J. Lewis, C. Oram, J. Oswald, W. Peggie, A. Robertson, G. Richfield, T.C. Schofield, W. Strudley, O. Strudley, W. Todd, John Wemyss, Jas. Wemyss, J. Walker, C. Ross, J. Brunton, Markinch; K. Brunton, Markinch; A. Cowie, Glasgow; J. Dalrymple, Freuchie; Dewar, Lathrisk; E. Dow, Rossie; G. Dryden, Newton of Falkland; R. Girdwood, Leslie; G. Hepburn, Kinghorn; W. Malloch, Dunshalt; J. Morrison, Markinch; T. Morrison, Markinch; D. Reid, Strathmiglo; A. Robertson, Freuchie; A. Shepherd, Freuchie; J. Wallace, Kirkcaldy; and T. Watt, Freuchie.”

22nd November 1924

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Poppies** – “A further sale of poppies in aid of Earl Haig’s Fund was held in the Cinema on Saturday evening, and realised over 24s. This now brings the total sum collected up to £18 5s.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – “A team from Kennoway visited Falkland on Saturday afternoon, and played the locals in a friendly match at the Myre. The visitors registered a runaway victory of 6 goals to 1.”

29th November 1924

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

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Silver Wedding** – “Mr and Mrs George Hardie, Pleasance, Falkland, celebrated their silver wedding on Monday. They were married at Hawick on the 24th November, 1899, by the Rev. Dr Cathels, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. The couple were the recipients of many presents and messages of congratulation.”

6th December 1924

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cupar District Committee** – “Cupar District Committee granted on Tuesday, an application for a subsidy for a three-bedroomed house to be built by John Jackson, Meadowfield, Falkland.”

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

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Stolen Poultry** – “James Homden, labourer, Brunton Street, Falkland, admitted on Tuesday in Cupar Sheriff Court, before Sheriff Dudley Stuart, that he had stolen 7 pullets and 1 cockerel from the grounds of Millfield House, occupied by William Sharp Currie. Accused said he had nothing to say on the subject. The Fiscal said accused had at one time been in charge of the poultry, and after his services were dispensed with, he occasionally looked in to see how they were getting on. The pullets were found to be missing, and were discovered on

accused's premises. His excuse was that he was sending them to a relative in Ireland for breeding purposes. A fine of £2 was imposed.

13th December 1924

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cinema** – “Both houses were well patronised on Saturday evening, when ‘The Battle’ with Sessue Hayakawa in the leading role was screened. Eposide one of ‘The Branded Four’ serial, and a ‘Felix’ comedy completed a first-class programme.”



‘La Bataille (The Battle)

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – “A friendly encounter between the local team and Leven Hearts took place at the Myre on Saturday afternoon. The homesters were victorious by 4 goals to 2.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Masonic** – “The office-bearers of Lodge St John (No. 35) have been appointed as follows: -

R.W.M. – Brother John Garland; I.P.M. – Brother John Drysdale; D.M. – Brother James Jackson; S.M. – Brother T.D. Hopkins; S.W. – Brother John J. Ross; J.W. – Brother Thomas L. Ross; Secretary – Brother William W. Gullon; Treasurer – Brother James Walker; S.D. – Brother Harry Lee; J.D. – Brother W. Meldrum; I.G. – Brother Charles Ross; Tyler – Brother John Walker; Steward – Brother William E. Strudley; Auditors – Brothers Alex. Anderson and R. Miller; Inquiry Committee – Brothers D. Munro and P. Robertson.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf Club** – “There was a large attendance at the annual general meeting of the members of Falkland Golf Club, held in the War Memorial Institute on Wednesday evening. Mr Alex. Anderson occupied the chair, in the absence of the Captain, Mr George Robertson. The balance sheet showed a balance to the good of over £15 on the year’s workings. A sum of over £8, the proceeds from a dance held recently, organised by the Ladies’ Committee, is to be handed to the Club to help in the purchase of a horse mower. Provost Hopkins proposed that a horse mower be purchased, and that the matter be left with the Committee – Agreed.

The winners of the gentlemen’s Lathrisk Cup and ladies’ rose bowl yearly competitions – Mr G. Hepburn and Miss J. Drysdale – were congratulated by the Chairman on their success. Mr John Drysdale retains custody of the monthly medal until the commencement of next season, he having won the competitions for this medal, during the past year, oftener than any other member. Office-bearers for the coming season were appointed as follows: -

Hon. Presidents – Mr J.A. Patullo, Lathrisk, and Captain A. Maule Ramsay, House of Falkland; President – Major J.L. Lumsden, Freuchie; Vice-Presidents – Messrs D. Bonthron, Newton-of-Falkland, and A. Shanks, Falkland Wood; Captain – Mr George Anderson; Vice-Captain – Mr George Hepburn; Secretary – Mr John Drysdale; Treasurer – Mr John Baillie; General Committee – Messrs Alex. Anderson, Thos. D. Hopkins, Andrew Venters, George Robertson, Walter Peggie, Snr., and Thos. Drysdale. Ladies – Mrs T.D. Hopkins, Mrs J. Drysdale, and Miss Martyn; Green Committee – Captain, Vice-Captain, Secretary and Treasurer.

Mr John Drysdale moved a vote of thanks to Mr Anderson for having occupied the chair.”

20th December 1924

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cinema** – “A six-reel film entitled ‘The Colleen Bawn’, was screened on Saturday evening. Both showings were well patronised. The five-reel dealing with ‘Wembley’ was shown on Tuesday evening, when there was a good audience.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – “Crosshill Rovers from Glenraig visited the Myre on Saturday afternoon, and played the local team in a friendly match. After a hard fought game, the homesters were victors by 4 goals to 3.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Billiards** – “The final round of the first of the season’s tournaments held in the War Memorial Institute was played off on Saturday evening, when Messrs John Lawson and W. Ross met in opposition. After a hard-fought game, the former ran out winner by nine points. Both of these players, who are only youths, were in receipt of good handicaps.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cinema in Church** – “Something of a novelty in the form of a cinematograph exhibition, under the auspices of the Church of Scotland African Mission, was delivered by Mr L.F. Armitage, of Nyasaland, in the Parish Church on Sunday evening. The pictures thrown on the screen depicted interesting scenes of village, mission, and travel life in East Central Africa. At various points, Mr Armitage gave an account of the work carried out at that far-away quarter.”

27th December 1924

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Musical Service** – “With the advent of Christmas, the evening service in the Parish Church on Sunday took the form of a musical one, when the choir rendered a Christmas cantata, entitled ‘The Prince of Peace’. Solos were sung by Misses J. Drysdale, E. Grant, A. Oswald, and Mr A. Melville, and a duet by Misses Grant and L. Finlay. There was a large congregation.”

