

Falkland 1900-2000

Year 1909

(As researched by Jack Burgess)

9th January 1909

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Seasonable Generosity** – “By the generosity of Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart and Mr C.J. M. Makgill-Crichton of Lathrisk, the annual distribution of coals to about forty poor people in Falkland and Newton of Falkland was made the other day. The distribution was undertaken through the medium of the Kirk Session. On Saturday afternoon, the children attending Brunton House School and the children of the employees, to the number of fifty, were entertained at tea at House of Falkland by Lord and Lady Ninian Crichton-Stuart. After a sumptuous tea, partaken of in the hall, the children were conducted to the dining room where a large Christmas tree had been erected, laden with toys which Lady Ninian afterwards distributed to the children.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Children’s Treat** – “Through the kindness of Miss Gulland, Millfield, the children of Falkland were entertained at an excellent treat in the Drill Hall on Wednesday night last week. Notwithstanding the stormy weather, the children turned out full muster. The tea tables were beautifully decorated and laden with good things. During the serving of tea, bagpipes were played, and selections given from a gramophone. Thereafter action songs were sung by a number of the children. Captain Slacke also contributed a few amusing songs, and was accompanied on the piano by Miss Gulland. A magic lantern entertainment was among the good things provided. Before the children dispersed, after a very pleasant evening, the Rev. A.L. Johnston proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Miss Gulland for her kindness, which was heartily responded to.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Poultry Show** – “The 49th annual show of Falkland Ornithological Society was held in the Drill Hall and Town Hall on Saturday. There were 232 poultry, 174 pigeons, and 187 cage-birds forward. In the Town Hall there was a fine show of the Norwich fancy and British birds. The cup for the most points over the whole show was gained by A. Leitch, Cameron Bridge (77 points). The runners-up were Delaney & Steedman, Falkland (75 points). John Reekie, Leslie, had 55 points. The judges were: - Poultry – Mr Wm. Morgan, Balcurvie, and Mr John Hynd, Dunfermline. Pigeons – Mr Tom Stark, Galashiels. Cage-birds – Mr D.A. Craig, Arbroath.”

23rd January 1909

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Meeting** – “On Tuesday evening, a largely attended and enthusiastic meeting was held in the Drill Hall, Falkland, presided over by Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart. The principal speakers were: - Colonel Sprot and Mr R.E. Noble, barrister, London. The latter, who had to leave for London by the night mail, spoke first, and dealt principally with the legislative failures of the present Government, referring specially to the various Education Bills and the Licensing Bill. Colonel Sprot confined his remarks to Tariff Reform, which he handled in a most interesting and lucid manner. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Colonel Sprot, proposed by Captain Slacke, and with a similar compliment to the Chairman by Colonel Sprot.”

27th March 1909

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Mr Francis Henderson** – “Mr Francis Henderson, of the British Linen Bank, has received the appointment of teller in the Bank at Carluke.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **School Board** – “At a meeting of ratepayers on Monday evening, Provost Miller presiding – the following four names were put forward: - Robert Miller, joiner; Charles Jackson, manufacturer; David Bonthron, maltster; and Rev. A.L. Johnston, E.C. minister. The first three are members of the old Board.”

3rd April 1909

Extract from *The Fife News*: **A Son and Heir to the Hon. F. Hanbury Tracy** – “Much satisfaction has been expressed here with the news that a son and heir was

born to the Hon. F. Hanbury Tracy, Lathrisk House, in Edinburgh on Monday. Mr and Mrs Tracy have received many hearty congratulations.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Hawking Beer** – “George Knox, van driver, Newton of Falkland, was fined two guineas by a J.P. Court at Kirkcaldy on Friday. Knox admitted having hawked six pints of excisable liquor on the highway near Markinch on 27th February. The police suspected that such a practice was frequently carried on by Knox, and they set a watch. The officers were in plain clothes, and, unobserved by Knox, went into the field, and saw him sell the liquor to three men. In his defence the accused said one of the men had ordered the drink. Peter Whitecross, coachman, Rothes; Henry Laird, labourer, Balgonie, and Henry Hood, Balgonie, were charged with inducing Knox to sell them two pints of beer each. They admitted the offence, and were fined 10s 6d, or three days’ imprisonment.”

10th April 1909

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Presentations** – “On Wednesday evening, 31st March, Mr Francis Henderson, British Linen Bank, was met by a few of his friends and well-wishers in Mrs Ness’ Temperance Hotel, and presented with a handsome gold watch and chain, the occasion being his promotion to be teller in the Bank’s branch at Carluke. Mr Charles Jackson, Lomondvale, in a few well-chosen and appropriate sentences, made the presentation, and Mr Henderson suitably replied. The Rev. Mr Johnston and Mr Richardson also expressed their good wishes for Mr Henderson’s future welfare and prosperity, and, after some songs were contributed, the evening came to a close by the singing of “Auld Lang Syne”. Mr H. Adamson, jeweller, Cupar, supplied the watch and chain, which were suitably inscribed. On Tuesday evening Mr Henderson was the recipient of an Oxford teacher’s Bible as a parting gift from his fellow members of the Y.M.C.A.”

17th April 1909

Extract from *The Fife News*: **School Board** – “There was no contest in connection with the School Board election. The members of the new Board are: - Mr J.L. Lumsden, the Rev. J.M. Richardson, Mr David Rymer, Freuchie; Mr David Bonthron, Newton of Falkland; Provost Miller, the Rev. A.L. Johnston and Mr William Horne.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **The Light Railway** – “A meeting of the Working Committee in connection with the above undertaking was held on Tuesday night at

which the various members handed in their reports. The various reports indicate that the desire for a railway is unanimous, and it is encouraging to find that considerable promise to active support in the taking up of share capital exists among the merchants, traders, and others in Falkland and district generally. The tone of the meeting showed clearly that Falkland folks regard the future welfare and prosperity of the village as bound up in being provided with railway facilities."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lord and Lady Ninian Crichton-Stuart** – *"Lord and Lady Ninian Crichton-Stuart returned to Falkland House last week after an absence of about two months."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Visitors** – *"Monday being the Glasgow, Dundee and Perth Spring holiday, there were a considerable number of visitors in the town over the week-end."*

24th April 1909

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – *"The golfers played their first match on Saturday last at Markinch, but were defeated by 5 matches to 3."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Circus** – *"Pinder's famous circus visited the town on Tuesday, and there was a large attendance at the performance."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket Club** – *"The Cricket Club have commenced practice for the season, and the first fixture falls to be played tomorrow (Saturday) at Kirkcaldy. There is every prospect of the season being a successful one."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Debate** – *"A debate took place on Saturday last on "Total Prohibition versus Local Option", between Mr J.S. MacGillivray, Auchtermuchty, and Mr William Gray, Freuchie. Councillor Lister occupied the chair."*

1st May 1909

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Trade** – “Trade in both the linen and floorcloth factories shows considerable improvement, and full time is being worked in both places.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Telephone Exchange** – “Efforts are at present being made with considerable success to obtain a sufficient number of subscribers so as arrangements can be completed for the installation of a telephone exchange at the Post Office.”

8th May 1909

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket** – “The Cricket Club played off their second fixture on Saturday last at Kirkcaldy against Kirkcaldy 2nd XI., the result being a draw. Tomorrow (Saturday) they travel to Cupar to meet Cupar 2nd XI.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Communion** – Communion services were held in the Parish and United Free Churches on Sunday. In the evening, the Rev. William Porter, Cults, preached in the Parish Church, while the Rev. W.L. Craig, Kettle, occupied the pulpit of the United Free Church.”

22nd May 1909

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Band** – “Falkland Brass Band is making considerable progress. After parading the streets last Saturday evening, they rendered a programme in the East Loan.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Mrs Lucinda Campbell** – “Mrs Lucinda Wilson, or Campbell, High Street, died on Saturday last in her 94th year. Mrs Campbell, who was the oldest inhabitant of Falkland, was a daughter of the late Major Wilson of Ballo.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Headmastership** – “The short leet of candidates for the position of headmaster in the Public School here has been reduced to three, viz: - Mr Dunbar, Saltcoats; Mr Thomson, Glasgow; and Mr Young, Elphingstone, Tranent. These gentlemen will be interviewed by the School Board on Monday first, after which the appointment will be made.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death – Campbell** – “At Falkland, on the 15th inst., Mrs Lucinda Wilson, or Campbell, in her 94th year, widow of Patrick Colin Campbell, His Majesty’s 42nd Regiment, and last surviving member of the family of Major Wilson of Ballo, Fife.”

29th May 1909

Extract from *The Fife News*: **School Board** – “At a meeting of the School Board held on Monday, Mr J. Dunbar, M.A., B. Sc, Saltcoats, was appointed to the headmastership of the Public School at a salary of £180 with a free house. Mr Dunbar commences his duties about the 16th of August.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death – Horne** – “At ‘The Neuk’, Falkland, on the 23^d inst., Agnes Hepburn, wife of William Horne, late of Drumdrill.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Falkland v Craighall** – “Falkland had Craighall (Dundee) as visitors on Saturday at Scroggie Park on a good wicket. The home captain won the toss, and elected to bat, sending in Robinson and Michie to the bowling of McKay and Bruce. The opening was disastrous as the first wicket fell without any runs being scored and the second and third falling at 5, matters were beginning to look serious for the homesters. Before the fourth wicket fell, however, the total had been raised to 33, the Hon. F.H. Tracy being the retiring batsman with 16 to his credit, got by excellent cricket. The score mounted steadily up only Venters of the succeeding batsmen failing to augment to the total, and when the last wicket fell, the board showed 85. The Dundee men started none too well either, the second wicket falling with only 1 run scored. McKay and Robertson, however, carried the score to 17 before a separation was effected. The fourth and fifth wickets also fell at this figure. Coxon and Robertson added 17 for the sixth wicket, but the remainder didn’t offer much resistance and the whole side was out for 43. Bowling for Craighall, Robertson had 2 wickets for 8 runs, Stratton 3 for 14, McKay 3 for 18. Donald 2 for 25 and Bruce 0 for 15. For Falkland, Grieve secured 3 for 12, and Michie 6 for 25. Scores: -

Falkland		
H. Robinson	c and b McKay	0
H.D. Michie	b Stratton	26
R.G. Thomson	b McKay	0
T. Robertson	c Roberts, b McKay	0
Hon. F.H. Tracy	lbw, b Donald	16
A.H. Michie	b Donald	6
J. Reekie	not out	15

A. Grieve	b Robertson	7
W. Stark	c and b Stratton	1
J. Venters	lbw, b Robertson	0
A. Fraser	b Stratton	7
	Extras	7
	Total	85

Craighall

W. Roberts	c Stark b Grieve	0
C. Robertson	c Fraser, b H.D. Michie	5
R. Donald	c Tracy, b H.D. Michie	0
R. McKay	c Robinson, b Grieve	10
D. Stratton	c and b H.D. Michie	0
A.C. Coxon	c A.H. Michie, b H.D. Michie	8
C. Robertson	c Tracy, b Grieve	9
J. Bruce	c Fraser, b H.D. Michie	1
W. Craig	b H.D. Michie	6
J.E. Stewart	run out	0
R. Thomson	not out	0
	Extras	4
	Total	43

12th June 1909

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Falkland Brass Band** – “The Falkland Brass Band fulfilled their first engagements on Saturday last when they attended the annual market at Star, Markinch. They have been engaged for the local market and games, which take place to-morrow (Saturday)”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket** – “The match played at Scroggie Park on Saturday last was between the local team and Cupar 2nd XI, and resulted in an easy win for Falkland by 66 runs against 31. On Tuesday evening, a game was engaged on with Kelty Our Boys, when the Home XI were defeated by 55 runs to 44. Tomorrow (Saturday’s) fixture is with Kirkcaldy 2nd XI.”

19th June 1909

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “The second round of the Lathrisk cup tournament was played on Saturday last and resulted as follows: -

Mr J.O. Levack	1	Mr J. Cochrane	0
Mr W. Peggie	1	Mr A. Anderson	0

Rev. A.L. Johnston (Bye)

In the semi-final, Mr Levack plays Mr Peggie, Mr Johnston again receiving a bye.

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Menagerie** – “On the evening of Thursday, the 10th inst., Sedgewick’s menagerie visited the town with their excellent collection of animals, which included 15 lions. Four of the lions reflected great credit on their trainer by their clever performances. The special feature of the evening was the tug-of-war between the elephants and 30 local men. The result was a win for the men, who were presented with a silver cup, which, after a draw taking place among the competitors, fell to the possession of Mr William Stark jnr., Newton of Falkland.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket** – “Kirkcaldy second string who were the visitors to Falkland on Saturday, made a very indifferent show against the villagers. J.C. Mackie, who opened with Swan, was clean bowled by the fifth ball in Grieve’s first over, Cook following next ball. Thereafter the Kirkcaldy innings was little better than a procession, the sensational opening apparently having an unsettling effect upon the succeeding batsmen, who experienced great difficulty in negotiating Michie’s “googlies”. The total eventuality reached 31. Falkland had little difficulty in scoring the necessary runs, the Kirkcaldy total being passed for the loss of 3 wickets. The innings realised 82, of which J. Reekie had 27, got by sterling cricket. Bowling for Falkland, Michie had 5 for 13 and Grieve 5 for 14, while Skinner for Kirkcaldy had 3 for 5.”

26th June 1909

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “Mr J. Levack beat Mr W. Peggie in the third round of the Lathrisk Cup competition, so that the finalists are – The Rev. A.L. Johnstone and Mr Levack. The ladies’ medal was played for on Saturday last, and won by Miss Cochrane, Lomondside.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Market and Games** – “The annual market and games were held on Saturday last, when there was a record attendance. The games were specially well competed for, and a splendid exhibition of dancing was given by the troupe in attendance. There were the usual shows, etc. The local Brass Band played various selections during the games and also the music for the dancing, which was engaged in for four or five hours.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Falkland v Freuchie** – “Falkland were the visitors, and arrived with a team of more than their average strength to play Freuchie, who only commenced play this season. Freuchie batted first. Scores: -

Freuchie		
R. Dall	c. Craig, b. Stark	5
J. Jack jnr.	c. Thomson, b. Michie	2
J. Lowe	b. Michie	1
E. Croall	b. Stark	3
A. Staig	b. Stark	3
J. Jack	c. Thomson, b. Stark	8
A. Henderson	c. Traill, b. Michie	0
H. Fraser	lbw., b. Michie	0
A. Spence	not out	8
C. Fraser	run out	4
W. Fenton	b. Michie	8
	Extras	6
	Total	48

Falkland		
R.G. Thomson	c. Dall, b. Lowe	1
A.H. Michie	b. Croall	0
W. Venters	c. Henderson, b. Fenton	12
G. Craig	run out	9
H.D. Michie	c. Henderson, b. Croall	2
P. Robertson	b. Croall	0
A. Fraser	b. Lowe	2
W. Stark	b. Fenton	2
W. Traill	not out	6
W. Reid	b. Croall	1
R. Thomson	b. Fenton	0
	Extras	3
	Total	38

3rd July 1909

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Sunday School Pic-nics** – “On Saturday last, both the Parish Church and United Free Sunday Schools held their annual pic-nics. The former chose for their destination this year Pitlour, by Strathmiglo, and the latter spent the afternoon at Balbirnie, near Markinch. Both parties enjoyed the outing very much.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **National Bible Society** – “On Monday evening, a public meeting of the Falkland and Freuchie Auxiliary of the National Bible Society of Scotland was held in the United Free Church Hall, when Miss Anne Sharpe and Mrs

Richardson were each presented with a handsome Bible in recognition of their having been collectors on behalf of the Society for 27 and 26 years respectively. Mr Richardson, who is leaving Falkland, was also the recipient of a Bible in token of the appreciation of his services as Secretary of the Local Auxiliary since its formation 27 years ago. Mr J.L. Lumsden, Freuchie, president of the Falkland and Freuchie Branch, made the presentations on behalf of the National Bible Society of Scotland, and Mr Richardson suitably returned thanks for the ladies and himself. At a meeting of the Committee held previously to the public meeting, Mr J. Methven, The Schoolhouse, Freuchie, was appointed Secretary in room of Mr Richardson, and Mr Walter Peggie, Falkland, was elected Treasurer. Immediately after the above presentations, Mr Richardson was met by the office-bearers of the United Free Church when the Rev. J.H. Morrison handed over to him a handsome gold-mounted walking stick as a token of their respect. Mr Richardson returned thanks.”

10th July 1909

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “*The Lathrisk Cup competition resulted in the Rev. A. Lyon Johnstone winning the cup by beating Mr J.O. Levack. This is the third time Mr Johnstone has been custodian of the trophy.*”

17th July 1909

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Justice of the Peace** – “*The Lord Chancellor has, on the recommendation of the Duke of Fife, the Lord-Lieutenant of the County of London, appointed Mr James P.R. Lyell, a Justice of the Peace for the County of London. Mr Lyell is the son of Mr J. Ronaldson Lyell, M.A., of Hampstead, and grandson of the late Dr James Lyell of Falkland.*”

24th July 1909

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Drive to Elie** – “*The choirs of the United Free Church and a few friends enjoyed a splendid drive to Elie on Saturday last. There were some showers in the forepart of the day, but everyone was highly pleased with the outing.*”

21st August 1909

Extract from *The Fife News*: **The Late Mr Gulland** – *As both ministers are on holiday at present, there were no pulpit references last Sunday to the death of Mr*

Gulland, but the Town Council attended church in their official capacity out of respect for their late Town Clerk.”

4th September 1909

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket** – “The Cricket Club travelled to Perth on Saturday last to play Perthshire 2nd XI, and won handsomely, the figures being Perthshire 2nd, 125; Falkland, 127 for four wickets. Gamble, the Falkland pro., had 52 on. Tomorrow (Saturday) the Second’s last match of the season will be played at Scroggie, the visitors being Dunnikier.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “A very pleasant match was engaged in on Saturday last with Glenfarg, and resulted in a win for the home team by 6 matches to 4. Scores: -

Falkland		Glenfarg	
J. Mackay	1	J.E. Bett	0
Walter Peggie	0	John Thomson	1
D. Bonthron	1	Wm. Burnie	0
D.A. Richardson	1	Geo. Bett	0
J. Cochrane	0	J.P. Greig	1
Rev. C. Fraser	0	Dr Gibson	1
A. Anderson	1	Wm. Auld	0
J. Methven	0	Mr Fraser	1
A. Venters	1	A.J. Greig	0
J. Peggie	1	J. Burnie	0
	6		4

11th September 1909

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “The Morrison Medal competition was played off on Saturday, the medal being won by the Rev. A.L. Johnston.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket** – “On Saturday last, Dunnikier Cricket Club were the visitors to Scroggie, when an enjoyable game was engaged in. The strangers batted first, and compiled a total of 68. The home team then went in, and easily passed their opponents’ score, with only four wickets down for 75, the highest scorers being Gamble (pro) 45, and H.D. Michie 12 not out. The last match of the season is to be played tomorrow (Saturday) at Springfield Asylum. The Dunnikier match was the last game in which Gamble the professional took part, as the period of his engagement has finished. Scores: -

Dunnikier

W. Cook snr.	b. Gamble	5
J.L. Peggie	b. Reekie	15
J.A. Smith	b. Gamble	16
W. Cook jnr.	b. Gamble	0
W. Fraser	c. Bryce, b. Reekie	7
J. Blenkin	St. Robinson, b. Gamble	1
H. Bateman	b. Gamble	2
A.M. Duncan	c. Gamble, b. Reekie	0
J. Halley	c. Venters, b. Reekie	0
J.D. Aitken	b. Grieve	8
J. Martin	not out	2
	Extras	12
	Total	68

Falkland

J.O. Fairlie	b. Halley	3
H. Robinson	lbw, b. Halley	6
Gamble	b. Smith	45
H.D. Michie	not out	12
J. Reekie	b. Duncan	2
	Extras	8
	Total	76

Did not bat R.G. Thomson, R.B. Bryce,
W. Stark, A. Grieve,
W. Venters, W. Reid.

25th September 1909

Extract from *The Fife News*: **British Linen Bank** – “Mr James Donaldson, British Linen Bank, Edinburgh, and Mr Alexander Anderson, solicitor, have been appointed joint agents of the British Linen Bank here.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Poaching on Lathrisk Estate** – “At Cupar Sheriff Court on Thursday – before Sheriff Armour – George Page, joiner, Falkland, was charged with having on 20th July trespassed in pursuit of game on the Lathrisk estate. He pleaded guilty, and Mr David Robertson, solicitor, Markinch, who appeared on his behalf, said that the case was more in the nature of a frolic than a serious poaching expedition. Page had been at Auchtermuchty, and after he went home he got a gun and went out with it. He did not fire any shots, however, and no game was killed. Mr A.E. Grosset, solicitor, Cupar, who prosecuted, said there shots fired, for it was the sounds of shooting that attracted the attention of the game-keeper. There had been a good many complaints about poaching on the Lathrisk estate lately. A fine of 5s with 15s modified expenses, or ten days imprisonment was imposed.”

2nd October 1909

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Y.M.C.A.** – “The annual business meeting of the Young Men’s Christian Association was held in the Town Hall on Tuesday. Mr Grieve, Treasurer, submitted his report, and also gave an interesting account of the National Conference held at Paisley. Office bearers were appointed as follows: - Mr Walter Peggie, President; Mr C.C. Brunton, Vice-President; Mr George Robertson, Secretary; Mr Alexander Grieve, Treasurer; Mr William Dowie, Harmoniumist.”

9th October 1909

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lecture Committee** – “The Popular Lecture Committee have again resolved to carry on another course during the coming winter, and a programme, which should prove very interesting, is being arranged. Dr Jack has been appointed president, and Mr Alexander Anderson and Mr James Peggie continue to be secretary and treasurer, respectively.”

16th October 1909

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lecture** – “On Sunday evening, the Rev. J.H. Morrison, U.F. Church, delivered a very interesting lecture on “A year’s mission work on the Canadian Prairie”. There was a good attendance, despite the inclemency of the weather.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Town Council** – “At a meeting of the Town Council held on Monday evening, Mr Alexander Anderson, solicitor, Falkland, was appointed Town Clerk and Treasurer, in place of the late Mr Gulland. The burgh assessments for the current year have been fixed as follows: - Lunacy etc., 2d per £1; roads and bridges, 9d per £1; public health, 1d per £1; water supply, 4d per £1; sewerage, 1s 5d per £1; and burgh general, 1s 1d per £1, the owners’ proportion being 1s 4 ½d per £1 and the occupiers 2s 3 ½d per £1 – an increase of ½d per £1 on each, as compared with last year. The members of the Council who fall to retire at this time are: - Provost Miller, Councillors Angus and Williamson, and another.”

23rd October 1909

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Town Council Election** – “There are for vacancies, the names of the retiring Councillors being – Robert Miller, John Angus, George Robertson, and Thomas Williamson.”

30th October 1909

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Ordination of Elders** – “At the forenoon service in the United Free Church, Messrs Robert Hill, William Horne, and Christopher C. Brunton were ordained elders.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Social Meeting** – “On Friday the 22nd inst. the annual social meeting of the Established Church Guild was held in the school, when there was a large turn-out, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. During the course of the social, an address was delivered on “Mission Work”, and several anthems were sung by the members of the choir.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lecture** – “On Wednesday evening, a lecture was delivered in the United Free Church by the Rev. John Lindsay, Bathgate. The subject was “Mission Work in Old Calabar, West Africa”, to which place the Rev. Mr Lindsay recently paid a visit. The lecture was illustrated by splendid limelight views, which were explained in a very interesting and instructive manner. There was a good attendance, and before the lecture commenced, three anthems were rendered by the choir. The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the lecturer and to Mr Arch. Aitken, Freuchie, who worked the lantern.”

6th November 1909

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Municipal Election** – “The annual election of Town Councillors took place on Tuesday. There were six candidates for four vacancies, and the result of the poll was as follows: - Successful – Robert Ness, John Angus, George Robertson and Thomas Williamson. Unsuccessful – William Horne and James Peggie. Provost Miller, who fell to retire by rotation at this time, did not seek re-election. He has occupied a seat in the Town Council for almost 30 years, and has proved himself to be a very worthy servant of the Royal and ancient burgh.”

13th November 1909

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lord's Supper** – “The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated in both churches on Sunday last. In the evening, the Rev. W.M. Tocher, Dunbog, occupied the pulpit of the Established Church, and the Rev. J.M. Richardson, Freuchie, preached in the United Free Church.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Town Council** – *At the first meeting of the Town Council held on Friday last, Bailie Charles Jackson was elected Provost of the burgh, in place of Mr Robert Miller, who has retired from the Council. Councillor Robert Drysdale was chosen Junior Bailie. Bailie Sutherland continues in the office of Senior Bailie.*”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Malicious Mischief** – *“At Cupar on Tuesday, Robert Craig jnr., baker, Royal Terrace, Falkland, was fined 10s or five days imprisonment, for having on 9th October, maliciously thrown a stone at, and broken a spar off a gate at the dwelling-house in Victoria Place, occupied by Robert Strachan, tailor.”*

20th November 1909

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Curling** – *“The artificial curling pond, which has been in the course of construction during the summer, has now been completed, and the first game was played on Monday evening. This is the first time for many years that the Club has enjoyed a game in the month of November.”*

18th December 1909

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Telephone Exchange** – *“The work is being proceeded with, of introducing the telephone into the burgh, where there is to be an exchange in future. The exchange is to be in the new Post Office premises in the shop below the Town Hall.”*



Shop below the Town Hall

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lecture** – “On the evening of Friday last, a very interesting and instructive lecture on “Campaigning Experiences in South Africa” was delivered in the Drill Hall by Mr James Donaldson, bank agent, Falkland. Mr Donaldson was at the front during the last South African War, and he is well qualified to give such a lecture, as his regiment of the Royal Scots acquitted themselves very creditably. The lecture was illustrated by limelight views, many of which were taken by comrades of Mr Donaldson while on the march. It was very appropriate that he should have as his Chairman, Mr David Bonthron, who also passed through the Boer War with the Fife and Forfar Imperial Yeomanry.”

Falkland Almanac

Population according to 1901 Census – 2,229

Magistrates and Town Council – Provost, Robert Miller; Bailies Thomas Sutherland and Charles Jackson jnr.; Treasurer, Jas. Robertson; Town-Clerk, Charles Gulland; Councillors, John Angus, Alexander Fraser, Thomas Williamson, Andrew Lister, Walter Peggie, George Robertson, John W. Jackson, James Forsyth, and Michael Reekie; Representative Cupar District Licensing Court – provost Miller; Fiscal, James Reekie; Town Officers, George Baxter and John Walker.

Places of Worship – Parish Church, Rev. A.L. Johnstone; United Free Church, Rev. J.H. Morrison; Plymouth Brethren, Balmbrae, Various Teachers.

School Board – Clerk, John Sheriff; Members, Alexander Bonthron (Chairman), Robert Miller, Charles Jackson, Thomas Williamson, John L. Lumsden, David Rymer, and David Nelson; Teachers – Falkland Public School, John Richardson; Freuchie Public School, John Methven; Drill Instructor, Sergeant McMurchie.

Parish Council – First Ward – Alexander Fraser, John Sheriff, Walter Peggie, Robert Miller. Second Ward – John L. Lumsden, Archibald Aitken, William Grant. Third Ward – William Meiklejohn, Alex Bonthron (Chairman).

Inspector, Clerk and Registrar – Lawrence Reid.

Gas Company – John Dick, Manager.

Equitable Co-operative Society (Limited) – Manager, Salesman and Treasurer, R. Sharp; President, L. Reid; Secretary, John Collins.

Funeral and Deposit Society – Robert Sharp, President; James Robertson, Secretary; George Robertson, Treasurer.

Bank – British Linen, Charles Gulland, Agent.

Solicitor – Charles Gulland, N.P.

Medical Practitioner – J.G. Jack, M.B., Ch. B.

Burgh Assessor – Lawrence Reid.

Whist Club – Secretary, J. Nish, South Street.

Young Men's Christian Association – President, Walter Peggie; Secretary, Geo. Robertson; Treasurer, Alexander Grieve.

Halls – The Town Hall, High Street; The Drill Hall, South Street.

'Fife News' Agents – Co-operative Store; Mrs Arnot, Post Office.

