

Falkland 1900-2000

Year 1920

(As researched by Jack Burgess)

3rd January 1920

Extract from *The Fife News: Review of Chief Events in 1919* – “After last year’s New Year festivities were over, the village was very quiet, unless for the welcoming home from time to time of our returned prisoners of war. In March, the St John’s Masonic Lodge and the Lomond Oak Lodge held their annual dances – the first for five years. On 14th April a meeting, with a view to raising funds for a war memorial was held in the Town Hall. An Institute was decided upon. On 24th May the annual “market”, which had been in abeyance for the last four years, was held in the Loan. Dr J.G. Jack, who had been medical practitioner in the district for the past 17 years, left the town in July to take up a practice in Cathcart, Glasgow. He was succeeded by Dr W.H. Shand. To celebrate the signing of peace, sports for the children were held in the grounds of Falkland House, and a fancy dress parade took place at night. A garden fete, in aid of the war memorial, was held in the Palace Grounds on 23rd July. The drawings amounted to about £80. In August, Mr Wm. Robb, headmaster of the Public School, left to fill the headmastership of Kinross Public School. On 4th September, a garden fete, organised by the Hon. Mrs A. Maule Ramsay, was held in the grounds of Falkland House in aid of Lord Roberts Memorial Workshops. Over £120 was drawn. A sale of work in aid of church purposes was held in the grounds of the U.F. Church on 6th September. In the short space of a few hours, £74 was realised. Quite a surprise was felt in the town when the old-established firm of Messrs Charles Jackson & Sons (Ltd.) sold their Pleasance Linen Works and St John’s Floorcloth Works on 25th October to the Scottish Co-operative Wholesale Society (Ltd.), Glasgow. On 7th November, the Rev. J.K. Russell, of the Parish Church, who had been serving as a chaplain to H.M. Forces, returned, bringing with him a bride. Mr Nisbet, late headmaster of Springfield Public School, started duties on 25th November as headmaster of the Public School here.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Measles** – “There is an outbreak of measles in the town, but so far all the cases have been of a very mild type.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Service** – “The Rev. J.K. Russell held a short service in the Parish Church on Christmas evening. There was a good attendance. A service of praise was held in the Parish Church on Sunday evening. The choir, under the leadership of Mr Spence, rendered a few Christmas carols.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Christmas Treat** – “As has been her custom for a good few years back, the Hon. Mrs Maule Ramsay gave the children attending the Public School a Christmas treat in the Drill Hall on Tuesday evening. The children did ample justice to a good tea purveyed by Mr W. Strudley. With songs and recitations by the children, a very enjoyable evening was spent. Among those present were: -

Mr and Miss Gavin, Provost Jackson, Rev. J.K. Russell and Mrs Russell, Dr and Mrs Shand, Mr and Mrs Nisbet, Mr Anderson, and others.”

10th January 1920

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Curling** – “Owing to the recent spell of hard frost, the curlers have enjoyed a few friendly matches on the ice.”



Falkland Curling Pond c1920

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Measles** – “Owing to an outbreak of measles among the young folks, the Public School has not been re-opened after the Christmas and New Year holidays.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Service** – “The New Year was ushered in here very quietly. The Rev. J.K. Russell conducted a watchnight service in the Established Church. There was a fair attendance.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Kirk Session** – “The Kirk Session, through the generosity of a few friends, have been able to distribute quantities of coal to the deserving poor of the town. The gift was very much appreciated by the recipients.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Accident** – “An unfortunate accident befell Dr Shand last week. While going his rounds, his horse became restless and bolted, throwing the doctor out of the machine. He sustained a dislocated shoulder and a few cuts about the face. The doctor is progressing favourably.”

17th January 1920

Extract from *The Fife News*: **War Memorial Concert** – “A concert, organised by Mr Anderson, Allan Park, in aid of the funds of the war memorial was held in the Drill Hall on Thursday evening last week. Songs were sung by Miss Staig, Leven, the Misses Henderson, Kirkcaldy, Misses C. Peggie and L. Finlay, and Mr John Ross. A pleasing feature of the entertainment was the dancing of the Irish jig and the Highland fling by Misses Lizzie and May Gavin. Miss Edmiston and Miss Gavin played the accompaniments. The sum of over £5 was realised.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death – Reekie** – “At Balmblae, Falkland (house of her son), Catherine Seath, aged 87, widow of Ambrose Reekie, late of Cupar.”

24th January 1920

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death – Sutherland** – “At Falkland, suddenly, on the 19th inst., Jean Sandison, second daughter of the late Thomas Sutherland and of Mrs Sutherland, Falkland.”

7th February 1920

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Appeal** – “As the result of an appeal for “The Save the Children” fund, a sum of over £11 was collected at the door of the Parish Church on Sunday morning.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Treat** – “The congregational Committee of the Parish Church entertained the children of the church to a treat in Mr Hardie’s Temperance Hotel on Saturday afternoon. Lime-light illustrations of Jerusalem were very much enjoyed by the children, and with song, etc., a very enjoyable afternoon was spent.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Colonel Sir Alexander Sprot’s Meeting** – “Colonel Sir Alexander Sprot, C.M.G., M.P. for East Fife, addressed a well-attended meeting in the Town Hall on Wednesday night – Provost Jackson in the chair. The ladies were out in strong force, and the meeting was very interesting. The member gave reasons why the Coalition Government should still be supported. Many things yet remained to be done in connection with the settlement and reconstruction of the affairs of the country owing to the aftermath of the war. Criticising Mr Asquith’s Paisley speeches, the Colonel said East Fife had rejected Mr Asquith after full consideration of the ex-Premier’s war record, which showed laxity in the carrying out of courageous measures, and savoured too much of the “wait and see” policy. (Hear, hear, and applause). No questions were asked at the conclusion of the speech, and the meeting was brought to a close by Sir Alexander calling for a vote of thanks to the Provost for presiding.”

14th February 1920

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death – Herd** – “At High Street, Falkland, on the 5th inst., Colin Herd, grocer and provision merchant, aged 65 years.”



Herd's Shop in High Street

21st February 1920

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Masonic Assembly** – “Lodge St John No. 35 held their annual assembly in the Drill Hall on Friday evening. The hall was beautifully decorated for the occasion. Between 60 and 70 couples took part in the “grand march”, which was led off by Past-Master Robt. Sharpe and Mrs John Drysdale. Delegates from Lodge St Cyre, Lodge Rothes, and Lodge King Robert de Bruce were present. The music was supplied by Mr Adamson’s band from Kingskettle. Bros. Schofield, Gould and Walker acted as M.C.’s. It is interesting to note that Bro. Sharpe is the oldest Freemason in Scotland. Although 92 years of age, he enjoys the best of health, and is still able to do his little bit in his garden.”

28th February 1920

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Falkland Curling Club** – “The annual dinner of the Curling Club, which used to be one of the principal events of the winter season in the ancient Royal burgh, had, like the game itself, almost been relegated as a function of the past during the war. A little fresh life has shown itself in spite of the sparse favour of “John Frost”, and on Friday evening in the Bruce Arms Hotel, there sat down to a sumptuous repast, provided by Mr and Mrs Strudley, a representative number of the Club, along with two delegates from Stratheden and new members. The President, Mr Alex. Shanks, proved himself to be a most genial host in the chair,

and with toasts and songs, the evening passed most pleasantly. Six of the new members were put through the tests of initiation, and each of them contributed to the programme, which shows that "My Lord" had not been exceptionally severe."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Farmer's Horseplay** – "John McCathie, farmer, Myreside, parish of Falkland, pleaded guilty, at Cupar Sheriff Court on Tuesday, before Sheriff Dudley Stuart, of having, on 26th January, in a shop and house at Newton of Falkland, committed an indecent assault on a young woman. Mr J.L. Anderson, who appeared for the accused, said he thought he would be able to satisfy the Sheriff that the charge was altogether outside the ordinary category of such cases. His client had known this woman for over 20 years, and during that time had been on terms of intimacy with her. He had, in fact, asked her to marry him but she would not accept his proposal. He had a little liquor on the date libelled, and what took place was really a bit of horseplay. The Procurator-Fiscal said the woman was a very respectable person, and highly esteemed in Newton of Falkland. It was quite true that the accused had been making overtures to her, but she rejected them, and in point of fact went in great terror of him. The Sheriff, in imposing a fine of £10 or in default 30 days' imprisonment, and putting the accused on £10 caution for a year, with a similar alternative of imprisonment, said it was not tolerable that a respectable woman should be treated in this way."

6th March 1920

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Fife Estates** – "The following inventories of personal and moveable estate were lodged with Mr R.J. Davidson, Sheriff-Clerk of Fife, during February: -

James Hamilton, retired farmer, Falkland - £2,042 19s 1d."

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

Ladies – 1. Miss J. Finlay, Falkland; 2. Miss Thomson, Strathmiglo; 3. Mrs Jas. Jackson, Falkland.

Gentlemen – 1. Mr Aitken, Falkland Road Station; 2. Mr John Senior, Freuchie; 3. Mr James Jackson, Falkland.

Excellent dance music was supplied by Mr Wm. Aird's band from Thornton. The winners in the prize drawing were: -

Miss Kerr, Southbank, Falkland, ½ lb tea; Miss Wilson, Ash Villa, Kingskettle, cake; Mrs Wallace, Loanfoot, Kingskettle, cake shortbread; Miss Reid, Davella, Freuchie, ½ cwt potatoes; M. Smith, St John's Road, Corstorphine, 1 cwt coals; Miss Knox, Newton of Falkland, 1 cwt coals; Mr J.B. Mathieson, Balgreen Road, Murrayfield, gent's tie; Mr P. Robertson, Falkland, 1 pot hyacinths; Mr J. Maxwell, Kettlebridge, fowl; Margaret Wallace, Horsemarket, Falkland, ½ lb tea; Mr Cecil Morgan, Kilgour, 1 doz. Eggs; Miss M. Wallace, Cupar Road, Auchtermuchty, 1 box biscuits; Robt. Douglas, Terrace, Falkland, 5 st. potatoes; Miss M. Fotheringham, Burnside, Auchtermuchty, ½ lb fresh butter; D. Mechie, 41 Clarendon Street, Glasgow, 1 cake shortbread."

13th March 1920

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Concert** – “A most enjoyable entertainment was given in the Drill Hall on Saturday evening by the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides concert, party from Strathmiglo. Mr John Baillie, Bank House, occupied the chair. The play, ‘Redcap in Fairyland’ was very much enjoyed by the large audience. Solos, recitations, step-dancing, signalling club swinging, and bar-bell exercises, were also much admired. Miss Reekie presided at the piano.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **United Free Church** – The annual congregational social was held in the church on Friday evening – the Rev. J.P. Batchelor in the chair. There was a good attendance. Addresses were given by Rev. J.K. Russell, Falkland, Rev. J.M. Rose, Auchtermuchty, and the Rev. W. Hamilton, Gauldry. A solo was sung by Miss Horne, and recitations were given by Mrs Welsh. The choir, under the leadership of Mr William Burgon, rendered several anthems. The financial report for 1919, read by Mr Anderson, showed the congregation to be in a prosperous condition.”

20th March 1920

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Bible Class** – “The members of the U.F. Church Bible Class, along with a few friends, held a most enjoyable social last Wednesday evening. With songs and games a very happy evening was spent.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Public Meeting** – “A public meeting for the object of furthering the Temperance Act 1913 was held in the U.F. Church Hall on Thursday evening last week. The Rev. J.K. Russell, B.D., presided, and introduced Mr Robert

Young of the National Temperance Council of Scotland, who explained the Act in all its bearings. A local Committee was formed.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lomond Oak Lodge** – *“The members of the Lomond Oak Lodge held their annual assembly in the Drill Hall on Friday evening. Between 40 and 50 couple took part in the grand march which was led off by Bro. George Hardie and Miss Hardie. The music was supplied by Mr Wm. Aird’s band from Thornton. Bros. J. Hardie and J. Peggie acted as M.C.’s. The purveying was efficiently carried out by Miss Hardie, Temperance Hotel.”*

3rd April 1920

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Band of Hope** – *“The Band of Hope, under the leadership of Mr Spence, rendered the cantata, “Our Sweetest Singer”, in the Parish Church on Sunday afternoon. The singing of solos, duets, and choruses by the children earned Mr Spence much credit for his work during the winter months. Miss Edmeston presided at the organ.”*

10th April 1920

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Holiday** – *“Monday was observed as the Spring holiday. The shops and factories were closed for the day. A good many people left the town, but, owing to the bad weather, the visitors were few.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Women’s Guild** – *“The members of the Parish Church Women’s Guild were entertained to tea in the vestry by the Rev. J.K. and Mrs Russell at their closing meeting on Thursday. With songs and games, a very happy evening was spent.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Newton of Falkland Road** – *“A suggestion by Falkland Town Council that Cupar District Committee should take over the road through Newton of Falkland, after it had been put in good repair by the Town Council, was considered on Tuesday at the monthly meeting of the District Committee at Cupar. The road surveyor (Mr Boyd) said the road was in a very bad state at present. Mr George Gavin, Falkland Estate Office, said the surveyor might get an estimate of what it would cost to keep the road up, and submit it to a future meeting. This was agreed to.”*

17th April 1920

Extract from *the Fife News*: **Children** – “The children of the Parish Church Band of Hope were entertained to tea in the vestry on Saturday afternoon. The Rev. J.K. Russell presided. A very happy afternoon was spent.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Snow** – “The Lomonds had a coating of snow on Sunday morning, and the recent spell of cold wet weather has greatly retarded work in the fields and gardens.”

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

Ladies – 1. Mrs MacMillan, Auchtermuchty; 2. Miss Grant, Falkland; 3. Miss J. Smith, Falkland.

Gentlemen – 1. Mr T.C. Schofield, Falkland; 2. Mr William Aitken, Falkland Road Station; 3. Mr George Wood, Dunshalt.

Dancing was engaged in till the small hours of the morning. Mr Wm. Aird’s Band from Thornton supplied the music.”

24th April 1920

Extract from *The Fife News*: **St John’s Lodge No. 35** – “On Thursday evening at a meeting of the brethren of the above Lodge, Past Masters Robert Craig and T.D. Hopkins were made the recipients of a Past Masters Jewel suitably inscribed. Bro. John Drysdale, R.W.M., in a few pleasing words, and on behalf of the brethren, made the presentation. Bros. Craig and Hopkins suitably replied.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Demobilised Soldiers’ Federation** – “A meeting of the discharged and demobilised soldiers and sailors was held on Tuesday evening in the Town Hall with a view to forming a local branch of the Federation. Mr Frank Fernie was appointed Secretary, and was asked to communicate with the Cupar Branch as to the procedure. Between 30 and 40 were present.”

1st May 1920

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Eldership** – “In the Established Church on Sunday morning, Mr G> Gibson, Woodmill Farm, and Mr Alex Nisbet, Schoolhouse, were inducted to the eldership of the church.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Purchase of Property** – “The Fifeshire Traction Service Coy. (Ltd.) have purchased the property at Liqueorstane, Falkland, from Mr Robert Ness, and propose to convert it into an up-to-date garage with hiring facilities. It is expected that this new Company will carry on Mr Ness’s bus, passenger, and goods traffic business between Falkland and Falkland Road Station by motor vehicle.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **War Memorial** – “In the U.F. Church on Sunday morning, a special service was held, when an oak communion table, with a silver plate bearing the names of the three members of the congregation who fell in the war, was dedicated by the Rev. J.P. Batchelor. The names inscribed on the plate are: -

Captain Jas. Donaldson, Pte. William Burgon, Pte. A.P. Forrester.

At the close of the service, Mr Batchelor made a few appropriate remarks.”

8th May 1920

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cuckoo** – “The cuckoo was heard here for the first time this year on Tuesday morning.”

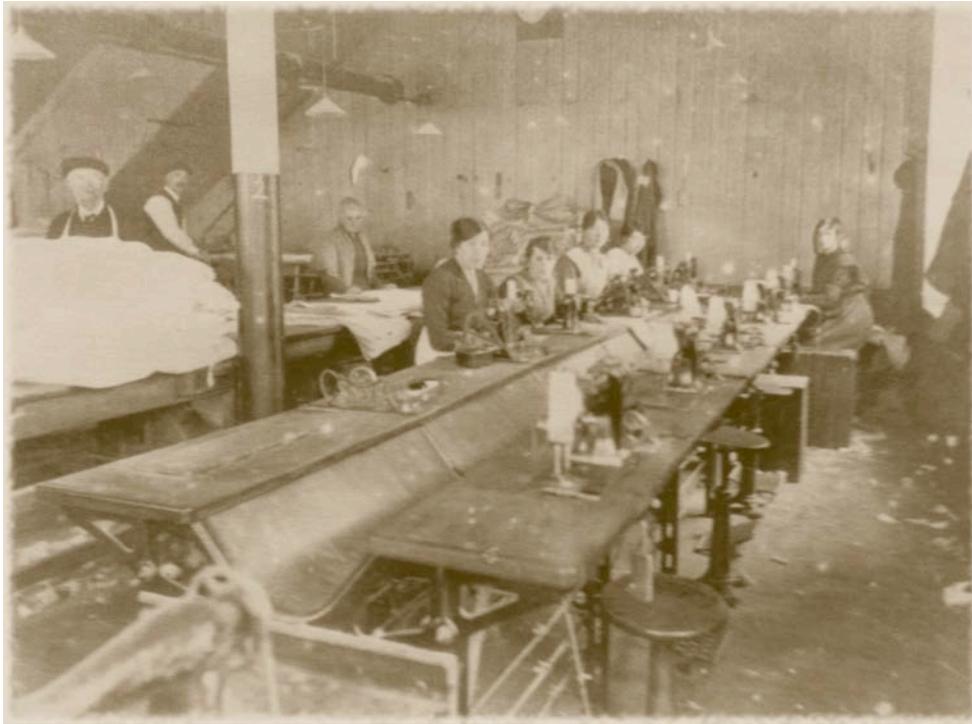
Extract from *The Fife News*: **Whist Drive and Dance** – “A most successful whist drive and dance in aid of the local Boy Scouts was held in the Drill Hall on Thursday evening last week. The prize-winners were: -

Ladies – 1. Miss J. MacKendrick, Auchtermuchty; 2. Miss Elsie Breingnan, Freuchie; 3. Miss Betty Strudley, Falkland.

Gentlemen – 1. Mr J. Tosh, Dunshalt; 2. Mr Alex. Dowie, Falkland; 3. Mr Tumilty, Falkland.

Dance music was supplied by Mr Wm. Aird’s band from Thornton.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Strike** – “The employees of the Pleasance Linen Works struck work on Tuesday morning owing to a few of the workers being non-Union members. At a meeting held on Tuesday night, no definite settlement was reached.”



Linen Factory Finishing Department circa 1920

15th May 1920

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Flag Day** – “As a result of a flag day organised by Mrs Baillie, Bank House, in aid of the Scottish Veterans Garden City Association, the sum of £3 16s 2d was raised.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Meeting** – “The half-yearly meeting of the Co-operative Society was held in the Society rooms last Wednesday – Mr James Skinner presiding. The Secretary, Mr Gullen, submitted his reports, and a dividend of 2s 9d per £1 for members and 1s 4 ½ d for non-members was declared.”

22nd May 1920

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Field Gun** – “A German field gun, handed over to the town, has been placed in position at the East Loan.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket Club** – “A meeting of the members was held in the Town Hall on Wednesday evening – Mr Peter Robertson presiding. It was agreed to get the pitch in order and also try to arrange some fixtures for the season. The following office-bearers were appointed: -

Hon. President – Mr Geo. Gavin; vice-President – Mr D. Bonthron; Captain – Mr Geo. Anderson; vice-Captain – Mr T.D. Hopkins; Secretary – Mr T.C. Schofield.

Freuchie 2nd XI are to be the visitors tomorrow (Saturday)."

29th May 1920

Intimation in *The Fife News*: **B.O.A.F.G.** – “Special meeting of Lomond Oak Lodge will be held in Town Hall, Falkland, on Thursday, 3rd June at 7.30 p.m. Good attendance requested. D. Duncan, Secretary.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Presentation** – “On Wednesday evening, Miss Nellie Fernie was presented with a silver teapot from her fellow workers in the winding department of Pleasance Linen Works on the occasion of her approaching marriage and her leaving for Canada. Mr Wm. Gullon made the presentation, and Miss Fernie feelingly replied.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Empire Day** – “Empire Day was observed by the school children on Monday.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket** – “The match played between Falkland and Freuchie 2nd XI resulted in a win for Falkland. Scores: -

Freuchie 2nd XI

<i>W. Wallace</i>	<i>b. J. Robertson</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>A. Grant</i>	<i>run out</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>J. Robertson</i>	<i>c. Robertson, b. Hay</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>A. Dewar</i>	<i>c. Fernie, b. Robertson</i>	<i>20</i>
<i>W. Barclay</i>	<i>b. Robertson</i>	<i>0</i>

<i>R. Bell</i>	<i>b. Robertson</i>	1
<i>D. Braid</i>	<i>b. Robertson</i>	3
<i>J. Dalrymple</i>	<i>b. Robertson</i>	34
<i>P. Peebles</i>	<i>b. Stark</i>	2
<i>F. Mather</i>	<i>c. Lawson, b. Fernie</i>	15
<i>J. Hardie</i>	<i>not out</i>	0
	<i>Extras</i>	2
	TOTAL	85

Falkland

<i>G. Walker</i>	<i>b. Wallace</i>	0
<i>P. Lawson</i>	<i>b. Robertson</i>	9
<i>P. Lawson</i>	<i>c. Braid, b. Braid</i>	7
<i>J. Hay</i>	<i>b. Braid</i>	5
<i>P. Fernie</i>	<i>b. Braid</i>	4
<i>E. Gavin</i>	<i>run out</i>	5
<i>T.D. Hopkins</i>	<i>lbw., b.Braid</i>	9
<i>J. Robertson</i>	<i>not out</i>	39
<i>C. Drysdale</i>	<i>not out</i>	1
<i>W. Stark</i>	<i>Did not bat</i>	
<i>A. Robertson</i>	<i>Did not bat</i>	
	TOTAL for 8 wkts.	79

Extract from *The Fife News*: **War Memorial Purchase** – “The large residential property known as Lomondside, has been sold by Mrs Gulland, of Millfield, to the War Memorial Committee of Falkland for £800. It is the intention of the Committee to convert the dwelling-house into an institute, reading-room and billiard-room, and to have a tennis court, and probably a bowling green laid down in the extensive garden ground.”

5th June 1920

Advert in *The Fife News*: **The Fifeshire Traction Service Co. Ltd.**



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Extract from *The Fife News*: **Mrs Archibald Maule Ramsay** – “Mrs Archibald Maule Ramsay, who has given birth to a son, will be remembered as the former Lady Ninian Crichton Stuart. Her first husband, Lord Bute’s brother, was killed in action in 1915, and about two years later, his widow married Captain Archibald Maule Ramsay, a Coldstream Guardsman, and a relative of the Earl of Dalhousie, and the husband of Lady Patricia Ramsay. The marriage aroused considerable interest at the time, the bridegroom being fully ten years junior of his bride, and the couple having met when Captain Ramsay was recovering at House of Falkland. There are three children of Mrs Ramsay’s first marriage, and this is the second child of the second marriage.”

12th June 1920

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Failure to Report Case of Parasitic Mange** – “John Young, crofter, Myreside, Falkland, pleaded guilty at Cupar Sheriff Court on Tuesday, before Sheriff Dudley Stuart, of having, on 26th March, had in his possession and under his charge, a brown mare which was affected or suspected to be affected, with parasitic mange, and that he failed to notify this to the authorities. Mr T.W. Davidson, solicitor, Cupar, said accused was unaware that the horse had

mange. He was a chauffeur, and had not very much knowledge of horses, and he did not know the horse was suffering from this complaint. He would not have failed to notify the authorities if he had known of the character of the disease from which the horse was suffering. The offence was the result of ignorance on his part. A fine of 40s was imposed.

26th June 1920

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Honour for Local Ladies** – “The following local ladies have received an Honourable Services Certificate in recognition of their outstanding services to the Red Cross Society during the Great War. Mrs Gulland, Millfield; Mrs Brown, Dundrennan; Mrs Bonthron, Newton of Falkland.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Annual Market** – “The annual market was held on The Loan on Saturday. The usual merry-go-rounds and swing boats were patronised by both young and old. Auchtermuchty brass band played renditions in the afternoon and dance at night.”

3rd July 1920

Intimation in *The Fife News*: **Falkland School Management Committee - Lumsden Bursary** – “Applications are invited for the above, open to present and former pupils of Falkland and Freuchie Public Schools. Particulars with Schedules of Application may be had from the Clerk, Alexander Anderson, Solicitor, Falkland, with whom the Applications must be lodged on or before 13th July 1920.”

10th July 1920

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Choir Drive** – “The members of the Parish Church Choir had their annual drive on Saturday. The weather was at its best, and the journey to Dunfermline, by way of Kinross, was very much enjoyed by all.”

17th July 1920

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Pic-nic** – “The children of the Established Church had their annual outing on Saturday afternoon. They were conveyed in carts, kindly lent by the farmers of the district, to Pitlour. The weather was at its best, and the children

had a most enjoyable afternoon. The children on the United Free Church also had their pic-nic on the lawn outside the church.”

24th July 1920

Extract from *The Fife News*: **School Holidays** – “*The Public School closed down on Friday for the summer vacation for five weeks.*”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Visitors** – “*The town has quite a busy appearance this week, the visitors being very numerous. Unfortunately the weather is very uncertain.*”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Scouts** – “*The Leven Boy Scouts are camping out this week in the Triangle Park. They attended the service in the Established Church on Sunday morning, and the Kirkcaldy Girl Guides, who are billeted at Newton of Falkland, attended service in the United Free Church.*”

Article in *The Fife News*: **Sale of Work at Falkland Palace In Aid of War Memorial:**

“On Wednesday, under favourable weather conditions, a successful sale of work was held in the historic grounds of Falkland Palace, in aid of the funds of Falkland War Memorial, which is to take the form of an institute to promote social intercourse and recreation in Falkland. About £1,000 has been already collected, and the Committee have fixed upon a site. At the sale of work on Wednesday, £95 was drawn.

Falkland’s Past and Future

Mr J.W. Jackson, Meadowfield, presided, and introduced Sir William Robertson, Lord Lieutenant of Fife, who declared the sale open. Sir William said Falkland had an interesting and splendid history. Their boys had gone out from them – some of them had come back – some of them had not. To the broken family circles of those heroes there was no need for a memorial. They could never forget their own boys. They were needed, and they went there. They in Falkland that day had also their parts to play. They were there to gather money for a memorial which would be worthy of the men and boys of Falkland who gave up their lives in the great battle for freedom. To be in any way associated with the spirit which burned within the lads who fell was a privilege they should feel proud to be under. Falkland had had an interesting past. There was no reason why it should not have an interesting future.

“The return match between the above teams took place at Duffus Park, Cupar, on Wednesday night, and proved the best exhibition of lightening scoring seen in Cupar this year. Cupar batted first, but the deliveries of Croall and J. Robertson were too hot for the opening men, and three wickets were down for 34. Innes and Robertson brightened up matters, and scoring became very fast. Innes registered his 50 shortly after the century was telegraphed, and added another 33 before P. Robertson held him with a well-judged catch in the outfield. The partnership took the score to 142. Robertson continued some fine play on the offside, and the innings was declared with 153 for 5 wickets, of which he had 36.

Lindsay and Duncan are Freuchie’s crack opening pair, and they soon showed they were to make a bid for the runs. Ramsay, Cupar’s fast, got no assistance from the easy wicket, and had to give place to Georgeson, while Brown was replaced by Reid. Lindsay gave a finished exhibition. His driving was delightfully crisp, and he gave the finest display of late cutting that spectators have witnessed for some time. Duncan was particularly hot on the leg. He sent his first ball beautifully for 4, and added many boundary pulls. Every change in the bowling was rung without success until 95 runs were telegraphed, when Reid, when Reid beat Duncan’s defence. This batsman’s contribution was 58. The fielders retired to the ropes when Peter Robertson went to the wicket, and he opened with a fine drive for 4. In attempting a three run, however, he was unable to make the crease in time before Edmond lifted off the bails. Croall was out to a good catch in the outfield, and Simpson, the promising left-hander, was caught at the wicket. Dowie was held at point before he scored, and just as “time” was approaching, the Falkland total stood at 152 for 5 wickets. Lindsay soon placed the issue beyond doubt, and 162 was reached when time was called. Lindsay’s innings was much enjoyed.

Without being at all reckless, he is a very fast scorer, and obtained each of his 77 runs by correct cricket. A total score of 315 in a night match of less than 2 ½ hours leaves critics with little to grumble about in cricket. Falkland’s total included 16 boundaries, and Cupar’s score included 17 boundaries and two sixes.”

28th August 1920

Intimation in *The Fife News*: **Burgh of Falkland Housing Scheme** – “The Town Council are prepared to receive applications for 5-year Housing Bonds bearing interest at six per centum per annum payable half-yearly, for the purposes of the above Scheme. The Bonds will be issued in amounts to suit lenders. Intending investors are requested to make application to the undersigned. Alex. Anderson, Burgh Treasurer, Town Clerk’s Office, Falkland.”

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

4th September 1920

Intimation in *The Fife News*: **Smallholding for Sale** – “Fifeshire – Smallholding known as Beebykes, Falkland, for sale, by Private Bargain. The Holding extends to about 39 acres, and consists of excellent arable and grazing land. Entry Martinmas 1920. Further particulars from Connell & Campbell, S.S.C., 18 Duke Street, Edinburgh.”

11th September 1920

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Wedding in Parish Church** – “A pretty wedding took place in Falkland Parish Church on Tuesday, in presence of a large assembly, when Miss Mary Henderson, daughter of Mrs Henderson, Viewfield, Falkland, was married to Mr Dougald Lochhead, accountant, Union Bank of Scotland, Pitlochry. The Rev. Jas. K. Russell, B.D., minister of the parish, was the officiating clergyman. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a lovely embroidered robe made of ivory crepe de chene, with Brussels net veil and chaplet of orange blossom, and carried a sheaf of Harrissi lilies.”

18th September 1920

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Meeting** – “A ‘No License’ meeting was addressed by Mrs Bernard Storey in the U.F. Church on Sunday afternoon.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Appointment** – “Mr Hewetson, solicitor, Auchtermuchty, has been appointed Clerk of the School Management Committee for the Education Authority, Falkland district, in place of Mr Anderson, resigned.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Burgh Rates** – “At a meeting of the Town Council on Tuesday evening, the burgh rates were fixed as follows: -

Proprietors – 1s 4d in the £1; occupiers – 3s 3d in the £1; being a reduction of 1d for the proprietors and an increase of 7d for occupiers.

The Parish Council rates for this year are: -

Poor rate – proprietors, 4 ¼ d; occupiers, 5d; special parish rate, proprietors, ½ d; occupiers, ½ d; education rate, proprietors, 2s 3d; occupiers, 3s. Total proprietors, 2s 7 ¾ d; occupiers, 3s 5 ½ d, which is an increase of 11d and 1s 2 ¾ d, respectively, over last year's figures.”

2nd October 1920

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Weather** – “The present spell of good weather is enabling the farmers to proceed with their leading operations.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Scottish Co-operative Women's Guild** – “A meeting with a view to forming a branch of the above Guild was held in Mrs Hardie's Hall last Wednesday evening. Mrs Syme, from the Central Council, and Mrs Brown from Section 5, gave very interesting addresses. It was decided to start a branch, and the following office-bearers and Committee were appointed: -

President – Mrs George Hardie; vice-President – Mrs Wm. Stark; Treasurer – Mrs Joe Skinner; Secretary – Miss Chryss Peggie. Committee – Mrs Bett, Mrs P. Lawson, Mrs Mather, Mrs B. Anderson, Mrs James Skinner, Miss Janet Forsyth, Miss Bella Forgan, and Miss Bella Dryburgh.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Service** – “A service in connection with the National Bible Society was held in the Parish Church on Sunday evening. The Rev. P.W. Lilley, U.F. Church, Freuchie, occupied the pulpit.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football Club** – “A Club has been formed, and there are prospects of a good team being got together for the season. Mr Shanks, Falkland Wood, has kindly granted them a portion of the Lappy Park for their pitch.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Concert Party** – “The Yellow Blacks' Concert Party gave two very enjoyable entertainments in the Drill Hall on Thursday and Saturday evenings. There was quite a good attendance at both concerts.”

9th October 1920

Intimation in *The Fife News*: **Temperance (Scotland) Act, 1913** – “Notice of Receipt of Requisition for a Poll – Burgh of Falkland.

Notice is hereby given that a Requisition has been received purporting to be signed by not less than one-tenth of the Electors in the Burgh of Falkland, demanding that a Poll under the above Act be held in this area. The Requisition may be inspected at my Office, Bank Buildings, Falkland, during office hours. Notice is also given that Objections as to the validity of any of the Signatures to the Requisition may be lodged with me, at any time within Seven Days of the date of publication of this Notice. Alex. Anderson, Town Clerk, 30th September 1920.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Autumn Holiday** – “Monday was observed as the autumn holiday here, the shops and factories being closed. Very few visitors left the town owing to the very inclement nature of the weather.”

16th October 1920

Intimation in *The Fife News*: **Burgh of Falkland Housing Scheme** – “The Town Council are prepared to receive Applications for Five Year Housing Bonds, bearing interest at Six Per Centum per annum, payable half-yearly, for the purposes of the above Scheme. The Bonds will be issued in amounts to suit lenders. Intending investors are requested to make Application to the undersigned. Alex. Anderson, Burgh Treasurer, Town Clerk’s Office, Falkland.”

Article in *The Fife News*: **Falkland’s ‘Ancienthovels’ – Big Scheme to Improve Housing:**

“The lack of suitable housing accommodation has been a much-felt want in Falkland for some considerable time, and lately the Town Council addressed themselves in earnest to the task of remedying this all-important matter. Many of the houses in the burgh, it was contended, were out of date, and, in view of all the modern requirements which compliance with the laws of hygiene demands in dwelling-houses nowadays, the Council considered that it was incumbent on them to do something, as the lack of comfortable houses made it difficult to secure labour. Business people found themselves face to face with the fact that they could attract only a certain class of labour, when they could offer only old-fashioned houses; the better class of labour would not come to live in what was characterised as ‘ancienthovels’.

Under these circumstances, the Town Council drew up a scheme by which it was proposed to renovate old properties, and this scheme was submitted to the Board of Health for their approval – and their financial assistance. The Board, however, had other views on the subject and stated definitely that they would not provide grants except for the purpose of erecting new buildings, on clean ground. This proved

rather a set-back to the Council, but acting in the belief that "he who puts his hand to the plough, etc.," they decided that failing assistance in the improvement of the old property, they would "go the whole hog", as suggested by the Board of Health, and erect "new buildings on clean ground." Having so resolved, the worthy Councillors, with their enterprising leader, Provost Jackson, did not let the grass grow under their feet. They secured a site in the Pleasance, where they mean to erect a Crescent of 40 houses, with five, four, and three rooms, and they are so advanced with their scheme that they are inviting tenders for brick work, joiner work, etc. They are also proposing to borrow the sum of £50,000 upon the security of the rates, property and revenues of the burgh for the purpose of meeting the cost of construction of those houses, which are for the working classes of the burgh.

The knowledge that Falkland has had the courage to take this step might well provide a fillip to those larger and in many respects more prosperous places in East Fife which so far have shirked the idea of tackling the housing problem. There is no vagueness in the minds of the Falkland people regarding their arrangements. They state with confidence that a commencement will be made to the building of the new houses before the end of the year. Inquiries made in Falkland as to whether the population has increased since pre-war days elicited the information that there is little difference, but that the factories are to be extended; the Scottish Co-operative Wholesale Society, who purchased the floorcloth and linen works last year, had plans before the burgh Dean of Guild Court last week for the extension of their buildings. This will inevitable mean increased business in the burgh, and it is in order to cope with this, and to bring the best possible in the labour market to the burgh, that the Town Council have launched on a scheme which deserves general support."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Scottish Co-operative Women's Guild** – "The newly formed Guild held a most successful opening social meeting on Monday evening in the Town Hall, Mrs R. Hardie, presiding. After tea, addresses were given by Mr James Skinner, President, and Mr T.D. Hopkins, Treasurer of the Local Board of Management, and Miss Mary Oswald, Mr James Walker, and Mr James Peggie contributed to the musical part of the evening's entertainment. Miss Chryss Peggie, secretary of the Guild, played the accompaniments."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Whist Club** – "The opening meeting of the Whist Club was held in the Memorial Institute on Tuesday night, Provost Jackson, President of the Club, presiding. The Secretary, Mr T. Schofield, submitted the statement of affairs, which showed a satisfactory credit balance. There was a good turnout of members, and it is hoped that more new members will come forward so that fixtures may be arranged with the neighbouring Clubs."

23rd October 1920

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Newton of Lathrisk Sold** – “The farm of Newton of Lathrisk, extending to 340 acres arable, has been purchased by the tenant, Mr George B. Duncan, from the trustees of the late Mr Thomas Arnot. This farm is one of the best in the Howe o’ Fife. Messrs Considine, W.S., Edinburgh, acted for the sellers; and Mr J.L. Anderson, writer and Town Clerk, Cupar, for the purchaser.”

30th October 1920

Intimation in *The Fife News*: **Falkland War Memorial and Institute** – “The First General Meeting of the Members will take place in the Institute on Tuesday, 9th November 1920, at 8 p.m. Business – Appointment of General Management Committee, Secretary and Treasurer. J. Baillie, Interim Secretary. Falkland, 25th October 1920.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Poll** – “The poll on the ‘No-License’ question takes place on Tuesday. The anti-Prohibitionists predict that if the ancient burgh goes ‘dry’, there will be considerably fewer summer visitors here.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **A Cart Without a Sign** – “John MacCathie, farmer, Myreside, Falkland, was charged, at a J.P. Court held in Cupar on Wednesday, with haven driven a cart at Auchtermuchty which did not bear a sign showing his name and designation. Mr A. Lamond and Mr J. S. Brown were on the bench. Accused pleaded guilty. Mr J.K. Tasker, the procurator-Fiscal, said accused had been warned repeatedly. A fine of 5s was imposed, with 10s 3d of expenses.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Whist Drive** – “A most successful whist drive was held in the Drill Hall on Wednesday evening. The prize-winners were: -

Ladies – 1. Miss Belle Peggie; 2. Mrs Peter Robertson; 3. Miss Chryss Peggie.

Gentlemen – 1. Mr P. Ferguson, Lochgelly; 2. Mr David Duncan, Freuchie; 3. Mr Douglas Grandison, Falkland.

An impromptu dance followed the whist drive.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Funeral and Deposit Society** – “A general meeting of the Funeral and Deposit Society was held in the Town Hall on Saturday evening – Mr Matthew Lawson, vice-president, presiding. The Secretary submitted his report, and intimated that seven death claims had been paid during the year, and that 2s 2d would be deducted from each member. The office-bearers were re-elected.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Harvest Thanksgiving** – “A Harvest thanksgiving service was held in the Established Church on Sunday morning. The Rev. J.K. Russell, B.D., conducted the service, which was in keeping with the occasion.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Town Council Nomination Meeting** – “A public meeting was held in the Town Hall on Friday evening for the purpose of nominating candidates for the four vacancies, the retiring Councillors being: -

Messrs J.W. Jackson, T.D. Hopkins, Wm. Horne, and Robert Ness.

The first three gentlemen were nominated, and in the place of Mr Robert Ness, who is not seeking re-election, Mr Jas. Skinner, South Street, was appointed to fill the vacancy. There will be no poll.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Marriage – Robertson – Smith** – “At High Street, Falkland, on 19th October, by the Rev. J.K. Russell, B.D., Peter Robertson, butcher, Falkland, to Elizabeth Morrison, second daughter of William Smith, Falkland.”

6th November 1920

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Falkland Equitable Co-operative Society** – “The half-yearly general meeting of the Falkland Equitable Co-operative Society Ltd., was held in the Society’s Rooms on Tuesday evening, Mr James Skinner, president, presiding. The Secretary, Mr Wm. Gullon, submitted the balance sheet for the past half-year which was adopted. The dividend payable is 2s 9d per £1 to members, and 1s 4 ½ d to non-members. The retiring office-bearers were all re-elected.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **No Change** – The following is the result of the ‘No-License’ poll on Tuesday: -

No-Change – 131 votes; Limiting Resolution – 5 votes; No-License – 66 votes.

'No-Change' was carried. Number of electors – 389; Number of voters – 202. There were no spoiled papers."

13th November 1920

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Women's Guild** – *"The Women's Guild of the Established Church held their opening social meeting on Thursday evening in the vestry. There was a fair attendance."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Sacrament** – *"The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed in the Established Church and the U.F. Church on Sunday morning. In the evening, the Rev. D. Begbie, Freuchie, occupied the pulpit in the Established Church, and the Rev. W. Craig, Balmalcolm, occupied the pulpit in the U.F. Church."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Meeting** – *"A General Meeting of the members of the Institute was held in the reading room on Tuesday evening – Mr Alex. Anderson presiding. Office-bearers were appointed as follows: -*

Chairman – Provost Jackson; Secretary – Mr T.C. Schofield; Treasurer – Mr John Baillie. The Committee of Management is – Mrs Hopkins, Miss Martyn, Rev. J.P. Bachelor, Mr Walter Peggie, Mr P. Hunt, and Mr T.C. Schofield.

Various sub-Committees were also appointed to deal with the library and reading rooms, lectures and classes, and games. The Institute is proving a great boon to the community, and it is hoped in the spring of the year a start will be made to the proposed tennis court."

20th November 1920

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Potato Holidays** – *"The school was re-opened on Monday after three weeks' vacation given to the children to assist the farmers with the potato lifting. The farmers have this year been extremely fortunate in having good weather and plenty of workers to secure their crops."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Supper** – *"As is his usual custom, Provost Jackson entertained the members of the Town Council and some friends to a supper in the Commercial Hotel last Wednesday evening. A most enjoyable time was spent."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **The Kirkin' o' The Council** – “On Sunday, the Magistrates and Town Council attended the Established Church in the morning and the United Free Church in the afternoon.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Mr John MacCallum** – “Mr John MacCallum, a student at St Andrews University, preached in the Established Church at the morning and evening services on Sunday as a delegate from the University's Missionary Association. It is of interest to note that Mr MacCallum resided for a time at Lathrisk, and attended the Public School here.”

27th November 1920

Extract from *The Fife News*: **St John's Lodge, No. 35** – “At a special meeting of the brethren held in the Town Hall on Wednesday evening, Bro. Peter Robertson was made the recipient of a handsome clock on the occasion of his marriage. R.W.M. John Drysdale, in a few eloquent words, made the presentation on behalf of the brethren. Bro. Robertson suitably replied.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Women's Guild** – “The local branch of the Co-operative Women's Guild entertained the children of the members to tea in the Town Hall on Monday evening. A most enjoyable time was spent with songs and games.”

4th December 1920

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Whist Club** – “The members of the Whist Club entertained a few friends from Freuchie to a game of whist in the Institute on Tuesday night. A very keen game resulted in Falkland winning 15 up.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **St John's Lodge, No. 35** – “At a meeting of the above Lodge held in the Town Hal on Thursday evening, the following office-bearers were appointed: -

R.W.M. – Bro. John Drysdale; I.M.P. – Bro. T.D. Hopkins; D.M. – Bro. James Jackson; S.M. – Bro. Alex. Grieve; S.W. – Bro. John Garland; J.W. – Bro. David Munro; Treasurer – Bro. Andrew Venters; Secretary – Bro. Wm. Gullon; Chaplain – Rev. D. Begbie; S.D. – Bro. David Duncan; J.D. – Bro. Jas. Skinner; Architect – Bro. A. Fraser; B.B. – Bro. Jas. R. Walker; S. Stu., - Bro. John Angus; Jr. Stu., - Bro. W.

Sturdley; I.G. – Bro. Wm. B. Gould; O.G. – Bro. John Walker; Auditors – Bros. A. Anderson and R. Miller.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Action over Cheque** – “The action at the instance of William Strudley, Bruce Arms Hotel, Falkland, against William Watt, Balbougie, Inverkeithing, was decided at Dunfermline Sheriff Court on Tuesday. Pursuer claimed payment of £70, being the amount of a cheque drawn in his favour by defender on the Royal Bank of Scotland, Dunfermline, payment of which had been stopped by defender. Payment was in respect of a horse which pursuer averred he sold to defender, but this defender denied, and explained he only accompanied William Blair, coach-hirer, Inverkeithing, to the sale to buy the horse, which later was stated to be disconform to warranty. The plea of defender was that the action was irrelevant, as the cheque had not been presented at any bank for payment. Sheriff Umpherston has sustained the first plea in law for the defender, and dismissed the action, with expenses to defender. In a note, his Lordship says the cheque had not been presented for payment, and by the provisions of the Bill of Exchange Act of 1882, the fact that the holder of a cheque has reason to believe that the bill will on presentation be dishonoured, does not dispense with the necessity for presentation. He must actually present it before he could sue for payment of the amount.”

11th December 1920

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Pierrot Concert** – “The Falkland pierrot troupe gave their first performance in the Drill Hall on Wednesday evening – Provost Jackson presiding. The programme was large and varied, consisting of solos, part songs, dancing, character sketches and recitations. Each of the artists filled their parts admirably. The hall was packed to overflowing. The proceeds are in aid of the War Memorial Institute.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Presentation** – “Mr Andrew MacNab, Dunshalt, who has been for the past six years assistant headmaster at Falkland Public School, was presented with a solid silver perpetual date base from the teachers and children of the school on his departure to fill the headmastership of Braco Public School, Perthshire. Miss Emma Hay, in a few well-chosen words, made the presentation, and Mr MacNab feelingly replied.”

18th December 1920

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Social and Dance** – “A most enjoyable social and dance in connection with the Falkland Co-operative Store was held in the Drill Hall on Friday evening, Mr James Skinner, president of the Society, occupied the chair. An address was given by Mr P. McConnell, Kirkcaldy; and Miss A. Forsyth, Miss Dinah White, Mr Morrison, and Mr Macgregor contributed to the musical part of the programme. Miss Nellie Forsyth played the accompaniments. Dancing was engaged in until the early hours of the morning. The dance music was supplied by Mr Aird’s band from Thornton.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lecture** – “A lecture on the ‘Origin of the English Bible’, illustrated with lime-light views, was given by the Rev. J.K. Russell, B.D., in the Established Church on Sunday evening. There was a large attendance.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **St John’s Lodge, No. 35** – “The installation of the recently appointed office-bearers took place on Thursday last week. Bro. James Jackson performed the installation ceremony. There was a good turnout of the members.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **War Memorial Institute** – “The Library was opened on Monday evening, when a large number of books were issued. It is earnestly hoped that the members will take advantage of this valuable branch, and show the same keen interest as they have done in the other sections connected with the Institute. The Librarian will be in attendance each Monday evening from 7 to 8 o’clock.”

25th December 1920

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Scotch Concert** – “The Falkland Institute Choir, organised and conducted by Mr Walter Peggie, jnr., gave a Scotch concert in the Drill Hal on Saturday evening. Provost Jackson occupied the chair. A most enjoyable programme, consisting of choruses, quartettes, solos, etc., was rendered. The soloists were: -

Misses Grant, Holland, A. Forsyth, N. Forsyth, L. Findlay, Messrs G. Anderson, T. Grant, and T. Blyth. Miss C. Cowan gave a recitation, and Miss C. Peggie and Miss A. Edmeston contributed a pianoforte duet. Miss Chryss Peggie played the accompaniments. The drawings, which amounted to over £15, are in aid of the Institute.”

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