

# Falkland News – March 1923

## 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1923

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Whist Drive** – “A very successful whist drive was held in the Memorial Institute, nine tables being fully occupied. Some excitement was seen among the players during the game. At the interval tea was served. The evening concluded with a splendid musical programme. The following took part: -

Miss C. Cowan, Messrs Charles Oram, G. Anderson, T. Drysdale, R. Robson, J. Burgon, W. Barclay, and R. Nellies. Miss C. Peggie presided at the piano. The successful whist players were: -

Ladies – 1. Miss Maggie Findlay. 2. Miss Jeannie Findlay. 3. Miss Chrissie Drysdale. Booby – Mrs Peter Robertson.

Gentlemen – 1. Mr Stirling. 2. Mr Homden. 3. Mr Smith, Dunshalt. Booby – Mr Grieg, Edinburgh. Lucky number – Mr R. Nellies.

At the close a vote of thanks was heartily given to Mrs Gulland, Millfield, who had sent the prizes from France, also to Mrs Brown, for the excellent purveying.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Entertaining the Young Members of the Institute** – “Mrs Brown and the Games Committee entertained the younger members of the Memorial Institute from the proceeds of the whist drive of the previous evening. A very enjoyable evening was spent in games, songs, recitations, etc. A splendid tea was served. The way the young people went into the sport must have pleased the Sports Committee.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Accident to School Boy** – “On Saturday, while a butcher’s van was proceeding up the Terrace, Falkland, the horse stumbled, and William Spink (7), who was on the top of the van, fell, and was severely hurt about the head. Dr Mudie, Ladybank, attended and dressed the wound.”



**Falkland Butcher circa 1916**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **The Near East** – “On Sunday evening there was a large attendance in the Parish Church when Mr Deas of the Jewish Mission gave an interesting lecture on the Near East, touching on the following places: -

*Smyrna, Beirut, Constantinople, Jerusalem and Nazareth, etc.*

*The lecture was fully illustrated with lime-light views, and was highly appreciated.”*

### **10<sup>th</sup> March 1923**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Silver Wedding** – “An interesting event took place on Saturday evening in Commercial Hall, Falkland, when Mr and Mrs Wm. Bett celebrated their silver wedding. There were 40 guests present, including three grand-children. The happy couple were the recipients of many useful presents and hearty congratulations.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Billiard Match** – “An interesting billiard match took place in the Memorial Institute on Tuesday evening between teams from Falkland and Kinglassie. Details: -

<b>Falkland Memorial Institute</b>		<b>Kinglassie Welfare Institute</b>	
Chas. Oram	120	W. Soutar	118
David Clark	50	Jas. Black	120
Thos. Drysdale	109	Alex. Moir	120
Robt. Nellies	120	Robt. Black	95
Alex. Cowan	92	J. Williamson	120
Wm. Strudley	108	W. Lindsay	120
	<b>596</b>		<b>694</b>

*Chas. Oram won the special prize for the biggest break.*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **The Cinema** – “A special treat is in store for the patrons of this popular house to-morrow night (Saturday) at 5.45 and 8.15, when the greatest of all Scotch films, ‘Rob Roy’ will be shown. Special music will be rendered at the piano by Mr W. Scott Rae, and Mr John Kay will play pipe selections. A motor car will run from Freuchie Post Office every 7 minutes from 5 o’clock for the first house, and 7.30 for the second. It will also make return journeys after each performance at a low fare.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Town Council** – “At the monthly meeting of the Town Council held on Wednesday evening, those present were: -

*Provost Hopkins, Bailie Hunt, Councillors Adams, Robertson, Nellies, Grant, Horne, Annan and Skinner.*

*The offers for cleaning the Town Hall were opened, and it was agreed to accept the offer of Mr Tom Ross, Falkland, at £14 17s 6d. After a good deal of heated discussion regarding the letting of the Drill Hall for pictures, it was agreed to delay for a fortnight to consider the offers. As the offers lodged for the Clerk of Works hut were too low, it was agreed that the Committee put in an offer for the hut to the Board of Health.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Unsuccessful Claim for Betting Debts** – “Sheriff Dudley Stuart issued the action in which George Wardlaw, his interlocutor at Cupar on Tuesday in commission agent, 223 St Clair Street, Kirkcaldy, sued W.E. Strudley, Bruce Arms Hotel, Falkland, for £36 14s 6d, said to represent bets put on by defender in March, April and May 1922. For the defence it was contended that the

money in question was a gambling transaction, irrecoverable by law. The accuracy of the account was not admitted. His Lordship has assoilzied defender from the conclusions of the action. In his note the Sheriff said the pursuer founded upon a letter written by defender, which, he averred, amounted to an engagement to pay the sum due and enforceable against defender. The authority relied on was the case of *Hyams v Stuart*. Defendant there had given a cheque to plaintiff for his betting losses, and, in consideration of the plaintiff agreeing to hold over the cheque and refraining from declaring defendant a defaulter, the latter promised to pay the balance due in a few days. This was held to be a new contract, upon which plaintiff was entitled to recover. If pursuer here was able to show that there was a new contract, the case quoted would be applicable, but pursuer's reply to defender's letter clearly showed there was no such contract. On the contrary, he explicitly refused to accept defender's suggestion that he should take payment by instalments, and insisted upon payment in full, the alternative being legal proceedings. Pursuer described defender's letter as importing engagement, by which he (the Sheriff) assumed he meant a promise. He thought it was not a 'promise' in the legal sense, for a promise was presumed to be accepted. It was, in his view, an 'offer', which required acceptance to be raised into an obligation. And it was not accepted by pursuer. His case, therefore, rested solely upon a betting transaction, which the law would not enforce.

For pursuer, Mr W. Napier, Kirkcaldy; for defender, Mr R. Osborne Pagan, W.S., Cupar."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Farmer's Breach of Contract** – "In his interlocutor issued at Cupar on Saturday, Sheriff Dudley Stuart has found for pursuer in the action brought by Mr James Gardiner, potato merchant, York Place, Perth, against Mr James Maxwell, farmer, Templelands, Falkland, for £45 for failure to carry out a contract to deliver four tons of Majestic seed potatoes to pursuer. The Sheriff in his findings showed that on 14<sup>th</sup> November 1921, the defender agreed to sell to the pursuer, through his representative, Mr Donald McPhee, a quantity of Majestic seed potatoes, not less than three tons, at the price of £8 per ton. The pursuer was to send the defender bags for the dispatch of said potatoes; and intimation when he desired them to be put on rail. In reply to a letter from the defender, dated 10<sup>th</sup> December, the pursuer wrote, on 13<sup>th</sup> December, that he was sending the bags for the potatoes, and on 14<sup>th</sup> December requested the defender to load the same. On 17<sup>th</sup> December, the defender replied that he had not received the address to which the potatoes were to be sent, to which the pursuer replied that the address had been already sent to the station. The defender did not dispatch the potatoes, and on 30<sup>th</sup> January 1922 wrote to the pursuer that he proposed to plant them. In reply, on 31<sup>st</sup> January, the pursuer said he required the defender to load the potatoes, in terms of his contract. The defender failed to deliver them to the pursuer. The Sheriff finds in law that the defender, having sold said potatoes to the pursuer, and failed to deliver

*the same, is in breach of contract, and liable in damages therefor; assesses the damages due to the pursuer at the sum of £21 10s; and discerns against the defender for said sum accordingly; finds the pursuer entitled to expenses. In his note, the Sheriff says:*

*‘The defender admits that he agreed to sell a quantity of Majestic seed potatoes to the pursuer, but maintains that it was not four tons, but only that ‘he was to get what I had’. It is unfortunate that Mr McPhee, who made the bargain, did not produce his note-book, in which he says he entered it at the time. But the defender’s letter, written on the same day, estimates the quantity as ‘over three tons’ and I think he must be bound by that. The defender’s main answer is that the pursuer was to take the potatoes at once, and pay within a week. His letters do not support this version of the matter, but, I think, plainly contradict it. I think it is clear that his failure to deliver the potatoes was a breach of contract, inferring liability for damages. I estimate the pursuer’s loss as follows: -*

*The defender’s price was £8 a ton; 3 tons at £8 is £24. But the pursuer had to pay £13 a ton to fulfil his contract of re-sale. The difference is £15. The expenses of dressing – 10s a ton – falls to be added, viz, £1 10s, and I shall allow the sum of £5 claimed in respect of travelling expenses. The total is £21 10s, for which the pursuer will have decree”*

*Agents – For pursuer, Mr J.K. Tasker, solicitor, Cupar; for defender, Mr R. Osborne Pagan, W.S.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Service of Song** – “A musically illustrated service, entitled ‘Won by a Child’ was given by the members of the Band of Hope in the Parish Church before a good attendance. Rev. J.K. Russell read the connecting passages, and Mr Robert Miller operated the lantern. The opening chorus, ‘On one and all’, by the company was finely rendered. Miss M. Drysdale sang ‘The Beggar Boy’ with fine feeling. ‘The Wanderer’s Song’ was contributed by Mr R. Herd. Miss M. Thomson sang very sweetly ‘The House of Prayer’. The duets, ‘Kindness one to another’ and ‘Beautiful Home’, were very well rendered by Misses J. and C. Drysdale. Miss B. Anderson did justice to her solo ‘When Billows Swell’. ‘The Lord’s Prayer’ by Miss J. Douglas; ‘The Beautiful Gate’, by Miss Oswald; ‘I Must be True’, by M. Lawson; ‘Another Hand is Beckoning’, by Miss E. Page; and the choruses by the company, ‘Lord Thine Own’, ‘The Land of Canaan’, ‘Joyful will the Meeting be’, completed a very successful service. Miss Edmiston was a splendid accompanist, and Mr Spence is to be congratulated on his training of the children.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Masonic Assembly** – “A successful dance under the auspices of Lodge St John 35, was held in the Drill Hall on Friday evening. The hall

was tastefully decorated for the occasion. The music, which gave entire satisfaction, was supplied by Mr Adamson's band, Kingskettle. The catering was undertaken by a Ladies' Committee, and was all that could be desired. It would be superfluous to describe the ladies' dresses, as each seemed to vie with another in elegance. Among those who accepted invitations were: -

Provost and Mrs Hopkins, Mr and Mrs John Garland, Mr and Mrs John Drysdale, Mr and Mrs J. Munro, Mr and Mrs John Ross, Mr and Mrs John Lewis, Mr and Mrs John Abernethy, Mrs Ross, Mrs Hamilton, Mrs Michie, Mrs Cation, Misses Edmiston, Kennedy, Meldrum, C. and A. Cowan, J. and M. Anderson, Munro, Kingskettle, C. and M. Lawson, Douglas, Wishart, Ross, Findlay, Forsyth, Wotherspoon, Thomson, Brown, J. and C. Drysdale, Jackson, Hardie, Millar, M. and L. Robertson, McAughey, Anderson, Messrs Anderson, Burgon, Brown, Broomon, Birrell, Borthwick, Brunton, Coutts, Cowan, Dowie, Drysdale, Dakers, Douglas, Gullon, R. Hopkins, Jackson, Joss, Lawson, Lee, Lister, McEwan, Oram, Robertson, Ross, Richfield, Scott, Schofield, Speed, Strudley, Skinner, Todd, Walker.

Representatives were present from Rothes No. 532; St Clair of Balbeggie, No. 867; St Cyre No. 121; and the local Lodge of Ancient Free Gardeners."

### **17<sup>th</sup> March 1923**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Social** – "On Friday evening, a successful social meeting was held in the United Free Church. Rev. Mr Batchelor presided over a large audience who were treated to as fine a magical programme as has been given by the church. The choir of 30 voices, under the baton of Mr Walter Peggie, jnr., was assisted by several members of the Parish Church choir, and they rendered some very excellent pieces. Mr Batchelor, in opening the proceedings, stated he was pleased to see so many present, and he likened the meeting to a huge family gathering. The choir sang the anthems 'The Lord shall Reveal', 'Son of my Soul', and 'The Radiant Morn' in a masterly style, the solo parts being excellently done. The quartette 'The Lord is my Refuge', sung by Misses Edmiston, Grant, Thomson, Peggie, and Messrs Grant and Anderson, delighted the audience. Mr T. Williamson's solo was of a high standard. 'The Lost Chord' by Miss Horne was sung with a feeling which touched everyone present. Miss Kirkwood sang sweetly the solos 'Come, Smiling Liberty', and 'Jerusalem'. The 'tit-bit' of the evening was the action song 'Japanese Fans' by five young scholars from the Sunday School. Short and pithy addresses were given by Rev. Mr Reid, Dundee, Rev. J. White, Ceres, Rev. D. Affleck, Ladybank, and Rev. J. Russell, Falkland. Miss C. Peggie ably presided at the organ. Mr Walter Peggie is to be complemented on the musical part of the programme. At the close, Mr A. Anderson, Town Clerk, moved a vote of thanks to the speakers, artists, and to all who had assisted in making the evening such a success."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Choir Social** – “The United Free Church choir and friends held a very enjoyable social on Tuesday evening in the Church Hall. A splendid programme was gone through, including songs, recitations, games, dances, etc. Tea was served at intervals.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket** – “The annual general meeting of Falkland Cricket Club was held in the Town Hall on Thursday evening. Mr David Bonthronne presided over a good attendance. The reports showed the Club to be in a flourishing condition, there being a balance in hand of £15 3s 11d. It was also stated that improvements had been made on the pitch at Scroggie. The following office-bearers were elected:

President – Mr David Bonthronne; Vice-president – Mr George Gavin; Secretary and Treasurer – Mr T. Drysdale; Captain – Provost T.D. Hopkins; Vice-captain – Mr T. Schofield. Committee – Peter Kennedy, Andrew Findlay, Peter Robertson, John Reekie, John Terras, David Stark, Robert Hopkins.

*The following is the list of fixtures:*

April 28	Springfield	Away
May 5	Kelty XI	Away
May 12	Roths	Home
May 19	Vacant	
May 26	Cupar XI	Home
June 2	Leven	Away
June 6	Freuchie	Away
June 9	Dunnikier	Home
June 16	Tayport	Away
June 23	Roths	Away
June 30	Markinch	Away
July 4	Kennoway	Home
July 7	Kelty XI	Home
July 14	Springfield	Home

July 20	Kennoway	Away
July 21	Tayport	Home
July 26	Freuchie	Home
July 28	Markinch	Home
Aug 4	Dunnikier	Away
Aug 11	Kennoway XI	Home
Aug 18	Leven	Home
Aug 25	Nairn	Away
Sept 1	Cupar XI	Away

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



Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cinema** – “On Saturday last, ‘Rob Roy’ was the special feature shown at this popular house, both ‘houses’ being packed. To-morrow (Saturday) night at 5.45 and 8.15, Thos. H. Ince’s great film, ‘Hail the Woman’, will be screened. This colossal production shows a story in which one can ‘live’ as he sees the picture.”





Scene from 'Hail the Woman' (1921)

### **24<sup>th</sup> March 1923**

Extract from *The Fife News: Cinema* – “Quite a treat is in store for the patrons of the cinema to-morrow (Saturday) night, when Douglas Fairbanks appears in ‘The Three Musketeers’ (12 reels). It is the same film that ran at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London, with such pronounced success.”



### The Three Musketeers (1921)

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Drill Hall Letting** – “At a special meeting of the Town Council, after considering the applications for the let of the hall for a cinema, it was agreed to re-let the hall to Mr Gilbert, the present tenant.

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Whist Drive** – “An enjoyable whist drive was held in the Memorial Institute on Wednesday evening last week, over 40 being present, including players from Freuchie, Strathmiglo and Auchtermuchty. Tea was served in the interval, after which a splendid musical programme was gone through, the following taking part: -

Miss E. Grant, Miss C. Cowan, and Messrs Chas. Oram, John Senior, H. Robson, R. Ness, T. Schofield, and G. Anderson.

Winners of prizes: Ladies – 1<sup>st</sup> Mrs R. Homden; 2<sup>nd</sup> Miss C. Drysdale; 3<sup>rd</sup> Miss E. Grant; Booby Miss C. Cowan. Gentlemen – 1<sup>st</sup> Mr Chas. Oram; 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr Robert Nellies; 3<sup>rd</sup> Mr Peter Robertson; Booby Mr Wm. Todd.

At the close, a vote of thanks was awarded to those who had given the prizes – Provost T.D. Hopkins, Mr Walter Peggie, and Mrs John Garland. The Games Committee were also thanked. Mrs Brown, Messrs Chas. Oram and Councillor P. Robertson made excellent arrangements.

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death – Greig** – “On the 18<sup>th</sup> inst., at Lomond Crescent, Falkland, Captain Greig, aged 74 years.”

### **31<sup>st</sup> March 1923**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Memorial Institute** – “In the consolation billiard competition final, Provost T.D. Hopkins beat Mr C. Drysdale by 100 to 70.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – “Falkland Victoria travel to St Andrews to play a friendly match on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> April, with the following team: -

*Shields, Richfield, Lee, Robertson, McGregor, Lawson, Bett, O. Strudley, W. Strudley, Reid, and Birrell.*

*All those wishing to travel with the team should notify W. Strudley by 31<sup>st</sup> March.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Billiards** – “Falkland beat their near rivals last night in the Memorial Institute.

<b>Falkland</b>		<b>Freuchie</b>	
<i>C. Oram</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>R. Robertson</i>	<i>62</i>
<i>D. Clark</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>E. Borthwick</i>	<i>39</i>
<i>T. Drysdale</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>D. Philip</i>	<i>87</i>
<i>R. Nellies</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>L. McDonald</i>	<i>73</i>
<i>W. Strudley</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>W. Barclay</i>	<i>96</i>
<i>T.D. Hopkins</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>W. Livingstone</i>	<i>92</i>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>600</b>		<b>449</b>

*Falkland won by 151 points.*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Billiards** – “The Falkland team travelled to Kinglassie in the return match and were defeated by 32, the scores being:

<b>Falkland</b>		<b>Kinglassie</b>	
<i>C. Oram</i>	<i>128</i>	<i>Souter</i>	<i>150</i>

W. Strudley	150	Lindsay	107
T. Drysdale	142	Moir	150
C. Drysdale	89	Williamson	150
R. Nellies	132	Black	150
D. Clarke	150	McIvor	116
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>791</b>		<b>823</b>

Extract from *The Fife News*: **United Free Church Mission** – “Special services have been held in the U.F. Church every evening and have been well attended. Excellent addresses were delivered by Mr Everstone. The solos by Mrs Everstone, and Miss Gray, Dunshalt, were much appreciated.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Local Enterprise** – “Mr W. Strudley has opened a putting green in his garden. It is in a good condition.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Sowing** – “Sowing is now quite general in the district. The farmers are taking full advantage of the good weather.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Dance** – “Under the auspices of the Falkland Girls’ Club, one of the most successful social events of the season was held in the Drill Hall on Friday evening. The decorations were tastefully arranged. The music was of the best and was supplied by Anderson’s band, Cowdenbeath. Messrs T. Schofield and T. Drysdale efficiently performed the duties of floor-masters. The purveying was in the hands of the ladies’ Committee, and was all that could be desired. The Ladies’ Club, with Mrs Brown as convener, are to be congratulated on the entire success of the assembly, the proceeds of which will help to swell the funds of the local Cricket Club. Among those who accepted invitations were: -

Ladies – Miss Anderson, Misses J. and M. Anderson, Miss E. Anderson, Miss Archibald, Miss Birrell, Miss Bruce, Miss Cowan, Miss C. Drysdale, Miss J. Drysdale, Miss M. Dowie, Miss L. Fernie, Misses Forsyth, Misses Findlay, Miss Gavin, Miss Edmestone, Miss Grant, Miss E. Hay, Mrs Hopkins, Miss Jackson, Miss Hutchison, Misses Kennedy, Mrs Lewis, Miss C. Lawson, Miss McEwan, Misses Meldrum, Miss

*Oswald, Miss Peggie, Miss Ross, Miss Sturrock, Miss Todd, Miss M.J. Thomson, Misses Venters, Mrs Wallace, Miss Wishart.*

*Gentlemen – Mr Atchibald, Mr J. Archibald, Mr Barclay, Messrs Birrell, Mr Borthwick, Mr Burgon, Mr Brunton, Messrs Bogie, Mr Coutts, Mr A. Cowan, Mr A. Duncan, Messrs Drysdale, Messrs Dakers, Mr Dollar, Mr Dalgleish, Mr Gavin, Mr Hardie, Mr Hepburn, Provost Hopkins, Mr Jack, Mr Joss, Mr Lawson, Mr Lewis, Mr Lee, Mr Lister, Mr Malloch, Messrs Marshall, Mr Morrison, Mr J.M. McEwan, Mr R. Ness, Mr C. Oram, Mr A. Robertson, Mr Ross, Mr H. Robson, Messrs W. and A. Robertson, Mr G. Richfield, Mr T. Schofield, Mr W. Strudley, Mr J. Stirling, Mr W. Todd, Messrs J. and W. Venters.”*