

Falkland News - January 1923

6th January 1923

Extract from *The Fife News*: **New Year** - "The New Year was ushered in very quietly in the burgh. When the town clock struck the hour of twelve, there were only a few young people at the Cross, but as one walked round the town, many windows were seen to be lighted, and there were sounds of rejoicing. The outlook for the coming year is favourable, as the works in the district are fairly busy."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** - "Falkland Victoria play Ladybank on Saturday. There will be some excitement at Ladybank as this match has been the topic of conversation for some time. The Victoria hope to return with the points."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **New Year Concert** - "Under the auspices of Falkland Ornithological Society, a grand concert was held in the Drill Hall on Tuesday evening. Bailey George Robertson presided over a large audience. The following ably sustained an excellent programme: -

Miss Turnbull, Ladybank; Miss Oswald, Falkland; Miss Allan, Kingskettle; Miss Young, Freuchie; Miss J. Bett, Falkland; Miss Pratt, Freuchie; Mr Scott Rae and Mr J. Ross, Falkland.

After the concert a successful dance was held. The music was supplied by Mr Berry's band, Auchtermuchty. Messrs W. Forsyth and A. Cowan ably acted as M.C.'s. The Secretary, Mr T. Lawson, and Committee are to be congratulated on the success of the show, concert and dance, all held on the same day."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Keen Competition Among Bird Fanciers** - "Falkland Ornithological Society held their fifty-sixth annual show on Tuesday. The entry was so large that both the Town Hall and Drill Hall were required to house the birds. The poultry were in the Drill Hall and pigeons and cage birds in the Town Hall. Owing to the weather there was not such a large attendance of visitors as was expected, although in the afternoon many paid a visit to the show. In some of the classes the judges had some difficulty in deciding the winners. Some fine birds were forward, including some of the Crystal Palace and Edinburgh winners. The judges were: -

Poultry - Hard feather, Mr Wm. Rougvie, Coaltown of Balgonie; soft-feather, Mr James Williamson, East Lochran, Blairadam; pigeons, Mr A. Anderson, Edinburgh; cage birds, Mr James Stevenson, Kelty;

Among the leading winners were Mr David Robertson, Falkland, who won the 'Hain' cup. Other leading prizes went to: Poultry - Peter Robertson, Falkland; John Crombie, Falkland. Cage birds - John Nelson, Falkland; A. Grant, Falkland."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Theft from a Public House** - "An ex-soldier's unfortunate method of celebrating the advent of the New Year had its sequel in Cupar Sheriff Court on Tuesday, when before Hon. Sheriff Osborne, George Hobbs, labourer, West Port, Falkland, was charged with theft from a public house. The indictment set forth the accused did, on 31st December 1922, or 1st January 1923, break into Lomond Tavern public house, Horsemarket Street, Falkland, occupied by John Fyfe Scott, and did steal six quart bottles of whisky, and one pint bottle of whisky. Accused said he would have to plead guilty, but he remembered nothing about it. He was drunk at the time. This was the first New Year he had spent at home for a number of years, as he had just left the Army. He was sorry it had happened, because the publican and he were the best of friends. He would make up for what he had done, and pay for all damage.

The Procurator-Fiscal (Mr Geo. Brander) - The worst feature is that he forced the window. He knew the place because he had been employed occasionally in it. The whisky was valued at £4.

The Sheriff - Are you employed just now?

Accused - Yes; at the linoleum factory.

The Sheriff - A craving for drink gets many into trouble. There are various ways of satisfying that craving. This is not one of them. You will be fined £4 or go to prison for thirty days."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Fifeshire Traction Service** - "Another firm have taken over the business of the Fifeshire Traction Service. Mr Adams, the former carrier, is still at his usual post."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **The Old Folks Remembered** - "The Civro Concert Co. have given 30 deserving cases in the burgh, coal, tea and sugar. They have given close on £8 to charitable purposes; and have a balance of £4 10s to meet further expenses, as they intend having another concert before the season closes."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Memorial Institute** - "In connection with the above, the following competitions have just been completed: -

Mr C. Oram won the cue in the billiard competition, defeating R. Nellies in the final. Master John Lawson won the domino tournament beating Mr T. Schofield in the final. The winner is one of the young members of the Institute. H. Robson won the draughts competition, and was undefeated.

The Institute is being well attended this season."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **School Children's Annual Treat** - "The children attending the Public School were entertained in the Drill Hall on Friday afternoon. A splendid programme of music, songs, etc., was given by the scholars. A special feature was the dancing of Miss M. Lawson. The purveying was excellently done by Mr E. Strudley of the Bruce Arms Hotel. Each of the children was presented with a bag of sweets on leaving. Among those present were: -

Mr and Mrs Nisbet, Provost and Mrs T.D. Hopkins, Mr and Miss Gavin, Rev. Mr and Mrs Russell, Rev. Mr and Mrs Batchelor, and Mrs Brown.

A hearty vote of thanks was given the Hon. Mrs Maule Ramsay, Falkland House, for her generosity in providing such a treat."

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Article in *The Fife News*: **Football - Ladybank Thistle v Falkland Vic.:**

"The much discussed Red Triangle match between the above teams took place at Ladybank on Saturday. The meeting at Falkland some weeks ago was a stern fight, the result being 1-1. A good crowd thus expected a great game. Teams: -

Ladybank - Mill; Grieve and Dowie; Gourlay, Craig and Williams; Turpie, Rutherford, Williamson, Wiseman and Whytock.

Falkland - Shields; Richfield and Lee; W. Robertson, A. Robertson and Lawson; Bett, P. Birrell, Strudley, Reid and H. Birrell.

Referee - Mr R. Clacher.

Captain Strudley won the toss, and Williamson kicked off against a strong sun. Play was confined to the Falkland territory for some time till Lee, with a huge punt, let his left wing off, but the Ladybank defence were giving nothing away, Grieve clearing with something to spare. Turpie got going on the wing, doing some clever things

which came to nothing. Rutherford was playing him well with the ball, and one of his crosses went right across the goal without anybody seemingly able to convert. Falkland were now coming into the game, and Strudley let Bett off, but his cross went past. Craig was keeping a hold on Strudley who looked dangerous if he got going. Williamson at the other end worked his way out to the left, turned, and let fly a great drive, which brought Shields to his knees; but the keeper cleared with confidence. Time was wearing on, the Thistle keeping up a constant pressure, but when Williams missed an open goal, it seemed as if their luck was out.

Half-time - Ladybank 0, Falkland 0.

On resuming, Birrell set off down the Falkland left, but Grieve cleared, and the Thistle returned to the attack. Some fine crosses from Turpie were not improved on. The inside men seemed unable to clinch matters. At length a shot from Whytock, which seemed to be going past, struck the upright, and Rutherford put the homesters one up. This enlivened matters, and play became more robust. Craig got a word from the referee when he brought Strudley down rather suddenly when he was going through. Shouts of 'penalty' came from Falkland, when Dowie seemed to handle inside the area; but the same incident occurred at the other end a minute later, when W. Robertson stopped the ball with his arm. Ladybank forced numerous corners, and from one of these, Williams put his side further on the lead, and it seemed all up for Falkland. Play continued even to the end.

Final result - Ladybank 2, Falkland 0.

Notes - On the whole, Mill got little to do, while Shields had ever to be on the lookout. Grieve was the best back afield, while the Falkland pair were tireless workers. The Thistle forwards were good on the outfield, but weak in front of goal. Falkland never did have a real scoring chance, and 2-0 was a good result."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Trespassing in Pursuit of Game** - "James Baldie, residing at Sharp's Close, Falkland, was ordered to pay £2 of expenses in Cupar Sheriff Court on Tuesday, by Sheriff Dudley Stuart, for having in a field at Falkland, known as Law's field, trespassed in pursuit of game or rabbits. Accused pleaded not guilty of the offence, but was convicted on evidence."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **An 'Omission Through Carelessness'** - "Andrew Venters, licensed grocer, Horse Market Street, Falkland, was charged at Cupar Sheriff Court on Tuesday, before Sheriff Dudley Stuart, with having on 3rd November, within his shop at Horse Market Street, exposed for sale by retail, parcels of margarine which did not bear the word 'margarine' in letters of the size demanded by the regulations. On behalf of accused, Mr Anderson, solicitor, Falkland, said his client had the necessary letters on the margarine, but they were rather under the

size, and were not exposed as they should have been. He had no intention to defraud, and the margarine, on being tested, was found to be genuine. Mr Venters had never had any similar charge against him before.

The Procurator-Fiscal (Mr Geo. Brander) - 'It was no doubt an omission through carelessness'.

A fine of 10s was imposed."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Municipal** - "The monthly meeting of the Town Council was held in the Council Chamber on Wednesday evening. The following were present: -

Provost Hopkins, Bailies Hunt and Robertson, Councillors Adams, Chisholm, Skinner, Grant, Drysdale, Nellies, Robertson and Annon.

The reports of the various Committees were read and adopted. It was agreed to sell the office used by the Clerk of Works in connection with the housing scheme. It was also agreed to get estimates for cleaning and painting the Town Hall, and see what improvements could be made at the Drill Hall. It was mentioned that the Board of Health had a lady inspector visiting the new houses. The Board of Health asked the Council to see what they could get for the spare pieces of ground at the end of the new houses, to be let for allotments."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** - "Falkland Victoria are due to meet Newburgh to-morrow (Saturday) in the first round of the Lindsay Cup, when a good game should be the result.

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Whist Drive** - "A very successful whist drive was held in the Memorial Institute. The following were the lucky winners: -

Ladies - 1. Miss K. Collins, Falkland; 2. Miss E. Kennedy, Falkland; 3. Miss B. Leishman, Freuchie.

Gentlemen - 1. Mr Walter Peggie, jnr; 2. Mr J. Smith, Dunshalt; 3. Miss C. Peggie (who took a gentleman's place).

During the evening a splendid programme of music, etc., was gone through, and ably sustained by the Misses C. Peggie, E. Grant, J. Smith, C. Cowan, and Messrs C. Oram, T. Sutherland, T. Drysdale, T. Schofield, C. Drysdale, Peter Robertson, R. Ness and H. Robson. Mrs Brown and Committee are to be congratulated on the entire success of the whist drive."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golden Wedding Celebrations** - "Mr and Mrs Robert Horne, Oakview, Falkland, who were married at Woodside, Largo, on 3rd January 1873, celebrated their golden wedding by inviting their relatives and friends to a social gathering in the United Free Church Hall. The beautiful hall was tastefully decorated for the occasion. The Rev. James P. Batchelor presided over a happy company of about 40 guests. After tea, Mr Walter Peggie, in a felicitous speech, proposed the health and happiness of Mr and Mrs Horne. Mr Batchelor suitably replied on their behalf. Thereafter a very enjoyable evening was spent with music, songs, recitations and games. Mr and Mrs Horne have been the recipients of many congratulations and useful gifts."

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Extract from *The Fife News*: **B.O.A.F.G.** - "The annual general meeting of the Lomond Oak Lodge, No. 387, was held in the Town Hall, Falkland, on Thursday last week. The balance sheet for 1922, which showed the flourishing state of the Lodge, was read, and the following office-bearers were appointed: -

W.M. - James Skinner; D.M. - Peter Robertson; P.M. - Geo. S. Hardie; S.W. - Wm. W. Gullon; J.W. - Alex Grant; A.P.M. - Peter Lawson; O.G. - John Reekie; Chaplain - David Munro; Secretary - Jas. S. Hardie; Treasurer - James Lawson; Stewards - Robert Dewar, Henry Birrell; Trustees - Wm. Gray, James Duncan, Geo. S. Hardie; Auditors - Thos. D. Hopkins, Francis Fernie."

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Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death of Sister of Late Laird of Lathrisk** - "Notice of the death on Sunday at The Gables, Parlack, Somerset, of Mrs R. Wemyss, who before her marriage was Miss Mary Maitland Makgill Crichton, the handsome and dashing youngest sister of the late young laird of Lathrisk. She married Major R. Wemyss, R.A., in 1903. At the festivities in August 1901, when the late Major C.J. Maitland Makgill Crichton entered into possession of Lathrisk, Largo and Monzie, the deceased lady took a prominent part, making a brilliant reply to the toast of her health, eloquently proposed by Mr J.E. Grosset, solicitor, Cupar."

Advert in *The Fife News*: **Pianoforte**



Advert placed by Miss Piller, Falkland.

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Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** - "Great interest is being taken in the football match at Myreside to-morrow (Saturday), when Guardbridge are the visitors in the semi-final of the Lindsay Cup. Falkland Victoria hope to make progress in the competition."

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Extract from *The Fife News*: **Ornithological Society's Successful Year** - "A general meeting of the Ornithological Society was held on Saturday evening. The Secretary's report showed the Society to be in a flourishing condition. The drawings from all sources were £103 13s 10d, and after meeting expenses a good balance is left to carry forward. Mr David Robertson was appointed President for the year, but the election of the other office-bearers was left over till next meeting. Mr Fernie presented the Society's cup to Mr D. Robertson for the best bird in the show, exhibited by a member. The Secretary, Treasurer, and Committee were thanked for their services in making the show such a success."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Weather** - "Wintry weather is being experienced in the district. On Wednesday morning the Lomonds were covered with snow."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lecture** - "A large and appreciative audience was present on Sunday evening in the Parish Church, when Rev. Mr Russell gave his concluding lecture on Bunyan's 'Pilgrim's Progress'. He handled his subject in a very interesting and instructive manner. The lecture was illustrated by some very fine limelight pictures."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** - "Newburgh F.C. paid a friendly visit to Myreside on Saturday. The weather was against good football. After a hard game, the result was: -

Falkland - 5, Newburgh - 2."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **International Order of Good Templars** - "A conference of the above was held in the Town Hall, Falkland, on Tuesday evening - Rev. James Batchelor, M.A., presiding. Mr Alex. Munro, Leith, Grand Chief Templar, gave a stirring address on the aims and work of the Order, and he hoped at the close they would be able to open a Lodge in Falkland. A splendid musical programme was ably sustained by Misses Mitchell, Scott, and Webster, Cupar, and Mr Scott Rae, Falkland. At the close the usual votes of thanks were given."

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Extract from *The Fife News*: **Blizzard** - "The blizzard on Sunday was felt keenly in the burgh. Very few were seen out of doors. The places of worship were poorly attended."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Free Gardeners' Dance** - "A very successful dance was held in the Drill Hall on Friday evening under the auspices of 'Lomond Oak' Lodge, B.O.A. Free Gardeners. The hall was tastefully decorated. Over 50 couples accepted invitations. R.W.M. James Skinner, in opening the proceedings, welcomed all present, and especially the visiting brethren and visitors. Messrs A. Grant and H. Birrell ably performed the duties of floor-masters. The music, which was highly satisfactory, was supplied by Mr W. Anderson's jazz band, Cowdenbeath. The purveying was excellently done by Miss Hardie, Temperance Hotel. Much of the success of the function is due to the Secretary and Committee. Among those who accepted invitations were: -

Misses A. Edmiston, E. Grant, E.J. Kennedy, H. Forsyth, K. Bryce, L. and C. Hardie, L. Findlay, C. Peggie, C. Cowan, J. Drysdale, A. Fernie, M. Archibald, M. and C. Lawson, M. Thomson, M. and N. Milne, A. Wotherspoon, K. White, M. and J.

Anderson, E. Ashton, M. Birrell, E. McEwan, A. Oswald, M. Drysdale, Meldrum, B. Grant, J. Findlay, J. Ross, E. Hay, Mrs Homden, Misses N. and C. Sturrock, B. Douglas, C. Drysdale, M. and K. Duncan, Murdoch, N. Anderson, J. Bett and H. Wilson.

Bros. J. Skinner (W.M.), G.S. Hardie (P.M.), J. Hardie, J. Campbell, T. Drysdale, H. Lee, P. Birrell, J. Oswald, G. Ritchfield, R. Homden, P. Lawson, and C. Beattie. Messrs W. and O. Strudley, P. Stewart, P. McGregor, D. Reid, J. Nelson, J. Archibald, A. Henderson, D. Bell, W. Barclay, T. and J. Imrie, J. Young, C. Oram, T. Schofield, E. Borthwick, J. Nisbet, J. Brunton, W. Hastie, A. Cowan, G. Anderson.

Delegates were present from 'Rothes Oak Lodge', A. fair and G. Galloway; 'Pride of Thornton', T. Taylor and A. Speed; 'St John' (35), J. Walker; 'Shepherds', Strathmiglo, J. Lawrie."

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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: -

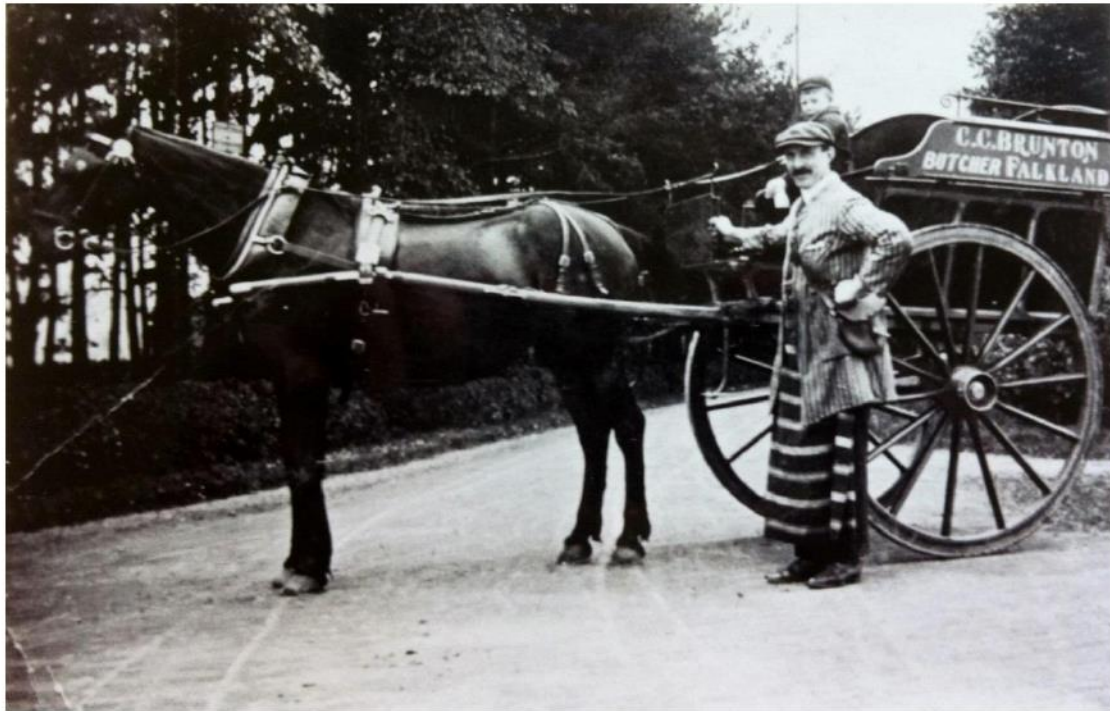
Ladies - 1. Miss Maggie Findlay. 2. Miss Jeannie Findlay. 3. Miss Chrissie Drysdale. Booby - Mrs Peter Robertson.

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."

10th 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: -

Falkland Memorial Institute	Kinglassie Welfare Institute	
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
	596	694

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 14th 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 10th December, the pursuer wrote, on 13th December, that he was sending the bags for the potatoes, and on 14th December requested the defender to load the same. On 17th 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 30th January 1922 wrote to the pursuer that he proposed to plant them. In reply, on 31st 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."

17th 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)

24th 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 - 1st Mrs R. Homden; 2nd Miss C. Drysdale; 3rd Miss E. Grant; Booby Miss C. Cowan. Gentlemen - 1st Mr Chas. Oram; 2nd Mr Robert Nellies; 3rd 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 18th inst., at Lomond Crescent, Falkland, Captain Greig, aged 74 years."

31st 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, 7th 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 31st March."

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

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

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:

Falkland		Kinglassie	
C. Oram	128	Souter	150

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
TOTALS	791	823

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 Dalglish, 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."
