

Falkland News – November 1923

(As researched by Jack Burgess)

3rd November 1923

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Chemist** – “The long-felt want of having a chemist in the burgh has now been met, as an up-to-date shop has been opened by Mr W.L. Love in Horsemarket Street.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Mr Robert Nellies** – “Mr Robert Nellies, who has been manager of the Co-operative Society, has resigned, and is opening a grocery establishment in Falkland in Commercial Buildings. During his managership the Co-operative Society has greatly increased in the burgh, and the best wishes of the members go with him in his new venture.”



Robert Nellies Shop

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Town Council Election** – “The electors in the burgh have shown very little interest in the forthcoming election, as only three nominations have been made viz: -

David Horn, David Chisholm, and James Skinner – all former Councillors.

It will fall to the Town Council at their first meeting to elect a Councillor ad interim.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Concert** – “Under the auspices of the Parish Church Women’s Guild, a concert and dramatic entertainment was given in the Drill Hall. The Rev. J.K. Russell presided over a crowded audience. Miss Russell, sister of the Chairman, opened the programme with a pianoforte selection, which was well received. The younger members of the Guild performed in an able manner in the sketches, ‘A Friendly Understanding’, and ‘Jackets’, each doing the part very well. Solos by Miss Forsyth, Miss Oswald, and Miss Drysdale were admirably rendered. Rev. W.G. Mitchell, Freuchie, sang his solo in fine voice. Mr John Ross excelled himself as a comedian. The recitation by Mr T. Drysdale was splendidly rendered. The Misses Forsyth, Edmiston and Russell, and Mr D. Clark made efficient accompanists. Altogether the entertainment was a big success. The collection taken at the linen and floorcloth factories in aid of Edinburgh Royal Infirmary amounted to £7 0s 3d.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Co-operative Society** – “The half yearly general meeting of the members of the Falkland Equitable Co-operative Society was held in the Town Hall on Monday evening, Bailie Hunt in the chair. The sales for the half-year show an increase of over £468 on the previous six months. Bailie Hunt declared a dividend of 2s 4d in the £1 to members and 1s 2d to non-members. The sum of £5 5s was voted towards the Redding Disaster Fund. It was announced that Mr Bartie of Montrose Co-operative Society has been appointed manager of the store in place of Mr Robert Nellies, resigned. Retiring members of Committee at this term are Messrs Hunt, Lawson, Peggie, Jackson, R. Hopkins, T.D. Hopkins, treasurer, and W. Gullon, secretary. Bailie Hunt was re-elected Chairman, Messrs Lawson, Peggie, R. Hopkins and T.D. Hopkins members of Committee: Mr T. Jackson, treasurer, and Mr W. Gullon, secretary.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Postman’s Foolish Negligence** – “Charles Moir Jones, postman, residing at Hillfoot, Falkland, was charged at Cupar Sheriff Court on Tuesday, before Sheriff Dudley Stuart, with having between 1st April and 1st October (1) from the garage at Westfield Farm, Falkland, stolen two wood chisels, one oil stove, one plumber’s saw, two pairs pliers, one block cleaner, one screw bit, two centre bits, and one small plated wrench: and (2) from a lockfast sawmill at

Chancefield, Falkland, stolen one plane, one setsquare, and one screw bit. Mr J.K. Tasker, solicitor, Cupar, who appeared on behalf of accused, said the circumstances were such that it seemed to him accused had no option but to tender a plea of guilty. The facts were that accused was making a chest of drawers for his wife, and he noticed a number of tools at this place which he thought would aid him in doing the work more expeditiously. From time to time he borrowed those tools, with the intention of returning them. But, unfortunately, he retained them for a considerable time, and in the end did not return them. The fact that he had left the name of the owners on the tools showed that he had no intention of keeping them. The owner of the tools had no desire to press this charge. The serious point was that this young man was in the service of the Post Office, and as a matter of course he had lost his job over this. It was rather unfortunate for his young wife, because he had come out of the Army with a thirteen years' record which was very, very good indeed. He was in receipt of a pension from the Army, and he very much feared that the pension would go, too, because this was a conviction of theft. The Procurator-Fiscal (Mr George Brander) said accused was the postman of the district for a couple of years, and in the course of delivering his letters he seized the opportunity of taking the articles libelled.

The Sheriff – “I am at a loss to understand how a man who did not mean to be dishonest should have imperilled his position as you have done; not only imperilled it, but lost it through foolish negligence. Of course, you have pleaded guilty of theft, and we must treat it as such. You are fined 40s.”

Article in *The Fife News*: **Football – Kettle Vale v Falkland Victoria:**

“Teams:

Kettle Vale – Crawford; Harper and Wilkie; Shaw, Doig and Smart; Blackwood, Robertson, Moutrie, Young and Barry.

Falkland Victoria – Shields; Hay and Lee; P. Birrell, Abernethy and Dall; Lawson, Bett, Strudley, Grierson and H. Birrell.

Referee – J. Macnaughton, Strathmiglo.

The above teams met in a Cupar and District League match in the Public Park, Kingskettle, on Saturday. Falkland won the toss and the Vale kicked off towards the north goal. Falkland soon returned to the other end, but off-side spoilt the run. Immediately after, Barry was fouled close on the 18 yards' line, but Shields held Smart's shot. Young next became prominent with some smart play, and forced a corner. Barry placed well, but Doig drove over the bar. Kettle were settling down, and after a nice run by their left wing, Moutrie was given a great chance, but he hung too long and his shot was blocked. Falkland pressed and forced a fruitless corner. Then Strudley opened the scoring. Wilkie was to blame for this goal, as he had

plenty of time to clear. Shaw placed a nice ball for Blackwood, but the outside man drove high over the bar. Offside spoiled Falkland on two occasions. Strudley being the chief offender. After forty minutes' play Moutrie scored a fine goal for Kettle. Just before half-time Robertson added number two for the Vale. Half-time, Kettle 2; Falkland 1.

On the resumption of play, both ends were visited. A beautiful cross by Barry was cleared at the expense of a corner. Young again showed some nice football, and let Blackwood away on the run. The outside man crossed, and Moutrie had a shot which looked like being over the goal-line, but the goalkeeper cleared. Away came Falkland and Crawford was tested. From a foul kick Doig gave Robertson a great chance, but he drove recklessly past the post. Robertson was brought down in the box and the referee awarded a penalty, which Robertson converted. Falkland returned to the other end and Strudley and Harper came to blows. After the ball had swung in front of the Falkland goal, Barry added no. 4 for the Vale. Robertson scored no. 5 immediately after. In the last few minutes of the game, Birrell secured Falkland's second goal. Final result – Kettle 5, Falkland 2.

Best for Kettle, Harper, Shaw and Barry. For Falkland, Abernethy and H. Birrell.”

10th November 1923

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Communion** – “Communion was celebrated in the Parish and U.F. Churches on Sunday morning.

Extract from *The Fife News*: **School** – “The Public School re-opened on Monday morning after the potato-lifting holidays.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lecture** – “A very successful lecture and concert, in aid of the U.F. Church organ fund was held in the Drill Hall on Thursday evening last week. Rev. J.P. Batchelor was in the chair. Rev. Mr Agnew, of Old Cumnock, delivered his subject, ‘Characteristics of a Tommy in France’, very effectively, and sang a few appropriate songs. Miss C. Peggie was accompanist.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Engagement** – “The engagement is announced between William Sharpe, son of the late E.F. Currie Esq., of Southbank, and Burnhead, Liberton, and Mrs Currie, Millfield, Falkland, and Muriel Elizabeth, elder daughter of James Fiddes Esq., of Rubislaw, Den House, Aberdeen.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **'Characteristics of Tommy in France'** – was the subject of a very interesting lecture given by Rev. Hugh Agnew, Old Cumnock, Ayrshire. The lecture was illustrated with songs, in some of which the audience heartily joined. Rev. J.P. Batchelor, who presided, in moving a vote of thanks to the lecturer, said he was pleased to see so many present, as the lecture was to help the church organ fund. Miss C. Peggie made an efficient accompanist.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **War Memorial Institute** – “The annual general meeting of the members of the War Memorial Institute was held in the reading room on Monday evening – Mr Walter Peggie presiding. The Treasurer submitted the financial report, which was satisfactory. On the motion of Mr T. Drysdale, it was decided that a half-size billiard table be placed in the Institute for the boys. A putting green is to be layed out in the garden, and the work is to commence at once. Mr Peggie was elected president: Miss Martyn, Mrs Robertson, and Mr James Douglas, members of Committee; Secretary, Mr T.C. Schofield; Treasurer, Mr John Baillie.”

Article in *The Fife News*: **Football – Falkland Vics v Auchtermuchty Bellevue:**

“The above teams met at Myreside Park, Falkland, on Saturday, in a Cupar and District League match. Falkland won the toss, and elected to play with the advantage of the wind. Bellevue, through Reekie, kicked off, and immediately got to within shooting distance of Shields, but W. Findlay sent them to the right about and the ball found touch. A spirited dash by Grierson was the next exciting incident, but was robbed by Nairn after Cotton had been left. Grieve and Bett then made rapidly to the Vics territory, and Abernethy conceded a corner, which was well cleared by the home defenders. Strudley was next prominent with a grand solo run, but was bundled off the ball when in the act of shooting. A ‘ding dong’ struggle proceeded with the Vics showing the better advantage until the interval. Half-time – Vics 0, Bellevue 0.

The second half commenced in hurricane fashion, the Bellevue doing most of the pressing. Lee conceded a corner and Bett, sending over a beauty, Marshall had nothing more to do than send it home for No. 1. This seemed to knock the heart out of the Falkland players, but they stuck gamely to their task, which, however, proved too much for them. Before the end, Reekie had his ‘hat trick’ and Cotton added another, bringing their total to five. Final result – Falkland Vics 0, Auchtermuchty Bellevue 5. Teams: -

Falkland – Shields, Lee, Findlay, Robertson, Fernie, Abernethy, Grierson, Philp, Strudley, Birrell and Strudley.

Bellevue – Howatson, Leven, Nairn, Cotton, Blyth, ___, Marshall, Pearson, Reekie, Grieve and Bett.

Referee – Arch. Terras, Thornton.

There was an attendance of 400.”

17th November 1923

Extract from the *Fife News*: **Captain Maule Ramsay** – “Captain Maule Ramsay and the Hon. Mrs Maule Ramsay of the House of Falkland, have purchased Kelly Castle, Forfarshire.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Kirkin’ of the Council** – “The Provost, Magistrates, Town Councillors, and Town Officer attended the Parish Church in the forenoon, and the United Free Church in the afternoon on Sunday.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Snow** – “On Tuesday, a heavy fall of snow took place in the district, and the ‘Lomonds’ had on their white garments.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Poppy Day** – “Poppy Day was well supported in the burgh. Mrs Miller, West Lea, and assistants had a ready sale, the amount collected being £18 8s 7d.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Remembrance Day** – “Remembrance Day was solemnly observed in the burgh at 10.45. The ex-Service men were under Lieutenant W.M. Venters and Sergeant-Major John Dryden. The Boys’ Brigade, under Lieutenants Robertson and Dakers. Scoutmasters John Baillie and Robert Wallace. They proceeded to the Parish Church where an inspiring address was delivered by the Rev. J.K. Russell. There was a large congregation. After the service, the company adjourned to the vestibule of the church when some lovely wreaths were placed on the Memorial. Among them were those from the Boy Scouts by Scout Harris, Boys’ Brigade, J. Neilson; ex-Service men, Mr T. Drysdale. Piper Imrie played ‘The Flowers of the Forest’, and before dispersing all sang the National Anthem.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Billiards** – “On Monday evening, Mr Jas. Burgon won a billiards tournament in the Institute by defeating Mr H. Brown in the final.”

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

“These teams met at Falkland in a Cupar and District League game. Owing to the referee turning up late, a game of thirty-five minutes each way was played. The home team won the toss and kicked into the south goal. Craig set the ball a-rolling for Stratheden, and they very soon made ground towards the Vics’ goal. However, a bye-kick was the outcome of their movement, and from the resultant kick, Strudley received the ball, passed it out to Myles, and he returning it to Birrell, the latter put it past. The Vics, not to be denied, were soon back at the visitors’ goal, and from a scrimmage in front of goal, Myles sent the leather well home. The half-time whistle blew with the homesters doing most of the pressing.

Half-time – Vics, 1; Stratheden 0.

On resuming, the Vics took the game in hand and did almost what they liked with the Stratheden stalwarts, and it was no more than their due when Strudley rattled in a beauty to count No. 2. The Stratheden players did not seem to favour the referee, and were becoming outrageous. A penalty was granted Stratheden for an infringement by one of the Falkland players, and Maxwell scored. Back Stratheden came, and again a penalty was given them, this time for a trip up, and Maxwell scored again. After a fast and hard fought game, the final whistle blew with the scores level. Falkland Vics – 2; Stratheden 2.”

24th November 1923

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Ornithological Society** – “A meeting of the members of the Ornithological Society was held in the Town Hall on Tuesday evening for the purpose of appointing a Committee to carry out arrangements for the coming show. The following were elected: -

President – John Fernie; Secretary – Thomas Grant; Treasurer – Peter Robertson; Committee – W. White, R. Hopkins, H. Birrell, J. Robertson, D. Robertson, C. Hepburn, T. Paterson, and J. Nelson. Freuchie Members – D. Hain, A. Bissett, R. Wallace, and __ Houston.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Dance** – “Under the auspices of the Young Women’s Guild, a very successful dance was held in the Drill Hall on Friday evening. The proceeds were handed over to assist the Boys Brigade and Scouts Companies in the burgh. The hall was tastefully decorated by Lieut. Robertson and Scoutmaster Wallace. Messrs T. Drysdale and T.C. Schofield ably performed the duties of M.C.’s. Thomson’s Jazz Band, Ladybank, supplied a first-class programme. The purveying was in the capable hands of Mrs Brown, Mrs Kennedy and assistants. The

promoters are to be congratulated on the entire success of the event. Those present were: -

Miss J. Smith, Mr A. Robertson, Mr and Miss Reid, Ladybank; Mr Young, Miss Sturrock, Chancefield; Mr Angus, Burnturk; Mr Yetts, Mr Douglas Turner, Giffordtown; Mr Dow, Rossie, Auchtermuchty; Mr P. Leburn, Gateside; Mr Hunter, Mr Thomson and Miss Thomson, Strath; Mr Malloch, Dunshalt; Mr Dalrymple, Freuchie; Mr E. Borthwick, Freuchie; Messrs Brunton, Markinch; Mr Morrison, Markinch; Mr Dalgleish, Misses Gavin, Falkland Palace; Mr and Mrs Wm. Leburn, Mr Lawson, Mr McGregor, Strathmiglo; Messrs, Mrs and Miss Birrell, Falkland; Misses Kennedy, Falkland; Misses Findlay, Misses Forsyth, Messrs and Miss Drysdale. Miss Fernie, Balmblae; Mr J. Walker, Mr Grierson, Messrs Dakers, Mr and Mrs Harry Brown, Mr and Mrs Lewis, Miss Kate Venters, Misses Meldrum, Misses Milne, Miss Fleming, Mr P. Lawson and Misses Lawson, Mr C. Anderson jnr., Mr C. Oram, Misses Duncan, Myreside; Mr and Miss Todd, Mr Morrison, Markinch; Miss Douglas, Miss E. Anderson, Miss Fowlis, Miss McCulloch, Auchtermuchty; Mr Garland and company, Gateside; Miss Oswald, Miss J. Smith, Miss White, Balmblae; Misses Anderson, Miss C. Cowan, Miss A. Cowan, Miss D. Cowan, Miss C. Peggie, Mr D. Reid, Mr W. Strudley, Miss Thomson, Mr and Miss Hardie, Mr and Miss Archibald, Miss Hay, Miss Nelson, Miss O. Drysdale, Mr C. Beattie, Miss M. Drysdale, Mr and Misses Hastie, Mr J. Stirling, and Mr G. Dryden.”

Article in *The Fife News*: **Football – Falkland Vics v Kettle Vale**

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The second half was an eventful one and full of thrills and physical feats rather than footcraft. There were some escapes at both goals, but no goals were forthcoming. The final whistle blew with no further addition to the score. Final result – Falkland Vics – 2, Kettle Vale – 3. Teams: -

Falkland – Shields, Hay and Lee, Richfield, Myles and Lawson; Bett, Birrell Strudley, Birrell and Strudley.

Kettle – Crawford, Harper and Wilkie; Shaw, Doig and Smart; Blackwood, Robertson, Moutrie, Young and Barry.

Referee – R. Macnaughton.”