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Loss, Return and Commemoration



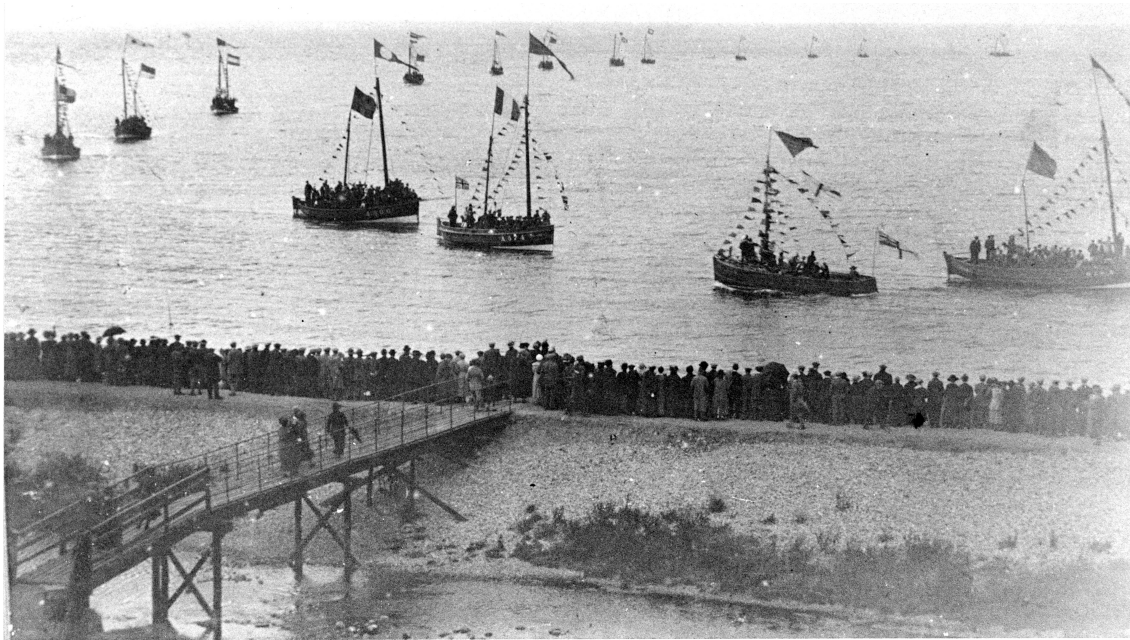
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Peace Celebration Gala 1919

(note Bridge over the Cowie River which came along the sea shore before going out to sea.)

THE REGATTA.

In the evening a regatta and swimming contests were held in the bay, all the Stonehaven motor-fishing fleet taking part, along with a large number of sailboats, and rowing skiffs. The regatta was timed to start at 6.15, and sharp to the minute, on a given signal, the fleet left the Harbour and manoeuvred in a wide circle round the bay, and both from a spectacular point of view and the skill with which it was carried out, the operation reflected great credit on those in charge of the boats, and was a source of very favourable comment from the great crowd who witnessed the scene from the shore. All the boats were fully manned by their crews who had their boats gaily decorated with flags, streamers, and bunting.

The motor boat "Lochbroom" whose skipper and crew are all ex-service men was detailed as the staff boat and aboard of her were a number of ex-service men and Chief Officer Doverson, coastguards, who rendered great service in the evening's arrangements. Beside showing the evening's ensign, this boat flew the significant flag "Peace is declared" and the second boat in the line flew "God Save the King" which was observed by those in the crowd acquainted with flag signals.

Entertainment of a musical nature was given by the brass band of the Disabled Sailors and Soldiers Association, from Aberdeen, who were accommodated on one of the largest boats of the fleet, and played selections during the regatta while sailing round the course. Before the regatta took place the band was driven

company making mention of the splendid services they had rendered in every branch of this service and in practically every theatre of the war, he complimented them on the idea of their having a union on their own and suggested it should become an annual one. Several songs were given and one item very much enjoyed was a duet by Mr and Mrs Davidson, a couple well on to the three score and ten. Dancing then took place and was kept up to music supplied by an excellent band consisting of Miss Meir and Messrs Goodfellow, Gove, Mitchell and Davidson. All arrangements were made and the hall beautifully decorated by a small committee with Mr David Ritchie as secretary.

CHILDREN'S PICNIC.

No public arrangements were made to celebrate peace, but a band of enthusiastic young ladies, with Miss Walker as secretary determined on a picnic principally for the children, as the school is closed most of the staff are away on holiday, but the headmaster who happened to be in Gourdon marshalled the young folks at the school at ten o'clock on Saturday morning; headed by a flute band the procession marched to the Sea-Greens where a most enjoyable day was spent in all sorts of games, dancing etc. Prizes and funds for the tea were provided by subscriptions collected by the committee, donations on the field and by a donation of two guineas from the ex-service men the surplus of their previous night's re-union. Excellent assistance was rendered by a number of lads who are becoming known as the Former Pupils Club.

Stonehaven - Children's Sports at Urie- Regatta at the beach
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BURGH OF STONEHAVEN.

Peace Celebration.

In connection with the Children's Picnic to be held at Urie Park, on Saturday, 19th inst., the Provost requests all interested to attend a Meeting to be held in Town Hall, on Monday, 14th July, at 7.30 p.m.

Business :-
Appoint a Committee to assist at Games and Sports.

Peace is Proclaimed.

REGATTA in BAY.
Saturday, 19th July, 1919.

Stonehaven Grand Fleet and Flotilla
will Parade from THE HARBOUR at **6.15** p.m.
Boat Races. Swimming Races.
Land Sports.
See Bills.
GOD SAVE THE KING.

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Peace Day celebrations in July 1919 with crowds at the junction of Barclay Street and Evan Street. Mitchell's Grocer Shop is on the corner, with Greig the Baker on the opposite side.



Stonehaven Peace Day Celebrations, July 1919, Children's Fancy Dress Parade

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PEACE MEMORIAL AT MUCHALLS.

SPEECH BY BAILLIE NESS.

A Peace Memorial was unveiled on Saturday afternoon at Muchalls, Kincardineshire, in presence of a large company. The memorial is in the form of a shield 20 feet long and 16 feet wide, constructed of cement. At the top is the word "Peace" in large letters, and at the foot the date "1919," surmounted by a crown. The crown and the lettering are in mosaic. The memorial is laid on a steeply-sloping grassy bank opposite the railway station.

Mr Alexander Guild presided, and the address preceding the unveiling was delivered by Baillie Ness, Aberdeen. Councillor William Scorgie read several letters of apology for absence.

A Red-Letter Day.

Baillie Ness said that was a red letter day in the records of the parish of Fetteresso, for while they on the rugged sea coast at Muchalls were inaugurating a peace memorial, at a short distance inland Sir John Baird of Ury was unveiling a memorial to the heroes of the parish of Cookney who fell in the war. It was peculiarly fitting that one of the first peace memorials in the country should be erected at Muchalls, because it would remind the residents, and also those people from Aberdeen who loved the place and came to reside in it each summer, how much they had to be thankful for in the peace they now enjoyed, and in the removal of the nightmare of German aggression which had haunted the coast of the North Sea. During those long years of pain and suffering, the old summer enjoyment of that place was suspended, but it was now revived and that monument marked their appreciation of the blessings of peace. (Applause.)

Unveiling the Memorial.

Miss Watt, one of the oldest residents, climbed to the top of the bank, and by cutting a cord unveiled the memorial amid applause. As a memento of the occasion Miss Watt was presented with a handsome silver cake knife with pearl handle, the presentation being made by Mr George McLean. Miss Watt also received a pretty bouquet of flowers, handed to her by Miss Connie Ritchie.

The excellent work of the contractors, Messrs Sellar and Co., 120 John Street, Aberdeen, was eulogised by Mr Ritchie, whose remarks were acknowledged by Mr John Sellar, jun. Mr Ritchie also paid a tribute to the valuable services given by Mr Clark, superintendent of the Duthie Park, Aberdeen, who designed the memorial and assisted in other ways.

Votes of thanks were proposed to Baillie Ness by Mr William Walker; to the committee by Councillor Esson; and the chairman by Councillor Scorgie, who also referred to the kindness of Mr Travers, of the Coastguard Station, and his staff, for lending and arranging the flags to decorate the memorial.

Afterwards luncheon was served in the Marine Hotel. Mr William Walker, who presided, gave the toast of "The Finance and Lands Committee of the Aberdeen Endowments Trust," to which Baillie Ness and Councillor Esson replied.

Aberdeen Journal 23rd August 1920

THE MEARNS LEADER, F

Muchalls Peace Memorial.

In aid of the Muchalls Peace Memorial an entertainment by the Muchalls Mascots was given in the Hall, Muchalls on Friday evening. The artistes, under the leadership of Miss Jean P. Reid, A.R.C.M., were all in pierrot costume, and acted their various parts with much credit.

The programme opened with the opening chorus by the Mascots was exceedingly well rendered and which received much applause from the large audience present.

The solos rendered by Miss Juliette McLean were exceedingly well received and called for much applause. She has a very sweet soprano voice, displaying great ability, and showed that she had her part well in hand. Her songs were "My Hero," and "Somebody knows."

Mr E. Reid, in a very capable manner and to full advantage, delighted the audience with his songs which were "Drake goes west," and "Breakfast in my bed on Sunday morning," and to an irresistible encore Mr Reid responded with the last verse of the latter.

"I must get married by 12 o'clock to-night," rendered by Mr N. Stewart, created much amusement and well deserved applause. During the second half of the programme Mr Stewart again delighted the audience with "My ain wee hoose."

Miss Betty Reid proved herself to be a violinist of no mean ability, and her selections were listened to with great attention, and she was warmly applauded.

Miss J. P. Reid, who also acted accompanist in a very efficient manner, rendered her songs with fine effect and very clear enunciation, and in the second half of the programme had to respond to an undeniable encore.

Mr G. Main also deserves much praise in his efforts to please the audience, and accomplished with much taste his songs which were "Corporal John Bartholemy" and "Friend o' mine."

Perhaps the most delightful of all were the part songs and duets which were remarkably well accomplished. The various artistes achieved much and they were all heartily applauded.

The full choruses by the Mascots were given with good effect and applauded by a thoroughly appreciative audience.

The Programme.

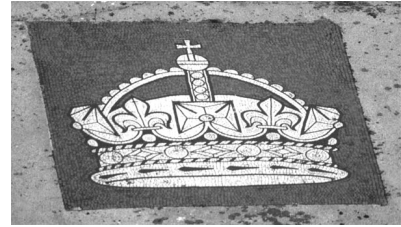
The programme was as follows:—

Opening chorus—The Mascots; solo—"Drake Goes West," Mr E. Reid; solo—"My Hero," Miss Juliette McLean; trio—"All the Girls are Busy Knitting Jumpers," Messrs Main, Stewart and Reid; solo—"There's a Song Down Ev'ry Roadway," Miss J. P. Reid, A.R.C.M.; solo—"I Must get Married at 12 o'clock to-night," Mr N. Stewart; violin solo—Miss Betty Reid; Duet—"Nuthin' at All," Miss McLean and Mr Stewart; solo—"Corporal John Bartholemy," Mr G. Main; quartette—"Itallo de Lingo," Mascots.

Chorus—"Three Blind Mice," Mascots; solo—"My Ain Wee Hoose," Mr N. Stewart; solo—"Somebody Knows," Miss Juliette McLean; duet—"The Twins," Messrs Reid and Stewart; solo—"Hame o' Mine," encore, "Gin a Body," Miss J. P. Reid; solo—"Breakfast in my Bed on Sunday Morning," encore, the last repeated, Mr E. Reid; violin solo—Scotch Selection, Miss Betty Reid; quartette—"Puritans," Mascots; solo—"Friend o' Mine," Mr G. Main; closing chorus—"Old King Cole," encore, The Mascots.

The concert, which was an entire success, was organised by Mr George G. McLean, Aberdeen, as also a dance which followed and as a result a very fine evening was spent. At the interval in the programme free gifts were distributed.

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PEACE CELEBRATIONS.—Shortly after four o'clock on Saturday afternoon intimation was received by Provost Greig that the Peace Treaty had been signed, and he immediately gave orders that the town bell should be rung, the bell ringing five minutes every quarter of an hour. The Old Town bell was also rung and the bells at Fetteresso and Dunnottah Parish Churches. The Scottish Standard was hoisted over the Town Hall, and a number of other buildings displayed flags. It was not until the evening however that any demonstration took place, when a little after ten o'clock a piper and drummer headed a procession through the principal streets of the town, while a number of young folks enjoyed themselves by dancing on the concrete at the Market Square to the music of an accordion.

Mearns Leader 4th July 1919

Peace Day IN THE County

STONEHAVEN.

CHILDREN'S SPORTS AT URIE.

REGATTA AT THE BEACH.

It looked on Saturday morning last as if the Peace celebrations at Stonehaven were going to be marred by rain. There were several showers of rain in the morning but at 10 o'clock there was a change as if the weather clerk had taken pity on the bairns, the sun got the better of the clouds, and the rest of the day was brilliant with sunshine. The celebrations at Stonehaven were for the most part given over to the school children. Business was suspended to give scope to the rejoicings and the decorations of the town constituted an unique display of flags, bunting and other decorations, which gave fitting expression to the spirit of gladness and thanksgiving which animated both citizens and visitors. From an early hour the main thoroughfares were thronged, and at the Market Square, the scenes of bustle and excitement surpassed anything seen since the war broke out. Being the start of the Glasgow "fair" holidays, the town was crowded with visitors.

At 11 o'clock in the forenoon, the Beach Entertainers kindly gave an hours performance in the Market Square to an enormous crowd, while a number of ladies under the direction of Miss Ramsay, collected on behalf of the flag-day for the Disabled Sailors and Soldiers, and the Scottish Veterans' Garden City Association. The collection taken by the Beach Entertainers also went to swell this collection which had been organised by Councillor John D. Wilkie, Bank of Scotland.

In the afternoon, long before the second hour the children attending the local schools, and also those of the surrounding districts began to assemble in the Market Square, preparatory to setting out for their picnic and sports which was held in the Old Lodge Park, at Urie kindly granted for the occasion by Sir Alexander Baird. The scene at the Market Square, really surpasses description. The square was taxed to its utmost to hold the enormous number of children, who were bedecked in their best bibs and tucker, and also carried innumerable flags and streamers, while on the outside of the square the crowd of spectators was the largest that has been seen in Stonehaven. It was extremely difficult to move about, the crowd swaying backwards and forwards, like the pendulum of a clock, in their endeavours to get a glimpse of the children, and in a smaller degree to watch the antics of a number of fancy dressed cyclists who paraded at the time.

Shortly after the second hour struck, the sounds of a pipe and drum band were heard in the distance. This band was attached to a cadre of cadets from Aberdeen who were camped at Urie, and as it was generally understood that they had kindly offered to play the children to the scene of their "fete," the children began to cheer when they heard the "skirl" of the pipes. The children being already marshalled for their march, a start was at once made for Urie, the procession being preceded by the fancy dressed cyclists, who were immediately followed by the pipers and buglers, who played the children in turn, to the park. The crowd of children, the forest of flags waving in the breeze, and the large number of spectators presented a gay and lively scene, which will remain indelible in the minds of those present.

On their arrival at the Old Lodge Park,

through the principal streets of the town in a char-a-banc, discoursing beautiful music on their way. Several selections were also played at the harbour before the band embarked for the regatta. The efforts of this splendid band were greatly appreciated by the large crowd which numbered several thousands.

The various events comprised, skiff races (two oars), shovel race for skiffs, consolation race (any number of oars) and sculling and other items. There were also swimming for ladies and gentlemen. All these events were watched closely by the spectators and excitement ran very high when the swimming races were taking place. A special feature of the swimming was the exhibition given by Mr Sutherland, architect, Edinburgh, a powerful swimmer, in spite of the fact that he is minus one of his lower limbs. This gentleman was first in the 250 yards race and second in the 60 yards sprint, losing the first place in the latter event by hardly an arm's length. Mr Bodenstein, another visitor to Stonehaven, was second in the first race and Mr Fraser was first in the 60 yards.

Races of similar distances were taken part in by local ladies, Miss C. Cormack being an easy first in both events and Miss Ramsay being second in both races. Miss Cormack's swimming was the admiration of eyes, covering the distance at a great speed, using the overhand stroke throughout. Catching-the-duck race was also taken part in by the ladies and gentlemen, but was hardly a success owing to the ducks refusing to swim, in spite of all endeavours on the part of the swimmers to get them to do so. When the duck at last made an attempt to get away, Mr Sutherland and Miss Cormack were both successful in catching them. This part of the proceedings were heartily enjoyed by the crowd, who watched the efforts of the ducks to escape the hands of the swimmers in their struggles to get ashore.

The other events a skiff race, (two oars) which was won by Mr R. Malcolm, and W. Main, the second place being taken by Mr John Christie and Mr D. Coleman. Shovel race race for skiffs was also won by Messrs R. Malcolm and W. Main, also the consolation race, the second place in both cases being taken by Messrs John Christie and D. Coleman. The boat race for Reserve men was won by C. Deverson and Pullar, Coastguards; while Messrs A. Johnston, Town Hall; and James Nicol, Mackie Academy; were second. The starters of the skiff races were Chief-Coastguard C. Deverson, Mr James Nicol and Mr Alfred Johnston. The starters of the swimming races were Messrs Jas. Stephen and Robert Neish. An interesting feature was the signalling of the results of the racing events from the sea to the committee headquarters ashore.

Probably never before has there been a spectacular event of this nature in Stonehaven bay, although the surroundings lend themselves in a marked degree to such an enterprise, and it is to be hoped that this kind of attraction will frequently be seen in Stonehaven again. It will at any rate stimulate the interest in seaside sports and increase the number of those who have viewed the beauty and grandeur of Stonehaven and its adjacent coastline from the sea.

The committee in charge of the arrangements, Councillor J. D. Wilkie was convener, are to be congratulated on the success of the enterprise and it proved a very fitting and enjoyable termination of Peace Day which our command of the seas did so much to bring about.

RECREATION GROUNDS SPORTS.

During the evening sports were also held at the Recreation Grounds and the various competitions were keenly contested. The

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PEACE CELEBRATIONS.

The Provost — We have now to consider what is to be done in regard to the Peace Celebrations, as you all know that July 1 has been fixed as the official date, and think that as a Town Council we should observe this, and get everything arranged for that date. Peterhead and Fraserburgh have fixed their date for August 4, while in Aberdeen they are to hold their celebration on Friday, along with Sir Douglas Haig's visit. What do you think about it? Will we fix on the 19th of July.

Baillie Maitland—Is the train going to run that day?

The Provost—It is to be a general holiday. It is expected that the train service on that day will be the same as on Sundays.

Councillor Duncan — I move that along with Fraserburgh and Peterhead we hold our celebrations on the 4th of August. It is a memorable day and should be a good day for Stonehaven. On the 19th of July we will have a crowd of Glasgow visitors coming into the town, and if the shops were all shut it would put the visitors to some trouble. This motion was seconded.

Councillor R. Taylor—Would it not be better to know the magnitude of the celebrations before we fix a date?

The Provost—Fix the date first, and then I will tell you all about that.

Councillor Lowson said he thought the 19th of July would do all right. They would not be troubled with an extra influx of visitors if no trains were to be run. They would likely arrive on the previous night.

The Provost—As an amendment I move that we hold it on the 19th, the official date. All the objections about the shops being closed and visitors, has nothing to do with it. The shops have been closed before for a whole day, and people had got quite used to shops being closed during the war. The sooner we have the celebrations the better, and be done with it. Everybody is getting tired about this and that date being fixed.

Councillor Barrie seconded the Provost's amendment.

Baillie Maitland moved another amendment that they hold them on Friday, the same as Aberdeen, but did not find a seconder.

On a vote being taken the amendment was carried for July 19.

The Provost—Now that we have got the date fixed, we have now to consider what is to be done. I think it will be agreed that there is to be no church service?

Agreed.

The Provost—Then what I propose is that we hold a children's fete and sports, and provide plenty of dancing boards for the young men and women. We will do without a procession of trades and friendly societies. There is no use for anything of the kind.

Councillor Lowson—You must have a procession of some kind.

Councillor R. Taylor—The children ought to meet in the Market Square and march to the field. I suppose the fete will be held in the Old Lodge Park at Urie?

The Provost—Yes. There is to be a company of cadets in the town that day, and I understand that they have a pipe-band, and I think we could get them to play the children up to the park—(applause).

Ultimately the full arrangements come to by the Council were as follows:—Date Saturday, July 19, 1919. A children's fete and sports to be held in the Old Lodge Park, Urie. Children to meet in the Market Square at 2 o'clock p.m. Refreshments and tea to be provided for the children, who will require their own drinking cups. Tickets are to be issued for the children gratis, and have to be applied for. Only those holding such tickets to be supplied with tea and refreshments. Dancing boards and band to be provided, while a boating and swimming regatta will be held at 8 p.m. in the bay.

It was also agreed not to hold a bonfire, and give all old people in receipt of pensions and public bequests a present of tea. The following committee were appointed:—Fete and Sports — Councillor Vernon and Baillie Maitland; Commissariat—Provost Greig and Councillor Geo. Duncan; Dancing Boards—Councillors D. Milne, and Barrie; Regatta — Councillor Willie; Old People—Councillors Masson and R. Taylor. All committees to make the whole arrangements of their particular task with full powers to add any one interested to their committee. It was specially requested at the meeting that the town people be informed that they had to decorate their homes with flags, etc.

A meeting is to be held on Monday first, of the various committees to compare notes.

Mearns Leader 11th July 1919

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V.—MUCHALLS ESTATE.

9.—*Peace Memorial.*—A letter was submitted from Mr. William Scorgie, Solicitor, Hon. Secretary of the Peace Memorial Committee, asking the permission of the Trustees to erect a memorial tablet of best red bricks on the slope of

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Meeting of Trustees, 25th September, 1919.

the mound adjoining the railway station. The matter having been fully considered, and having heard the views of a deputation from the Memorial Committee on the subject, it was unanimously resolved to recommend that the request be granted on the understanding that the best quality of bricks is used and that the privilege is granted during the pleasure of the Trustees, and further that the whole work is carried out to their satisfaction.

10.—*Home Farm.*—Fields under grain crop at instance of Trustees. The Clerk reported that the grain crop of 108 acres 2 roods and 37 poles is doing well, with every prospect of a good harvest. It was agreed that the Clerk purchase another horse to assist with the crop in place of hiring a pair of horses and man as was done last year.

Muchalls Peace Memorial notes in Aberdeen Endowments Trust
Minute Book 25th September 1919

Muchalls Peace Memorial.

A very impressive ceremony took place at Muchalls on Saturday afternoon, when, what is claimed to be the first Peace Memorial in Scotland was unveiled. The memorial is in the form of a shield, 20 feet long and 16 feet wide, constructed of cement. At the top is inscribed the word "Peace" in large letters, and at the foot the date "1919," surmounted by a crown. The crown and the lettering are in mosaic. The memorial is laid on a steeply sloping grassy bank just opposite the railway station, backed by jagged rocks lashed by the North Sea waves.

There was a large gathering present and Mr Alexander Guild presided, and an address prior to the unveiling was delivered by Bailie Ness, Aberdeen.

In the course of his address Bailie Ness said that it was a red-letter day in the parish of Fetteresso, for while they on the rugged sea coast at Muchalls were inaugurating a peace memorial, at a short distance inland, Sir John Baird of Ury was unveiling a memorial to the heroes of the quoad sacra parish of Cookney who fell in the war. It was peculiarly fitting that one of the first peace memorials in the country should be erected at Muchalls, because it would remind the residents, and also those people from Aberdeen who loved the place and came to reside in it each summer, how much they had to be thankful for in the peace they now enjoyed, and in the removal of the nightmare of German aggression which had haunted most places on the coast of the North Sea. During those long years of pain and suffering, the old summer enjoyment of that place was suspended, but it was now revived, and that monument marked their appreciation of the blessings of peace—(applause).

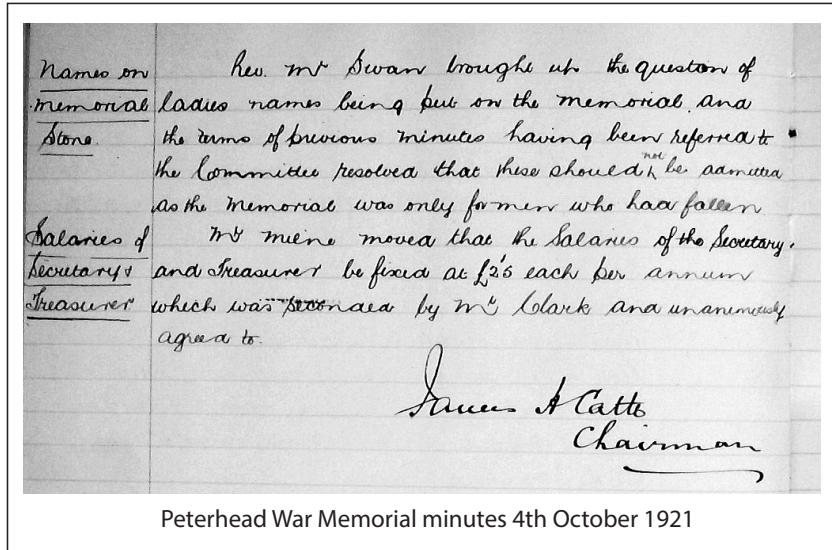
Miss Watt one of the oldest residents climbed to the top of the bank and, by cutting a cord, unveiled the memorial amid applause. As a memento of the occasion, Miss Watt was presented with a handsome silver cake-knife with pearl handle, the presentation ceremony being performed by Mr George M'Lean. Miss Watt also received a pretty bouquet of flowers, handed to her by Miss Connie Ritchie.

Afterwards an enjoyable luncheon was served in the Marine Hotel, Mr W. Walker, who presided gave a toast to the Finance and Lands Committee of the Aberdeen Endowments Trust to which Bailie Ness and Councillor Esson replied.

Mearns Leader 27th August 1920

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The Mearns Leader.
Friday, April 27, 1923.

Round the County Town.

Sacrilege.

It has been brought to our notice that some malicious person, or persons, has damaged one or two letters on the Stone of Remembrance in the War Memorial on the Black Hill. The letters have evidently been scraped with a pocket knife. Such an act is an act of sacrilege, of vandalism, and any person knowing the perpetrator of this outrage should immediately report the matter to the proper authorities. The Memorial is a sacred erection to be held in trust for all time by the people of Stonehaven in memory of those who died, and it might be well if such conduct as we complain of were promptly dealt with.

Mearns Leader 27 April 1923

Friday, August 4, 1922.

THE SAME CAUSE.

There appears to be some little controversy as to "whose name" shall be engraved on the stone of remembrance which is to form the central part of our War Memorial. Each name submitted is being investigated by the committee, and while a large number of names have an indisputable right to be included in the list, there are a number of names with local associations who are considered doubtful by the committee. Undoubtedly in such a sacred cause as this a good deal of latitude must be allowed and the committee will be forgiven if, in their desire to include all who made the sacrifice, they engrave a name which has but slight claim to the right. Many men were employed in Stonehaven at the outbreak of war, and went from Stonehaven to answer the call to arms, and it was probably to Stonehaven that they would have returned, had the fates been so kind. They made the supreme sacrifice, however, and it is but their due that Stonehaven should honour them. Other names there are of men, natives of the town, who went elsewhere to live, and whose names should also be included in the list of honour, while there are others who are connected by marriage who have equal claims. The aim of the committee charged with the task, should be to ensure that every name with the least claim to the privilege is included on the stone, rather than to strike any name off because of "insufficient connection with the town."

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Round the County Town.

Our Tank Response.

Stonehaven's response to the Tank week appeal will go down to posterity as an outstanding testimony to the patriotic generosity of her inhabitants. Without any tangible incentive except a few soaring aeroplanes (which are no novelty to Stonehaven folk) we have subscribed a sum which is worthy of the capital of the Mearns. While the various War Savings Associations have risen nobly to the occasion the large investor has also done his bit in no stinted fashion. In this connection, special mention must be made of the firm of Messrs William Mowat and Sons, Carron Tan Works, who invested to the extent of £5000, and also to Mr James Mowat, Carron Lodge, whose contribution was £1000. A gratifying feature of the Tank week locally was the large number of working-class investments which it drew forth. The working class of the community seem to have realised that their mite is as highly prized as the gold of the most prosperous.

What It Will Accomplish

Huge and worthy though the £21,000 is, however, it is a distinct shock to the mind to be told that it will keep the war going only for so many minutes! Indeed, Aberdeen's huge total keeps our tremendous expenditure running for considerably less than half a day! But our generosity should not be measured on such a colossal scale; for, after all, the struggle in which we are at present engaged is not being paid for in hard cash. The hard cash part of the business will pop up unpleasantly in the future, but sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof, and it cannot be gainsaid that the moral effect of what the Tank has accomplished both locally and generally will be felt through ever fibre of the nation. Our enemies, too, will feel the wound of our whole-hearted response.

The Children's Part.

Credit should also be given to the organisers of the School efforts, and to the children themselves whose early tendencies to thrift have thus been so usefully and effectively stimulated. As will be seen from our report of the week's effort the Fetteresso children managed to contribute no less than £130, while the Dunnottar scholars gave £35. When it is borne in mind that these sums were built up by means of very small individual contributions it will be readily admitted that thanks are due to the "bairns" for the part they bore in achieving the success already mentioned.

Mearns Leader 8th February 1918

Guns thrown into Sea at Stonehaven.

SIMILAR INCIDENT AT CULTER ENDS IN COURT.

Some considerable excitement was caused in Stonehaven, when a large crowd of ex-service men and others dragged one of the Germans guns which were placed in the Cowie Park down to the harbour, and pushed it into the water, afterwards taking it out again, and dragging it up to the Black Hill they dropped it into the sea.

They also took one from the back of the Town Hall, and dragging it up the Aberdeen Road threw it over the cliffs at Cowie.

Gun Dumping at Culter.

The decision of the military authorities to prosecute persons guilty of damage in connection with gun-dumping incidents, which have been so prominent in the north, was made known definitely in the Aberdeen Sheriff Court on Monday, when Sheriff Young severely reprimanded Wm. Anderson, an ex-Royal Army Service Corps private, for the part he took in dumping a German gun gifted by the War Office authorities to the village of Culter, in the River Dee. Accused admitted that he had taken part in hauling the gun through the village.

The village constable, the Procurator Fiscal stated, had been an officer in the army, and when the crowd were removing the gun he asked them if any of them had ever taken part in the capture of enemy artillery. Accused stepped forward, and said he had done so, but that was false, because he had been in the Royal Army Service Corps and had never seen "No Man's Land" until it was captured. The Sheriff remarked that the case which had been stated was the first of its kind, and would serve as a warning to others. Accused would be dismissed on condition that he made good the damage done.

Mearns Leader 21st May 1920

The Tank at Stonehaven.

As we reported last week the tank "Haug" arrived in the Market Square at noon, and was welcomed to the town by Provost Greig. During the afternoon it paid a visit to the Old Town, and then proceeded by way of Dunnottar Avenue to the Green Den road, where it gave a demonstration of its climbing powers, on a part of the Bervie Braes, in presence of a large crowd of town and country people, it being market day, a large number of the farmers and their wives waited in the town until they saw what the tank could do.

Owing to engine trouble and the crumbling nature of the ground on the braes, the officer in charge of the tank refrained from giving a longer exhibition than was expected. It was suggested that the tank should make an attempt to climb the "Sheepy Brae" at the top of Cameron Street, accordingly the tank "treked" back along the Avenue, Allardice Street and up Cameron Street, and after a few preliminaries it started up the above mentioned brae, and without any apparent effort successfully negotiated this steep piece of ground, passed through the fence in the middle of the brae, proceeded still further, and went right over, or through the other fence at the top and then wended its way down Evan Street, to the Square again.

The operations were watched by a large and excited crowd, who gave the tank a loud cheer on reaching the top of the brae.

The tank remained the rest of the afternoon in the Square and was inspected by a large number of persons. During the forenoon of Friday the crew of the tank were busy making the necessary repairs to the engine.

The engine is a six-cylinder petrol engine of 125 horse-power, and it is worthy of note that during the whole of its demonstrations only five cylinders were giving power, and it says a great deal for those in charge that they were able to do what they did. The tank as it is at present weighs 35 tons and fitted out for fighting purposes weighs 10 tons more.

The tank left for Stonehaven Station on Friday afternoon on its way to Laurencekirk where it gave demonstrations on Saturday and Monday.

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1918.

Round the County Town.

Sometime ago it was stated that our County Town was to have an opportunity of seeing some of the German Guns (captured by our gallant soldiers) which were due in Stonehaven on Dec. 7. Everybody, old and young, were looking forward to the event, not only from a spectacular point of view, but also that they were anxious to do their little bit, by feeding the guns, not with shells, but with every spare copper they could give. But we are sorry to say, that owing to the altered conditions, it has been decided to cancel the tour of the guns, and the proposed visit to our town on the above date in the meantime. There is, however, no need for a slacking of effort in saving, as will be seen from the appeal to Scotsmen by the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

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to know the reason of its appearance there on the 10th of December.

GERMAN GUNS AT STONEHAVEN.—The three German guns, which have been sent to Stonehaven for exhibition, and arrived in the Market Square on Wednesday, are attracting large crowds. It is understood that they are to be placed in front of the County Buildings in a few days.

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War Trophies. A letter was submitted from the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Aberdeen intimating that a number of War Trophies had been placed at his disposal for distribution to parishes within the County Area who wished a supply. It was unanimously agreed to have nothing to do with them.

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1918 had now been increased to four.

There was read to the meeting a letter dated 18th February 1919 from the Secretary, War Trophies Committee, War Office, London, intimating that the Committee had agreed to offer to the Council for safe custody and care one German machine gun, damaged, one German machine gun ammunition box and one German machine gun ammunition belt. It was agreed to accept these.

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