

1913

Jan 2 Two steam drifters were for sale on the front page. The Gem, BF 313 built by George Smith, Buckpool, in 1906 and engined by Gauldie and Gillespie, Glasgow. Offers to Wm. Murray, 70 West Church Street.

The other was the Spey Bay, BCK 5, built at Lowestoft in 1908 by Reynolds. The engine was by Wm. Burrell of Great Yarmouth. For details apply to the skipper, Joseph Smith 'Miss', Ianstown.

On Christmas Eve, Mr Weir, farmer at Ardicow, Deskford set in motion a fine new threshing mill made by Barclay, Ross and Tough, Aberdeen. With the help of some friends and neighbours a thrash took place. The mill will be of great advantage for with Ardicow being at a higher point water wasn't always readily available. Following the thrash a convivial evening was enjoyed by all.

Enzie Tennis Club held, their annual 'At Home', described as a brilliant function. The tables set up were groaning under a great variety of eatables and under the charge of Mrs Nichol helped by Misses Bonnyman (2), Miss Nellie Bonnyman, Miss Ethel Sim, Miss Mitchell, Miss Duncan, Miss Kelman and others.

Among those present were Mrs Howie, The Manse, Mrs Dawson, Portgordon, Mrs Hay, do, Mrs Reid, Oran House, Portgordon, Mr and Mrs Smith Leitcheston, Mr Douglass, Harbour Engineer, Buckie, Mr A. Imlah Junior. Buckie, Mr Stewart do, Mr F. D. McKenzie, The Station, Jas Paterson and Miss Paterson, Preshome, Wm. Paterson, Berrybauds, Jas. Johnston and Miss Johnston, West Park, Mr and Miss Geddes, Drybridge, Miss Brander, Teacher, Miss Watt, do, Mr J. Thomson, Newbigging, Mr J. Ross, Huntly, G. Thomson, H. G. School, Lybster, Caithness, Mrs Thomson, do, Mr A. McLean, Mill of Rathven, Misses Michie, Core, Mr G. Gregor and Miss Gregor, Oxhill, Mr Finlay, Clochan, Miss Collie, Teacher, Portgordon, Miss Innes, do, Mr A. Paterson, Fordyce Academy, Mr Faulds, Buckie, Rome Innes, Portgordon, Miss Innes, do, J. Robertson, do, Anne Gordon, Dundee, J. Gordon and Miss Gordon, Hill Park, J. Shand Junior. Pathhead, R. Shand, Core etc.

Two more men emigrated to Australia. Robert Mair, the well known local athlete and Wm. Simpson, both employees of George Mair, Builder, Bauds.

Jan 9 Nicol Bros., Cabinetmakers, High Street, gave notice that they were prepared to conduct auction sales and valuations.

Three postmen had notices in the B. A. thanking people for their gifts at Christmas time. They were George Dyce, Findochty, Robert Scorgie, Hill of Maud and Letterfourie area and J. Wilson, Drybridge and Kings cairn.

Wm. Robertson, Chemist 2 Main Street, a member of the Chemists Dental Association was advising that he was now open for consultation at the Drug Stores, his new premises on Bank Street, from 10 am to 8 pm daily. He was in Porknockie on Tuesday afternoons from 2 pm until 4 pm and in Findochty on Thursday afternoons between 2 and 4 pm.

Bloomfields Ltd, Fish salesmen at Great Yarmouth and several other ports, including Buckie, had had a large advert in the B. A. for a long time most often taking up a large part of the front page.

Opening announcement - Wm. Campbell Tailor and Clothier was advertising that he was to open for business at 27 East Church Street, next to Mr G.S. Paterson, Watchmaker.

Alex Palmer, Nether Dallachy and engine driver with Mr Mackay, Mains of Tannachy, lost his right arm in a threshing accident there this week when his arm became caught up in the belting.

Jan 16 The death took place on Friday of the previous week of Dr Duguid, Senior, at the age of 71 years. He left a family of 6 including his son Dr Duguid, Jun. He was 71.

Mr J. Stewart of 100 Main Street, the home of his father, passed the preliminary examination of the Pharmaceutical Society. He was an apprentice with Mrs Innes, West Church Street.

Jan 28 Advert - Wilson, Leask and Co. C/o Flann, 13 Marine Place - Boiler cleaners, will chip iron vessels etc.

The local drapers were all having their annual winter sales - Green's , Hillocks, Sandison's , Little Wonder, Mackay's, Robert Grant's, Charles Bonnyman, Portgordon, Leith Esson, T.D. Yule. Shoe shops - J. S. Simpson, Jun. 17 West Church Street, George Sutherland, Calder's Cluny Terrace.

The contractors engaged to build a new showroom and workshop on Baron Street for Buckie Gas Light Company were - Mason - J. Dawson; Carpenter, Wm. Hendry; Slater, J. Barclay; Painter and Glazier, R. Duncan and Son.

John Stewart, the ex Thistle player scored two goals when playing against Hearts for Raith Rovers.

Jan 30 R. Johnston, Painter, bought the property at 4-6 Low Street belonging to Mrs Simpson, formerly a Temperance Hotel.

Gow who had been in business in Buckie as a fishmerchant with a shop latterly on High Street moved to Glasgow after landing a good job with a firm he had bought fish for up here.

The death took place of Alex Simpson joint tenant with his brother at Auchentae. He was 50 years old and had been born there. He was a brother of John Simpson, Bank Agent, Buckie.

The village of Portgordon intended to raise money to extend the Freemason's Hall by adding cloakrooms etc and make it worthy of Enzie and Portgordon. It was planned to hold a bazaar to raise the £300 needed to pay for the work.

The Enzie branch of the Rural Workers Society held a meeting in the Clochan School. Wm. Barron, president was in the chair. There were 160 members in the Enzie with only three being over 65. Only one person had ever been refused permission to join.

Attempts were to be made to try to start a Quoits Club in Buckie. Those interested were asked to contact A. Stewart, East Church Street or Alex Gall, Cluny Hotel.

It was reported that Provost Addison. Portknockie, was more than angry at the attitude of the Cullen Town Council who had had a number of Portknockie youths charged for playing football on the links to the west of Boar Craig. It had been said that they weren't doing any harm. Provost Addison said that it seemed as if the Royal burgh of Cullen wished to claim the links as being exclusively theirs and accused the council as being both arrogant and unfriendly. He intended employing counsel to defend the lads.

The subject being debated by Fochabers Debating Society was - "Has the pen or sword done more for Britain?". The debate took place within the lecture room of the Public Institute. Rev. Venters, president, presided. Cecil Lipp championed the pen with Archie Macdonald the sword. On a vote Macdonald's view was upheld by a small majority.

Feb 6 Showing at the Lyceum (Mackay's Buildings) East Church Street, on February, 24,25, 26 and March 3,7 and 9th "From Manger to Cross ". The greatest moving picture ever shown in the history of cinematography- Accuracy, Usefulness, Reverence and Realism. Prices - 2/-, 1/- and 6d. The 2/- and 1/- seats could be booked.

James W. Gordon, Lily Cottage, Cullen, Parish Council Clerk, died this week. (It was known that he had been a pupil at the famous Slackead School in the Enzie.)

The farm of Sauchenbush, (Arradoul) on the Cairnfield estate was let to George Grant, Arradoul Mains.

The standard fine in 1913 for cycling without lights on your bike was 5/- plus 5/- expenses.

A Ploughmen's Ball was held at Cuttlebrae, Clochan by kind permission of Messrs McLean. Fifty couples were present with music being provided by Alex Innes and John Gray, Mrs Bonnyman and Mrs McQueen purveyed the tea with Mr James Bonnyman as M.C.

The first meeting of the Buckie Quoiting Club took place in the Drill Hall. The officials appointed were - captain - A. Anderson, Senior., vice captain - H. Scott, secretary and treasurer, Sergeant Instructor Paterson. A committee was also appointed. It was agreed that the membership fee would be 2/6. Mr Barclay, Commercial Hotel, granted the club a piece of ground to play on. Thanks were extended to Captain Gordon for the use of the hall.

Fines for Portknockie loons - The sheriff at Banff came out against the loons who were charged with playing football on the links now given over for the playing of golf. Each one being fined 10/- with the alternative of 3 days.

Tannachy House, Portgordon - ghost - A story on page 7 column 1 speaks of the White Lady ghost which was believed to haunt the ruins of the old mansion house at Tannachy.

Tee names - Mair - Gault
Mair - Shavie Bird
Mair - Twin
Mair - Shavie all Portknockie.

Feb 13 The property at 50 West Church Street consisting of a shop, bakehouse, dwelling house, stable and loft were once again being offered for sale. (This was at least the fourth time of asking.)

Contractors for the new house to be built at the junction of Queen Street and West Cathcart Street for John Green, Draper, High Street were - Mason - A. Milne and Son; Carpenter, Wm. Hendry, Slater, John Barclay; Plasterer, John Hume; Painter, J. Duncan.

Feb 20 The steam drifter - Ivy Green BCK 23 was for sale.

The Cromarty Firth was to become a more important naval base than formerly. It was to be garrisoned by marines. The old battleship, Renown was to be fitted out for accommodation so that no barracks would be required. (Winston Churchill who was destined to become famous as Prime Minister during WW II was then the Navy Minister and gave this information.)

One of the first Police Courts took place in Portknockie this week with Provost Addison and Bailie Pirie on the bench. There was a good crowd of spectators present being still something of a novelty.

Feb 27 The Boy's Brigade was to celebrate its 30th birthday during 1913. It was started in 1883 by Sir Wm. A. Smith. In 1913 the full complement was 120,000 officers and boys.

The death took place of Sir Wm. Arrol, of the firm of Air William Arrol, and Co. Ltd, Engineers, Bridge Builders and Contractors, Glasgow. He was 74. (His firm built both the Forth and Tay railway bridges, which still proudly stand today - 1999.

He started work at the age of 9 in a mill before becoming an apprentice blacksmith at 14. He later went into the shipyards before starting out in business for himself with the sum of £85.

Mar 6 George Hendry, Grocer, Land Street, trading as G. Hendry and Co. granted a Trust Deed in favour of his creditors.

A poem is found on page 5 column 4 titled 'Cam Ye By Athol by the Etrick Shepherd, James Hogg. Beneath this is a parody - 'Cam Ye By Buckie'

Mar 13 Two cottages were for let on the Cairnfield Estate at a rent of £4 per annum. One had to apply to George Milne, Gamekeeper.

Opening announcement - Matheson and Co. Cycle Agents, Elgin, Forres, Nairn and now Buckie at McGarth's Buildings on Cluny Square. The largest bicycle buyers in the north.

A new clock dial was fitted on St Peter's R. C. church this week. This is on the south side. The dial was made by John Smith, Blacksmith, Main Street with the clock works by John Smith and Sons, Derby Works. They were fitted in the steeple under the direction of F.F. Angler, Watchmaker, Buckie.

An extension was to take place at the Cullen Harbour with a jetty, 12 feet wide, costing £200. This sum was pledged by 16 men in the Seatown and 4 in the upper town.

Buckie Thistle won the Banffshire Cup when they beat Keith Strathisla by four goals to one at Keith.

Mar 20 *All kinds of people were leaving for abroad. William MacDonald who had a Boot and Shoe Shop at the corner of South Pringle Street and West Church Street was holding a Clearing Sale prior to leaving*

An objection was lodged at a Board of Trade Inquiry against the planned further extension of the harbour.

Buckie Thistle beat Elgin by the only goal of the game at Elgin. The team was Hector, Duncan and W. Reid; G. Reid, McKenzie and Smith; Mann, Ross, Shand, Stewart and Johnston.

At a sub committee meeting of Banff County Council held at Portgordon, David Reid presiding, a letter was read from the Duke of Richmond and Gordon intimating his willingness to pay the whole cost of erection and upkeep of settling tanks for the purification of the sewage of the village.

Mar 27 A Displensish sale was to take place at Midwood. The outgoing tenant was - William Gray.

An Aberdeen man was in for a licence for a public house at 70-71 Portessie.

Opening of the new church in Portessie - On page 2 of this edition one can read of all that took place when the new Methodist Church in Portessie was opened on Saturday 22 March. The opening ceremony was performed by Mrs Haslam,, Rotherham with her husband, Rev Haslam conducting a service later.

Closing down - Mrs Bruce, 36 East Church Street, was saying that with the extension of her Moray Firth Bakery business she now had no room for the crockery part of her business and thus had decided to close it down.

Ap 3 Black, Slater, Portgordon had a notice reading - Smoking chimneys - we guarantee to cure same - excellent workmen. All general repairs in the building line carried out with satisfaction guaranteed.

Mr Tennyson Smith with his Great Temperance Campaign was appearing in the Fishermen's Hall, Buckie, with the hall crowded each night. So popular had the campaign been that the mission was to be extended.

A photograph in the paper showed part of a large procession waiting at the G. N. E. R station to await his arrival in Buckie. He was then carried to the Fishermen's Hall by horse brake. This is shown in a second photograph.

All fishermen, compelled to insure themselves under the new National Insurance Act, were being advised to join the Seamen's National Insurance Society. Local agents - George Murray -Fish salesman and John Bruce, Merchant, Portknockie.

Accidents were very common almost every week one read of some one being hurt falling off his bicycle. On one occasion a man had been killed coming down the Tulloch Brae. In this week's paper we could read of Miss Bella Green of Cowfurrich coming to grief when her brakes failed coming down High Street and she crashed into a house sustaining severe head injuries. Then an apprentice joiner, McIntosh from Portessie went over his handlebars when he hit something on McLaren's Brae and went over the 'guys'. He too suffered extensive facial and head injuries.

The Boys Naval Brigade - There were 70 boys on the roll of the Boys' Naval Brigade in Buckie. They had a flute band with tuition given by Mr Fraser. Coastguard officers gave help with training.

A mock up court room scene in the Fishermen's Hall, principal event in connection with Tennyson- Smith's mission saw Alcohol on Trial - charged with robbery and murder. The paper carried a photograph.

Buckie Thistle finished up second in the Highland League to Aberdeen 'A' with the following statistics - P14 -W7- L6- D1 - 15 Pts. Their best spell had been during the last two months when they were rarely beaten in any competition.

You could buy all manner of seeds. Vegetables and flowers, also seed tatties- 18 different varieties- at Alex Grant Seedsman, 22 Low Street.

Apr 10 The blacksmith's shop and house was for lease in Cullen, Apply Seafield Estates. (This could have been the premises which was to become the 'The Three Kings Bar etc on Castle Street .)

Something new in Deskford - A group of men sat down to play a new game of cards in the local school last week. This was called euchre and saw teams representing Berryhillock and Kirkton in opposition. Two hours was the time limit allowed . The new game was much enjoyed.

Fochabers' report - The western tide of emigration continues to flow steadily from Fochabers and district. Before one consignment has landed in the western hemisphere another consignment has taken ship. Two men sailed out of Glasgow from this quarters on Saturday and more lined up to follow.

Apr 17 Wanted - a steady reliable man to work one of the burgh horses. Applications to be lodged with Wm. Cumming, Burgh Surveyor.

Wanted in Portknockie a man for cleaning and scavenging. Wages £1 per week. Apply to Bailie Slater.

Advert - Spring Cleaning - 'Time is Money' The 'Daisy' vacuum cleaner can be hired or bought from Gray and McBain, 37 West Church Street. Cost of cleaner - £2. 2 upwards or if hired 3/6 per day.

Plans were passed by Buckie Town Council for houses on Cathcart Street for Alex Mair, Senior., Alex Mair Jun., and James Mair, all fishermen. And a new house at the corner of Commerce Street and East Church Street for James Murray, fisherman. Alterations and additions were also planned for the house on Cluny Square, belonging to Dr Duguid.

The water cart recently bought by the town council for £27 and over which much discussion took place concerning what it was to be used for, was used this week for the first time to lay dust blowing in the high wind. The use of water to lay the dust was much appreciated by the townspeople. The difference following the passing of the cart was most striking. It is to be hoped that the cart will be seen on duty throughout the summer months when the weather warrants it.

The licence for the Harbour Bar in Portgordon was turned down by the licensing court on the grounds that the village was over licensed.

Apr 24 Glasgow Celtic were to play Buckie Thistle at Victoria Park on Tuesday evening 29 April

A sale of wood was to take place at Johnston's woodyard near the Highland Railway station on Wednesday 30 April. Also to be sold several pieces of furniture, including a meal ginal.

A big sale of furniture was to take place at Simpson's Temperance Hotel, 4--6 Low Street.

Alex Dallas, bought the property at 66 to 68 West Church Street, formerly owned by Mrs Purvis who had moved to Burghead.

May 1 Another big sale of furniture belonging to the late Dr Duguid was to take place from his former house at the corner of Cluny Square and West Church Street.

Special trains carried supporters to Buckie on Tuesday evening to watch the match between the Thistle and Glasgow Celtic. There were several thousand in Victoria Park . Buckie took an early lead to add to this so that by half time were leading by two goals to nil. The Celtic hit back strongly during the second to win in the end by three goals to two.

Steeple jacks were in Buckie making repairs to the steeple of the South U.F. Church on High Street.

A new plastering firm won one of the contracts in Buckie that of the house for Mr Murray, fisherman at the corner of Commerce Street. He was John Ross, Elgin. The other contractors were those from Buckie, Milne, Hendry, Barclay and Duncan.

On page 6 column one finds an article titled - 'The History of Lossiemouth'.

There was a vacancy on Buckie Town Council due to the shift of the stationmaster , McIntosh, to Elgin. It was proposed that this be filled by former councillor Charles Innes Shearer, Draper etc. He accepted the post.

May 8 A displesh sale was to take place at Blackhill, Letterfourie. The way-going tenant was Mrs Johnstone.

Among the items for sale were two horses, 2 dairy cows and 2 stirks. Another similar sale was to take place at Sauchenbush on the Cairnfield estate where Mrs Morrison was leaving. For sale were 3 horses and 1 colt also 30 head of cattle. Hunter, Harbour Bar, Buckie was to provide refreshments.

A major sale was to take place at the farm of Woodside, Portknockie where the effects of the late Alex Simpson were to be sold. There were no less than 13 pedigreed horses - mares and fillies - all quite young and none older than 11 years. Also for sale was harness for four pair of horse, a pony and 72 head of cattle. The notice said that transport would be laid on to carry prospective buyers from Findochty station to the sale and also to return them to catch a train.

There was trouble in the fishing industry where hired men were asking for better wages and conditions. A Hired Men's Union had been formed. A strike of hired men took place at Wick.

The Aberdeen plastering firm, Roger and Baxter, who had the contract for plastering the Portessie Hall were picking up a number on individual house contracts in the town.

A newspaper report spoke of sugar being made from beetroot (sic) grown in the south of England. It said that it was likely to become a crop grown generally in the south of England within the next few years. A sample of prepared beetroot was shown on the window of the Cluny Dairy on East Church Street.

(During W.W. II sugar beet, the name now given, I believe, to the plant, was grown in the Enzie on at least one farm, Burnside of Enzie. Cargoes of sugar beet were a common import into Buckie in 1999, perhaps to be used at Baxter's Preserve Works, Fochabers.)

Buckie Wednesday won the new Wednesday football League to lift the cup.

May 15 J. P. Smith, Draper and Clothier, 1 Cluny Terrace, who came from Lossiemouth some years before, were advertising that he was moving elsewhere and as such as holding a Removal Sale.

L.T. McGarth, Ironmonger and Travel Agent, Cluny Square, was to personally conduct a large party of emigrants to Liverpool on 17 May to sail on the SS Athenia for Canada. The rest of the party were to embark on the SS Cameronia for the States.

The St Ninian sailed for Shetland with 300 fishworkers on board.

The Board of Trade granted provisional order for an extension to Findochty harbour. The Countess of Seafield Trustees, as superiors, had entered opposition.

The Trustees wished the harbour limits to be curtailed so as to exclude the Crooked Hyth what the Harbour Commissioners already possessed.

The water rights of the harbour limits under the new order include the Crooked Hyth on which a steamer building slipway has been erected by Messrs herd and McKenzie, Shipbuilders, Findochty.

Under the auspices of the Enzie Kirk session a very successful concert was held in the Clochan School to raise funds for church purposes. Among the entertainers were - Buckie Male Voice Choir under Mr Knowles, Smith Bros. On violin and piano; a quartet of singers, namely, Robertson, Downie, Grant and Buchan. Other singers were - Misses Murdoch, Nettie Sandison, Annand and Grant.

The ratepayers in Portessie were demanding that a new school should be built in the village. There was opposition from Provost Addison, Portknockie, a member of Rathven School Board.

May 22 Further Removal Sales - A. Williamson, Draper, 1 Bridgend and Alex Hay, Square, Portgordon, also a Draper and Clothier. He was to move to a site at East Church Street opposite the station gate and next to Mrs Bruce's.

A poem is found on page 2 column 6 - 'Scotland's Honoured Name' by Liam Maccormaic.

Mr Mair Senior. Fisherman, who was to have a house built on Cathcart Street, came from Banff. He named his house Tarlair.

Charles Brand, Contractors who had already completed a large contract at Cluny Harbour were awarded a second major contract. The Board of Trade allowed five years to have the second contract finished but the town council stipulated that it should be done in four years.

** The work at the harbour involved the construction of a pier running out from the old work and gradually meeting up with the pier being pushed out from the Ianstown end.

The basin to be excavated was enclosed in a coffer dam. The excavated rock material, because of the difficulties of finding a suitable place elsewhere was to be used to reclaim an area from the sea opposite Baron Street. A railway was to be laid to carry the material towards the dumping place.

A man was given 14 days in jail for getting a suit made by James McCurrach, Tailor, Farnachty and valued at £2.8 and failing to pay for it.

A photograph of Buckie Thistle is shown on page 7. The caption below reads of a record season. The team read - G. Reid, W. Reid, Hector,, Duncan, Shand, Clark, Johnston, McKenzie Copt., Mann, Smith, Stewart and Ross. The Thistle won the Banffshire Cup, Banffshire League, Aberdeenshire Charity Cup and were beaten finalists in the Aberdeenshire Cup and Elgin and District Cup. This was their best season since 1908/1909.

May 29 A displeish sale was to take place at Langhowe, Speybay. The outgoing tenants were the Misses Gordon. It was noted that like all other similar sales of the time they had stone rollers for sale and also a reaper. (Langhowe was to disappear with the building of Dallachy Aerodrome in 1941/42.)

Opening announcement - Photographic Studio at 52 West Church Street. The manager to be Harvey Thomas, late of Bradford and Newcastle on Tyne.

For bedding plants see Ewen's Greenhouses, 17 a, West Church Street.

A number of vacancies are expected in the Post Office at Buckie, Elgin, Keith etc for male and female aged from 15-18. An easy exam with good prospects. Write for specimen papers to Stewart Thomson, M.A. Aberdeen.

Wanted - a steady man for fishing - good wages - apply to Wm. Gray, foreman, Buckpool Salmon Fishings.

Opening announcement - Arthur Dickson, Flesher, was advising that he was opening that day, Thursday, in a shop at 27 High Street previously occupied by George Scott, Shoemaker.

George McKenzie, Flesher, Buckie, was also advising that he was to open a branch shop at Stronsay during the herring season, with in addition to all kinds of beef, vegetables also supplied.

The B. A. carried an article titled 'Information for Intending Emigrants', this was something that had been done periodically for a number of years past. The information was given by the Emigrants Information Office, London. This gave information on job vacancies, rates of pay and future prospects.

Other information given was that it could be dangerous taking young children through the Red Sea during the hottest months In New Zealand and Australia all males were required to serve a certain number of days per year. From 12 to 14 as junior cadets; from 14-18 as senior cadets; from 18-26 in the Citizen Forces. This was an obligation under the Defence Acts . A similar obligation was also in force in South Africa.

The prize-winners in the Quoiting Club's latest match were - 1st medal - J. Legge; 2nd, tin of tobacco, J. shepherd; 3rd, razor, A. Morrison. The prizes were given by A. Gall, Cluny Hotel, R. Watson, Globe Stores and Mr Menzies, Hairdresser, respectively.

The question of Church Union was debated in the Assemblies of the Church of Scotland and the United Free Church. (This didn't take place, however, until 1929.)

The first fatal accident since the formation of the aviation base at Montrose happened when the pilot of a biplane was killed after the machine collapsed, turned turtle and then dashed itself into the ground.

Advert - The Painter's Plant - (Adam Robertson, Painter, Baron Street.)

Good people pause and hear my tale
I've now a gorgeous stock for sale
of papers, just the very latest,
At bargains certainly the greatest.
Qualities the very best,
Designs to suit each separate taste.
Do not hesitate to buy
From Robertson, the real Mackay.

June 5 One or two butchers had a notice in the B. A. saying that since there had recently been a fall in the price of fat cattle they were prepared to reduce by a 1d per LB their beef for boiling, stewing, and mince.

The members of the National Reserve and Territorial Army were to hold a Church Parade, to the Parish Church, under the command of John W. Gordon, OC 'D' Company.

The Enzie Annual Picnic and Games were to take place in a field near to the Enzie railway station on Saturday 28 June.

The members of the Enzie Continuation Classes (evening classes) presented the teachers, Mr and Mrs Nichol with a marble clock. Mr Nichol had taught English while his wife had taken a Cookery class. The gift was handed over by Miss Nellie Bonnyman. Later the former students were all hospitably entertained by Mr and Mrs Nichol.

This edition carried a photograph of Mr George R. Coutts the newly appointed art master at Buckie Higher Grade School. He was a native of Ellon. His salary was £140 per annum. George Coutts was well known for his ability at both cricket and football. (He was to remain at Buckie for thirty years and more and known to all his former pupils as Geordie.)

June 12 (The 'theatre', Lyceum, was in Mackay's Buildings on East Church Street, running backwards from the shop occupied in 1999, and for a long time before by the D. E. shoe shop, up what is now called Shank's Lane.)

Mr Barclay, Commercial Hotel, was to hold a hoeing match on his field on the lotted lands. (Part of this was likely to become known as the Commercial Park - now the Ian Johnston Park)

Fochabers were looking for a Scavenger and Lamplighter. The wage being offered, 18/- per week was 2/- less, however, than Portknockie was offering for a similar man.

Donald Grant and Co. Provision Merchants who it was reported had signed the Trust Deed were still in business but were advising customers that they had moved from 50 to 57 West Church Street with a completely fresh stock. (This happened with other firms, it had been noticed - cash flow problems becoming resolved.)

MILNE'S INSTITUTION, FOCHABERS - The governing body of Milne's Institution, (school) met on Tuesday with Mr Muirhead, chairman, presiding.

A statement from Mr Wishart, the rector, showed that there was 328 pupils on the roll which constituted a record. The attendance of these was very good.

The resignation of Miss Dallas, one of the teachers, was intimated consequent upon her intention to proceed to Canada, and it was agreed to put on record the governors' high appreciation of her services.

The rector's statement contained the information that he had appointed in her stead Miss Robina Paterson M. A. with honours, from Dunfermline Training College.

The Hon Mrs Muirhead had very kindly agreed to present the prizes at the dismissal of the school on Friday 27 June.

June 19 Friday 27 June 1913 was a red letter day at Milne's Institution, Fochabers, for the first time a dux gold medal besides two silver medals were presented in addition to other valuable prizes. The donor of the gold medal, besides a book prize, was Professor Ashley McIntosh, Aberdeen University a former distinguished pupil of the school and now one of its foremost governors. Mr W. R. Munro, Prestonpans, another former pupil gave the two silver medals and book prizes for science and maths.

The three medallists were girls - Phyllis Webster, dux, while Kate Macgregor and Mary Ann Bonnyman carried off the silver prizes. In his rectorial address Mr Wishart said how Alistair Lipp had come a close second to Phyllis Webster to whom he had given a special rector's prize.

The Fochabers' Boy Scouts held a Cake and Candy Sale and Sports Day in the grounds of Gordon Castle on Saturday afternoon (14 June) Mr Wishart, rector of Milne's Institution, president of the Association intimated that £30 had been made at the various stalls with a further £40 collected at the gate.

Following the prize-giving ceremony on the 27 June the Boy Scouts left immediately for their annual camp at Auchendoun, near Dufftown.

Barclay's (Commercial Hotel) hoeing match was to take place on Friday 20 June commencing at 7.15 pm. A medal was to be awarded to the person coming first.

Wanted a Harbourmaster for Findochty. Intending applicants were asked to apply to Augustus C.W. Lowe, Clerk to Findochty Harbour Commissioners.

A new coastguard had arrived in Buckie. He was James Marling who came from Portsmouth to replace John Rindall who had gone abroad.

Miss Hector of Mill of Buckie was yet another cyclist who came a cropper on High Street. She was flung from her bicycle and dashed against the house of John Farquhar after her brakes had failed. She received fairly severe injuries to her face and head.

Enzie Tennis Club had 25 members in the summer of 1913.

A meeting took place in the Masonic Institute at which interested parties discussed the decision of the town council to restrict the speed of motor vehicles in the town to 10 mph. The two garage people, Webster and Miller agreed to the ten mph below the brae but appealed for 20mph above as they said it was very difficult to reduce speed to ten mph coming down High Street.

The new minister for the South U.F. Church was Rev Alex Shaw B.D. who came to Buckie as assistant to Rev. Dr Miller.

June 26 Car for hire in Cullen - M. A. Morrison, Seafield Arms Hotel, Cullen was advising that he had now obtained a motor car and was prepared to do hiring at moderate charges.

Wool for knitters - R. Laidlaw and Sons, Manufacturers, Seafield Mills, Keith were advertising that they could supply navy fingering in 4,5 and 6 ply ideal for knitting jerseys etc.

George Webster, Motor Garage, High Street, told in his advert how he had been appointed agent for in the Buckie district.

Notice - A hoeing match was to take place on the farm of Greencraig (farmer Mr Smith). All entries to be lodged with John Newlands, Blacksmith, Drybridge Entry money 6d. A prize cup to be awarded by Drybridge Picnic committee (to become the property of a competitor winning it three times.) John Paterson, Preshome, became the first winner of the trophy.

Wedding - James Hepburn, Joiner, to Mary Ann Green, daughter of John Green, Shoemaker, Land Street.

Alex Hay, Draper, etc, who was moving to Buckie resigned from the Enzie School Board. He was a native of Lossiemouth moving to Portgordon in 1903.

In a case which saw Mr Geddes of Woodside, Drybridge, applying for a reduction in his rent because of the work he had done to the property and also the poor quality of the land, the

proprietor of the land on which the croft was situated, was given as Mr Patrick Gordon Schee, Letterfourie.

John 'Jock' Stewart, a former player with Buckie Thistle who later signed for Raith Rovers, was signed by Dunfermline Athletic.

Jul 3 A hoeing match took place on the farm of Gollachy where the farmer was John Gray. It was stipulated that all plants had to be left 8" apart. There was an entry of 72 which included quite a number of women and boys. Entry here was 3d. A. Robertson came first to take the medal while Mrs Michie was first among the women.

Alex Hay Draper, 34 East Church Street had the following advert - 'For suits that fit right come to -'

Enzie Picnic and Games - The medal winners were - Heavy competitions - C. Morrison; Light Competitions - P. Hector; He reached 5'6" in the high leap (sic), 17'3" in the Long Leap, 37'4" in the Hop Step and Leap. Andrew Murdoch took the medal for airgun shooting while Miss E. Donaldson, came first in the Highland Schottische competition.

A. Morrison came first in the heavy hammer reaching a distance of 96'3". A. Dyker reached a distance of 112' with the Light Hammer. C. Morrison reached a distance of 38' when Putting the Heavy Ball and 42'9" in Putting the Light Ball. He threw the 56 LB weight a distance of 25' and the 28lb weight 48'8".

Picnics - The SS of the South U.F. Church walked to Letterfourie and came back by train. The staff of J. L. McNaughton's, a party of 30 went on their first ever outing to Boyne Castle, going via Cullen House. The picnic was organised by Park Buchan.

The South Church choir - a party of 50 - went by four brakes to Dundurcas, Rothies.

The Sunday School of the West Church walked to the top of High Street where horse carts and lorries took them to Rannas. Some of the older people went by motor car.

The children attached to the Portessie Mission wet by train to Garmouth. The Portessie Methodist Sunday School went by train to Urquhart then walked to a field near Lhanbryde.

The Sunday School of Buckie Methodist Church took the train to Drybridge and returned the same way.

The Salvation Army also had a picnic at Letterfourie on the Wednesday.

The staff of Alex Esson, Draper and Outfitter went by three brakes to Drummuir. Mr Esson went himself by his own machine.

An article in found in this edition titled - "Scotlands Demand For Home Rule."

Jly 10 Opening announcement - Alex Morgan, Painter, 171 Portessie. (The painters were on strike at this time.)

The Deskford Annual Picnic was to take place on Saturday 12 July at the Orchard, Kirkton.

Notice - Buckie Trades Apprentices Picnic was to take place at Gordon Castle, Fochabers. Tickets cost 4/6 and 2/6. Brakes to leave Cluny Square at 1.15 pm.

L. T. McGarth, Shipping Agent in his advert gave advice on the time of sailings to all parts of the world.

The B.A. carried a picture and article on the 'Grace Darling' a coble measuring 21' long by 6' broad that had been presented to the National Lifeboat Institution.

A hoeing match took place at Burnside of Tynet (farmer - Wm. Thomson) with 50 competitors. The medal winner was Edward Stewart, Hilton. Among those mentioned in the list were John Shand of Brokenlock? And John Erskine of Hillwells?

R. Johnston, Master Painter, moved from Bridgend to his new property at 6 Low Street.

Rev Shaw the new assistant minister of the south U.F. Church preached a sermon in Gaelic in the fish market on Sunday for the benefit of hired men on fishing boats in the harbour over the week end.

There were 50 competitors forward at the annual hoeing match which took place at Muir of Holmie (farmer Mr Barclay). Here it was again stipulated that the distance between the

plants should be 8". There were competitors in the Boys' section. The work was of a very high standard over all giving the judges a hard task to pick the winners. The first man and medal winner was Mr James Paterson, Preshome.

Jly 17 Notice - Look out for Peter Cormack's up to date dancing board at Peter Fair.

Portgordon Harbour - A horse and cart had been busy cleaning muck out of Portgordon harbour. The previous year two traction engines harnessed to a scraper had been tried but this had proved not to be too successful so they had resorted to the old ways.

Sea serpent - Once again a sea serpent was said to have made an appearance, this time in Orkney waters. The report said how it had a head like a horse.

Jly 24 The B.A. had carried notice of the amount of money that had been contributed towards a memorial to the late Rev Robert Shanks. The sum of £20. 6 had been acknowledged to date.

Notice - Cormack's dance floor to open tonight - Thursday- at 7 o'clock and tomorrow Peter Fair day at 12 noon. The charge to dancers to be 2d per couple each dance. A competition to take place at 5 o'clock for ladies Highland Schottische with a bangle being awarded to the winner.

Notice - North of Scotland and Town and Country Bank Ltd. A Branch to be opened at number 87 Portknockie on Thursday 24 July. Agent - Alexander Gordon, Cullen.

Notice - Union Bank of Scotland Ltd. A Sub Branch to open in Portknockie on Thursday 24 under Charles Taylor, agent Cullen.

Miss Isabella Cheyne M.A. was appointed an English teacher at Buckie Higher Grade School at a annual salary of £120. She graduated from Aberdeen University in 1910 with 1st class Honours in English.

Tee name - Geddes 'Boon' Portgordon

Two poems are to be found on page 6, column 5

The 'Big Hoose " at Stronsay by 'A Findochty Loon and 'Beautiful Home By The Sea 'by W.G. M.

Jly 31 On page 2 is shown a photograph of the New White Australian liner Ceramic. L. T. McGarth, Shipping Agent, Buckie was invited to see through the ship before it made its maiden voyage and gives his impressions on the same page. The Ceramic was built by Harland and Wolf in Belfast.

The Portgordon Harbour now with there being few boats at present in dock had the loan of the Hopeman dredger to clean out the muck. Harbourmaster, Alexander Hay and Pilot P. Sudding travelled by train to Hopeman and with the crew brought the dredger safely back into Portgordon.

Peter Fair didn't go past without someone being fined for assault or drunk and incapable.

Peter Fair - The weather was ideal and the roads were busy all day with motors, brakes and bicycles to and from the fair. The railway was also busy. Many of the shops in Buckie closed early in the afternoon to allow their employees time to go to the fair. It was estimated that a crowd of 10,000 were in the market at one time or another during the day.

On the railway 5460 tickets were sold at Buckie for Rathven while the number of tickets sold at Rathven was 3500. A special train with ten trucks left Rathven for the south laden with horses.

The best horses changed hands during the morning for between £40 and £55; second best from £15 to £35 while poor nags made anything up to £12.

Harvest hands were very scarce hence the money being offered was higher than it once been. Wages of from 30/- to 38/ per week (a new innovation) or £7 to £8 for the harvest was common with women being offered £5.

There was a better arrangement of tents this year. Those with refreshment tents were - Mrs Grant, Portsoy; John Hendry, Findochty; J. Lindsay, Portknockie; Charles Taylor, Star Inn, Buckpool; R. Taylor, Union Bar, Buckpool; W. Hunter, Harbour Bar, Buckpool; P. Smith, Buckpool; Rathven Parish Church; A. Mather, Anchor Bar, Buckie; Mrs Davidson,

Commercial Hotel, Keith; A. F. Milton, Buckie; Mrs Milne, Buckie; Mrs Ewen, Buckie; J. Gorton, Harbour Bar, Portgordon.; R. Watson, Globe Stores, Buckie; Donald Grant, Grocer, Buckie; Miss Innes, Buckie; J. McIntosh, Brig O' Forgue; Buckie Lodge, Good Templars; Mr Falconer, Buckie.

There were all the kind of stalls one expects to see at a fair of this kind, with the Morrison family being well represented, As usual there was a number of gypsy fortune tellers. Something new this year was a stud of donkeys equipped with saddles and jingling bells which were much in demand by youngsters. A darkey quack doctor was doing a good trade. The reporter said that if his medicine worked as well as he said there would be few ill people in Buckie had they chosen to buy.

Peter Cormack's dance board was well patronised, as it was said, especially by lads and lasses from the country areas. A Highland Schottische competition was won by Miss K. Coull, Portgordon, partnered by J. McGregor, Buckpool.

Captain Nichol, Portgordon, for 27 years skipper of the Natalla belonging to John McWilliam and Son, Coal Merchants, Buckie, retired. The B. A. over the years told of two horrendous trips he made once when going south to Sunderland and again returning to Buckie when only superb seamanship saved the boat from foundering and the lives of himself and crew. He was not to stop working but was to become a coal merchant.

The B. A. received a further poem from the pen of Finachty Loon. This is titled 'A Letter in Rhyme' and was in a way an answer to some comments which had been made following of the printing of a previous poem about 'The Big Hoose at Stronsay'. His new poem is found on page 8 column 5.

Discussion was taking place between the Rathven Parish Council and Seafield Estates regarding needed repairs to the Rannas Aisle in the old cemetery at Rathven.

Aug 14 A man, described as a wandering hawker, was charged with stealing a horse at Peter Fair.

A great stir was caused when an aeroplane, flying from Montrose to Nairn flew across much of the north east. Every place it went over was mentioned with the reaction of those who saw it, being described by some as looking like a huge bird. It landed at Keith for supplies.

Aug 21 The front page of the B. A. had the names of different music teachers who were giving notice that they were to resume musical tuition.

The following were named - Miss King - Fern Cottage; Mrs McHardy, 38 West Church Street; Miss Wright, Drummoyne, West Church Street; Mr J. D. Emslie, Baron Street and Mrs Harvey Thomas, The Studio, West Church Street.

A poem is found on page 3 column 4 titled Tir Agus Teanga or Land and Language (Gaelic) This is written by Seamus Macgaradh. It is worth taking a copy.

A football team from Buckie Wednesday won a 5-a-side competition at Banff Flower Show on Saturday. The members of the team were - Legge, Smith, Scorgie, Mechan and Wilson.

Aug 28 Property in the Seatown belonging to John Campbell, Plumber, was sold to the Salvation Army with a new hall to be erected on the site. The building is one of the old landmarks of Buckie and although only a 'clay biggin' it was at one time the office of the North of Scotland Bank.

Buckie Thistle drew their first game of the new season when the score against Inverness Citadel at Victoria Park ended two goals a piece. The team was - Valentine, W. Reid and J. Gunn; G. Reid, McKenzie and W. Smith; Mann, McGregor, J. Smith, W. Stewart and J. Campbell. The Thistle failed to win any of their games for a number of weeks there after.

Sept 4 Opening announcement - H. A. McBain, late of Gray and McBain, Cabinet Maker, & Upholsterer, Jobbing Joiner and Funeral Undertaker was advising that he had secured premises at 1 Cluny Terrace and was now to conduct business from this address on his own account. He had a further notice some weeks later saying how he now had no connection with the firm trading as Gray and Bain.

Like the music teachers the dancing teachers were again giving notice that they were about to resume teaching after the summer recess.

The Quadrille Assembly was to meet in the St Andrew's Hall on a Wednesday evening under the instructor, P. Cormack.

Mr Cormack. Teacher of Dancing and Deportment was also to take classes on a Monday evening in the same venue. His charges for group lessons was 7/- per quarter for gents and 6/- for ladies. This to be paid in advance. Solo dancing also taught.

Peter Rothnie, Professor of Dancing was to take his classes in the Good Templar Hall on a Thursday when there would be classes for both Juniors and Seniors. The fees to be paid in advance were 7/6 with pupils from the previous year being charged half price.

Mr George Rose Wood, SATD ETDA of Aberdeen was advising that he would be teaching dancing in the Masonic Institute on a Wednesday with fees of 8/- per quarter. He stated that he was the only teacher of dancing worth attending. He spoke of teaching the Tango and Calina. The Carlina being a square dance which he predicted would in time supersede the Quadrille and the Lancers. He would also be giving instruction in all variations of the Boston, One Step Military Parade, Crawl, Rag Time etc.

Sept 11 The engineer who had been in charge of the extensions which had taken place at Cluny Harbour over the past few years, Mr Dundass, London, died suddenly.

A new steam drifter, Lizzie Birrell, was launched this week from the shipyard of Herd and McKenzie at Findochty.

The Rathven School was closed with the parents refusing to put their children to school because of the conditions within. They were all for a new school to be built or large scale improvements made.

The death took place in Edinburgh of the Rev. James Reddoch Leslie D.D., Principal of the Episcopal Church Training College. He came to Buckie in 1874 when the Episcopal Church was then on Low Street. During his 13 years in the town he saw the fine church and rectory built on West Church Street and also an increase in the congregation from 40 to 112.

A notice read - A picture palace is to be built in a central position by Elite Entertainment's Syndicate with Mr J. G. Cole as General Manager. The building was to be known as the Palace with accommodation for 1000 patrons seated comfortably on patent tip-up chairs. The following apparatus to be installed - a powerful engine and latest electrical cinema appliances and machinery. with no expense to be spared.

Sept 18 A large advert concerning the above was printed on the front page of this edition. To be opened in December next the most elaborate and up-to-date Cinema Theatre in Scotland (north of Glasgow.)

"Tis not in mortals to command success
But we'll do more - deserve it".

The West United Free Church on West Church Street was re-opened on Sunday after being closed for 10 weeks during which time extensive renovations took place, costing something like £200. One of the things done was the panelling of the ceiling in wood because the plaster work was in a poor state. During the closure services took place in the Good Templars' Hall on West Church Street.

A poem is found on page 2 column 5 titled 'Hope' by W. G. M. Portknockie.

A number of drifters left this week for the English fishing thus relieving some of the pressure on the harbour. A number of gutting girls also left.

Sept 25 Tenders were being invited for the proposed extensions to the Masonic Hall in Portgordon.

The street lights in Buckie were lit this week for the first time this season.

Warships were busy on exercises in the Moray Firth, fishermen were being advised of their presence.

A bottle containing a message was dropped in the sea at Buckie it was picked up three weeks later at Rattray Head.

A new engineer was appointed by the town council to replace the late Mr Douglass. He was Frederick Palmer. C.I.E. M Inst. C. E. M. A. M. Soc. C. E. of Westminster, London. Also appointed was Mr A. W. Lewis M. Inst. C. E. 15 Victoria St. Westminster, London. Mr Palmer was a partner of Sir Alexander Rendell and Mr Lewis chief assistant to the late Mr Douglass.

Oct 2 Advert - Millers Motor and Cycle Works, Cluny Square, for Gramophone Records and Machines. We hold the largest and best selection of gramophone records and machines in Buckie. Just arrived a large selection of all the latest records, including the Chivet at the wonderful price of 1/1. Also zonophone and others at 2/6, double sides. Call and hear them. We do not press to buy.

Advert - Baxter's Home Made Jam , made from ripe fruit gathered in the gardens of Fochabers.

The two engineers Palmer C.I.E. and Lewis C.E. involved with the harbour extensions at Cluny Harbour, Buckie, were asked to act as joint engineers on the Findochty Harbour extension in place of the late W. T. Douglass, C. E. of London.

A Buckie man, Marshall Merson M.A. who had been acting as missionary on the island of Swona, Orkney, passed all subjects for the 2nd Year and as such was granted entry to the Divinity Hall. He was a son of George Merson, Marine Place.

John Slater 'Mash' was appointed as a councillor in Portknockie in place of Mr Donald who had resigned.

The B. A. copied a story that was first written in the People's Journal. " In August 26 1913 the Fraserburgh sail boat Majestic caught the world's greatest shot of herring worth when sold the sum of £825. The skipper was 59 year's old Alexander 'Sandy' Duthie of Inverallochy. He told of when they put to sea on the Monday his two sons, on board with him, had wanted to go well offshore but he persuaded unwillingly to try their luck in 'The Loch' a shallow water area where he had previously caught herring in August. When 'The Loch' was reached, some 15 miles off the Broch they shot 75 of their nets. Later they looked out and saw what appeared to be their nets full of fish. The started hauling at 10pm on Monday continuing, non stop, until 7 am on Tuesday morning when they had 30 nets on board containing 168 crans or 150,000 of prime herring . He said how he had never seen anything like it. Not only were the meshes full but the fish were sticking in hundreds between the ropes at the top of the net. Had we had had the strength we could have stowed away another 80 crans but we were dead beat. And had to rest until assistance came. Two sailboats, Daisy and Favourite had been fishing not far away and had only caught a few cran each were hailed and came to share in our good fortune.

Mr Duthie said that he had been blessed with success during a long career and had become the owner of a first class sailboat of the largest size equipped with the most serviceable gear and netting that money can buy."

Mr C. W. Thomson, the recently appointed rector of Buckie High School had a letter printed in the magazine, 'The Free Press' where he mentions how the St Andrew's Society had been protesting about the erection of a statue to the late King in Edinburgh perpetuating the glaring historical falsehood involved in the title King Edward VII . This was standing insult to Scotsmen to their country and to their brave forefathers who made sure that none of the six English Edwards could boast himself King of Britain. (Mr Thomson , had he been still alive would have seen how this practice has continued right through to the present time and seems likely to continue in to the new Millennium through Prince Charles.)

Oct 9 The B. A. editor was predicting that there was likely to be a boom in the shipbuilding trade following the large sums of money being earned by fishermen during the past season in England.

The newly appointed manager of the Buckie Lyceum was James Carr.

Oct 15 T. D. Yule, Draper and Outfitter was holding a 'Going Away' sale. He did eventually leave Buckie for Tobermoray while his brother took over the Buckie shop.

The following poem is found on page 2 column 4, titled PORTKNOCKIE WANTS

The people cried for something
 To ca' a Public Park;
 Instead they got a 'naethin'
 An' noo they keep it dark.

The thing that next was wanted
 Wis a decent dung depot,
 Bit the refuse still is shunted
 Near Portknockie's famous 'Bow'.

"Let Portknockie be a burgh
 And a harbour we will get"
 They cried; and got the burgh,
 But the harbour - na, nae yet.

An sine the 'Little Roadie'
 Wis a bittie waur o' the wear;
 But since the "toon" repaired it,
 It's ten time waur, I fear.

There are little things in Portknockie,
 That I've heard folk ca' mistakes;
 But if ye aye pass by them
 What a difference it makes.

The Buckie Town Council were still discussing the lack of a public convenience with at least one councillor said that it was wrong to fine anyone 2/6 when there was nowhere to go to relieve oneself. The cost of providing a public convenience, however, at a cost of between £200 and £300 meant that this couldn't be afforded at the time.

The contractors engaged to construct the extension to the Masonic Hall in Portgordon were - Mason - W. Legge, Fochabers; Joiner, James Johnston, Elgin; Slater, James Michael, New Elgin; Plumber, R. Tindall and Sons, Buckie; Plasterer, Wm. Smith, Portgordon; Painter, George Reid Portgordon.

James Mair and Sons, Flesher, had land on the lotted lands of Buckpool where they holed a tattie weighing 2.5 lbs in weight. It was of the Langworthy strain.

Whilst threshing operations were taking place on the lotted lands of Buckie near the Highland Railway Station a straw 'soo' belonging to John Reid, Baker, Low Street, caught fire and was destroyed - a loss of £3.

Oct 23 Opening announcement - M. E. Flett, formerly head milliner at Shearer's Emporium was starting on her own account at 2 St Peter's Terrace.

A disclaimer was printed that Scotch boats at Yarmouth had gone to sea on Sunday. It was accepted that Moray Firth boats never did this.

The annual ball took place at Upper Dallachy in the granary kindly provided by Mr Alex Geddes. Fifty couples danced to the music provided by Morrison's Band, Portgordon. The committee was - James Morrison, J. Geddes, D. Farquharson and J. Duffus.

The 'clyack' sheaf on the farm of Braeside, Deskford was cut with a 'heuk' used by the oldest person in the district, Ninety three years old Mrs Jameison, whose son, Alex, farms Braeside set his reaper aside to let his mother cut the last sheaf in the old traditional way.

Cullen Town Council were to see about getting a Public Park.

Three large battleships were in the Moray Firth this week, lying about two miles off.

A poem is found on page 8 column 6 titled 'The Wrecked Airship (Cromarty Oct 17 1913.)
 By Old Salt.

The contract to provide a sewerage system for Portgordon was signed at £1640, the lowest. The contractor to be Roderick Mackay, Ltd, Aberdeen.

Portgordon Lighting - Banff County Council Committee held a meeting in the Square of Portgordon for the purpose of choosing a site for a new lamppost which was to be erected. It was agreed to fix the lamp at the corner of the hotel buildings.

The metal standard - a massive appliance with a round base had inside a petrol tank. The lamp would stand upwards about 8 feet when placed in position and with a curved arm to hold the arc was to be about ten feet of the ground. The type of lamp which produced 600 candle power was tried the previous year and found to give a brilliant light and to be very economical but the County Council had a desire to see that this type of lighting had a fair trial with a proper standard before ordering the remainder of the lamps - 12-14 in number for lighting the public streets.

Buckie Harbour Lights - There was to be changes made to the colours of the lights at Buckie Harbour. The lighthouse on the north pier was to be changed from a fixed white light to a occulting white light with a flash of 7 seconds followed by 3 seconds of darkness.. The light would be visible for 11 nautical miles in clear weather.

The white light on Cliff Terrace was to be replaced with red and be visible for a distance of 13 nautical miles. The two lights taken in line clearing vessels of the Mucks while approaching the harbour. A red light was to be substituted for a green one on the point of the north breakwater while the red light in the middle jetty was to be replaced by a green light as a leading light to the channel . the work to be done by J & T Campbell, Plumbers.

Nov 6 Advert - The Lyceum was holding two performances nightly at 7 and 9 pm. All the latest and most up-to-date Pictures. Admission charges - 9d, 6d and 3d. Patrons were asked to look out for a Great Picture - Quo Vadis - Nero's Love Story. See the great spectacular effects The Burning of Rome.

Amalgamation of businesses - Fowlers, Baker, Main Street, were advising that they had bought over the alliance Bakery Company, 6 Gordon Street. Here there was in existence all the latest plant for carrying on the bakery business in all its branches .

Two letter were written complaining about the noise emanating from the Masonic Institute when dances were in progress there. (Nothing changes it would seem.)

Servants Ball at Gordon Castle - The annual ball given by the Duke of Richmond and Gordon for the servants in the castle, gamekeepers, ghillies, gardeners, estate employees etc also shopkeepers and tradespeople of Fochabers and neighbourhood took place on Friday night.

The ball was held in the magnificent dining room of the castle, transformed for the evening into a ballroom.

In every way the assembly proved a brilliant success. Music was supplied by Barr Cochrane's band from Elgin , while Pipe Major McKenzie, the Duke's piper played for the Highland dances.

The Duke opened the ball in person leading off the Grand March with Mrs Dallas, Housekeeper. In addition to the host the other members of the house party included - Lady Caroline Gordon Lennox, the Countess Percy, Lady Muriel Beckwith, Lord Esme Gordon Lennox, Colonel Fielding, Mr Muirhead and Hon Mrs Muirhead, Speybank, Master George Gordon Lennox and Miss Isobel Beckwith.

Mr Compton, house steward, discharged the duties of M.C.. supper was served at midnight and a lengthy toast list gone through with the health of the host and family being proposed by Mr Compton.

Although the ducal party had retired before supper dancing was resumed and kept up until an early hour.

Buckie Thistle was finding the going tough and on Saturday were beaten by seven goals to one by Clach. The Buckie team was - Davidson, Low and Reid; Boyne, McKenzie and Smith; Mann, Maxwell, Coutts, Reid and Johnston.

A boy of 12 was sentenced at Banff by Sheriff Stewart to 8 stokes of the birch rod for stealing a watch.

Nov 13 Tea room opened - James Mackay, Drapers etc East Church Street was advertising that he was to open a tea room at this address on Friday 14 November. This was to be found one floor up under the charge of Miss Forbes.

Opening announcement - R. Robertson, late manager of the Alliance Bakery Company, Gordon Street was advising customers that he was to start on his own account at 18 St Peter's Terrace. He promised high quality bread, biscuits and pies. He also had a van calling on customers daily.

The death took place of ex provost John Simpson, Leather Merchant, Boot and Shoe Merchant, at his home on Bank Street. He was 61 and a native of the Bauds of Cullen.

A poem is found on page 6 column 4 titled - The Progress Plough by Ella White Wilcox.

Nov 20 Portgordon Hall - A Grand Bazaar was to take place in the hall in aid of the planned improvements, under the auspices of the Freemasons. These to take place on Wed. and Thursday 3 and 4 December.

Another bazaar was to take place in the Fishermen's Hall, Buckie in aid of the Buckie 'Cluny' Harbour Fund

Wilson and Leask were advertising their services as Boiler Cleaners etc.

T. D. Yule who had left for Tobermorey had been in Buckie for 16 years coming originally from Peterhead as an assistant with F. W. and J Jack, Little Wonder.

The Lyceum Theatre on East Church Street (Mackay's Buildings) was open to big crowds with packed houses at every performance, who saw the Museum robbers and Scotland, s premier mirth provoker, Jack MacCormack.

Mr John Cole, foreman engineer with Messrs Jones and sons, was presented with a marble clock on the occasion of his forthcoming marriage. The gift was handed over by Wm. Bissett Jun. who made reference to his acquaintance with Mr Cole in Aberdeen before coming to Buckie. Mr Cole's wedding to Miss Elizabeth Gordon, Union terrace, Buckie was to take place within St Peter's Church, Aberdeen on the 22 November 1913.

The first boat to travel through the Panama Canal was the small steamer, Louise which sailed through on Monday afternoon.

A dozen drifters and several sailboats had arrived home from the English fishing. The Moray Firth boats had a fairly successful season . some of them were likely to proceed to the Stornoway fishing within the next few days.

The latest part of the contract for the extension to Cluny Harbour had been signed . The costs of each part were given. The work included - the north west pier extension and east jetty; excavation of the inner basin; south quay and roadway; east quay and roadway; slipway for steam drifters; jetty extension; east pier extension; new embankment in the west bay. Total cost of the complete work + £88, 154. Part of the first contract was cancelled to admit new extension joining it. Three and half years was given for the contractors to complete the work .

Two poems are found on page 6 column 4 - 'The Man Who Wins' and 'To The Sad'.

A further poem is found on page 7, column 4 by W.G. M. titled 'Land Freedom'.

Nov 27 Advert - Gray and McBain's (J. W. Gray) Furniture Showroom 37 West Church Street . this took up almost the whole of the front page.

The opening of the newly erected Rathven Parish Church Hall was to take place on Sunday 30 November at 3 o'clock. The ceremony to be conducted by Rev. R. H. Dunlop.

An article is found on page 8 titled 'Is Buckie a blot on the Landscape'? Elgin and Buckie are compared. This was copied from the Northern Scot.

Dances of the times and mentioned in letters speaking of the noise in the Masonic Institute included - Bunny Hug and Turkey Trot. One of the writers described the dances as orgies.

At the November feeing market at Keith wages were down on the previous year with men changing places being compelled to accept less, in some cases as much as 30/- for the half year contract. Foremen were being offered - £18-£20; second horse men - £16-£18; third horse men - £14-£16. Cattlemen up to £18.10 with boys, depending on ability, £10-£12. A very large number of men remained unengaged.

Dec 4 John Ritchie, 2 St Peter's Terrace was appointed organist and choirmaster at Enzie Parish Church.

The Buckie fleet at the English fishing totalled 300 steamers and 100 sailboats. In total they grossed £25,000 more than the previous year and in seven weeks as opposed to nine. Steamers made between £500 and £1400 with the average being £720. The year before this had been £660. Sailboats made from £200 to £485 with an average of 3250. The average in 1912 had been £180. The total earnings for the whole Moray Firth fleet was £600,000, fifty thousand up on 1912. Steamer hands with net shares earned on average £50 with sailboat men making £25.

Andrew Yule took over the business of his brother, T.D. Yule on West Church Street.

A. Fraser had a Bookseller and Stationer's business at 65 West Church Street.

The business of the late John Simpson, Shoemaker, etc on Bank Street was to be carried on by his Trustees.

Dec 11 A meeting took place in the smithy at Arradoul on Monday to make arrangements for a ploughing match by the Enzie and Rathven Association. There was a large turnout of farmers and farm workers. Mr Thomson, Thorniebank was in the chair. A large committee was formed with Mr Bremner, Birkenbush as secretary. Mr Shand Pathead and Mr Bremner were to look out for a suitable field. The match to be open to contestants from Enzie, Rathven and Bellie.

Great Removal Sale was being advertised by George's Ironmongery Warehouse at 17 East Church Street.

The 'Select boys' held a dance in the St Andrew's Hall which was well attended.

The Picture Quo Vadis shown at the Lyceum attracted so large crowds that it was decided to rebook it for a further week.

The Masonic or Village Hall in Portgordon was built in 1872. This was said on the first day of the bazaar when the sum of £205 was raised. The sum of £344.77 was gathered on the second. The first day's sale was opened by Lord Seafield with Mr Dawson, Gollachy Woollen Mill, presiding. He also presided the second day when Mr J. L. McNaughton did the honours.

Dec 25 Buckie Gas Light Co. Ltd opened their new showroom and workshop on Baron Street. Where all the latest gas appliances were to be viewed.

The new buildings passed by the town council during the year included the new salmon bothy at Ianstown for the Seafield Estates, the Showroom for the Gas Company and a number of houses on Cathcart Street, Pringle Street etc.

A boy of 13 was sent to the Reform School at Stranraer for stealing a watch out of a pedlar's pack at the Highland Railway Station.

The Rathven and Enzie Ploughing Association match was to take place at Leitcheston on Wednesday 14 December or the first suitable Wednesday following. Class 1 Champions entry 1/-; Class 2 Local ordinary ploughmen, entry 2/6; Class 3, Chills with moveable points and scarifiers, entry 2/6;

Class 4, Chills with moveable points and coulter, entry, 2/6.

Harness and grooming - entry 1/-.

Numerous medals and other prizes.

Competitors for harness and grooming to be on the field at 8 am and start at 9am.

Admission to the field, 6d.

Refreshments on the field at moderate charges.

Entries to Alex Bremner, Birkenbush to close on Monday 12 December.