

1919

Jan 2 **Opening announcement** - Thomsons Supply Stores - Grocer and Provisions 46.48 and 50 Low Street

Adverts- Calder and Smith - Tailors and Clothiers - Seaview Place.
Reid Bros. Bakers, Low Street and 24 East Church Street.

For sale - James Mitchell, the long established baker firm at 6 West Church Street was for sale. Fowlers bought this, another baker firm who had been in business in the town for a number of years. .

Advertisers - James Mackay, Draper, 5 East Church Street; John Simpson, Shoemaker, Bank Street; L. T. McGarth. Ironmonger, Cluny Square; Shearer's Emporium, East Church Street; McKenzie, High Street for prams etc; Millers Motors and Bicycles, Cluny Square; John Simpson, Shoemaker, 17 West Church Street; Munro Tailors, 30 West Church Street; Globe, Grocers, East Church Street; Gillans, Grocers, 9 East Church Street; Little Wonder, Outfitter and Toy Bazaar, East Church Street; Co-op , 36 East Church Street; John Green, Draper etc, High Street; Leith Esson, Tailor, High Street; Alex Hay, Tailor, West Church Street; Dundee Equitable, Boots and Shoes, 10 West Church Street; Gibson, Chemist, 12 West Church Street; A. Boyd Watchmaker, West Church Street; Dallas, 68 West Church Street sold lots of things; Charles McHardy, Piano Tuner. 38 East Church Street; Wm. Robertson, Dentist, Struan 15 Cluny Square; Nicol Bros. Cabinet Makers, opened also as auctioneers and valuers at 13 High Street; Calders Shoemaker, Cluny Terrace; Walter Murray, Architect, 63 West Church Street; Fowler's Bakery Shops, Gordon Street, Main Street and Reidhaven Street, Ianstown; Paterson, Watchmakers, 29 East Church Street; Robert Grant, Tailor, Baron Street; John Symon, Painters, Gordon Street; John Geddes, DBOA Shipmaster, and Optologist, Compass Setter, GSNR Railway Station; John Sandison, Draper, East Church Street; Ed. Hillocks, Draper, Cluny Terrace, George Sutherland, Shoemaker, 21 West Church Street; R.R. George, Ironmonger, 17 East Church Street, High Class Baby carriages; George Webster, 18 High Street, Raleigh bicycles; W. R. Gordon, 35 West Church Street, 'Gordon's Furniture Store, Auctioneer and Valuator (formerly Gray's Furniture Store'); A. W. Murdoch, LDS Dental Surgeon, 1 Seaview Place; A. Williamson and Partners, Motor Engineers, 35-36 Bridgend; Valentine, Bakers, Dawson, Grocer, 17 East Church Street, spoke of the end of tea control in his advert; A. Imlah, Grocer, 10 High Street, D. McGregor, Watchmaker, etc, High Street.

War Memorial - The sum required to build the war memorial planned for Buckie is in the region of £3,000

Died on hospital ship - Seaman James Geddes, 16, died on board the hospital ship Soudan, He was a son of Peter Geddes, 72 Main Street.

Arradoul WRI concert - This took place in a loft at Inchgower Distillery in aid of the war wounded there were 200 of an audience.

Jan 23 **V.C. With local connections** - The B.A. carried a note about the nephew of Robert Grant, Tailor, who won the VC while serving with the New Zealand Forces. His grandfather was a crofter at Auchentae.

Jan 30 **Advert** - Winchester and Thomson gave notice that they had started up in business as Joiners and CabinetMakers at Bridge Place.

Feb 13 **Branching out** - R. Watson who recently bought the Globe Stores has now taken over Reid's Bakery on Low Street.

Feb 20 **Football** - Buckie Slip team to play Keith in the first football match following the end of the war is - Hector, McIntosh and Reid; Clark, McDougal and Duncan; McNally, Barclay, McKenzie, G. Stewart and Johnston. Reserves - Robertson and C. Stewart.

Apr 17 **Carter selling up** - Wm. Cowie,, Carter, is to sell his four horses, along with three box carts, a long cart and four sets of harness.

A tragic family - A lad of 18 years, a former soldier of Woking, Surrey, lost his whole family of father, mother, four brothers and three sisters to enemy action. **His father and four brothers were all killed on the same day, July 15 1916.** The oldest son was only 22 years old. His mother and sisters were all killed in separate air raids. The lad, Thomas, Wm. Smith joined the army at 13 years and 11 months and saw three year's service in France before being invalided out being unfit for further service.

N.Z, VC in Buckie - The B.A. had a report in this edition of Lt J. G. Grant's visit to his relatives in Buckie. This is found on page 7.

The return of Buckie Thistle - An advert read - Great football match to be played in Victoria Park, near to Tarbuckie, on Saturday 19 April - Invergordon versus Buckie Thistle. Team - Hector, G.Reid and W, Reid; W. Boyne, G. McKenzie and W. Smith;; Dr Smith, J. P. Clark, G. Coutts, John Stewart and J, C. Johnston. Cowie of Buckie is in the Invergordon team.

Buckie also played - A team calling themselves Buckie played a game against Inverness Caley in Inverness on the same day. They won by the only goal of the game. This was reported as a very good game. Buckie played in green shirts with a white v collar. The Buckie team was - Murray, A, Stewart and Milne; Cameron, G. McIntosh VC and Johnston; Stewart, Campbell, G. Stewart, Murray and Smith.

Apr 24 **Dairy milk** - Greenbank Dairy are advertising their milk at 2/- per gallon.

Advert - Greenlees, Glasgow are hoping to buy a shop in Buckie for the boot and shoe trade.

Article - on 6th Gordons homecoming to Keith.

Opening announcement - D. Maxwell is to open as a Hairdresser and Tobacconist at 42 East Church Street. Messrs Chisholm Bros previously occupied the shop.

Prospectus for Buckie Thistle Football Club Ltd - Capital of £1000.

May 1 **Buckie** team to play Forres Mechanics in the Commercial Park to be selected from - Murray 'Drainie', Milne and Clark; Cormack, 'Twisty' Duncan and Cameron; McIntosh VC, Johnston, E.A. Geddes, 'Speedie' Stewart, G. Stewart, Christie, Stewart, Ernest Stewart, Herd, Slater, Murray, Thomson and 'Newman'. Buckie lost by two goals to nil.

Buckie Thistle to play Inverness Thistle in Victoria Park - Hector, Reid and Grant; W, Smith, F. Smith and Eck Johnston; J. P. Clark, J. Murray, W. Ross, P. Cowie and J. C. Johnston. The game ended in a one all draw.

There were two big adverts on the same page for the above matches, both of which were played on the same day and at the same time, Saturday May 3 1919. Admission to both matches was the same but the larger crowd was seen in Victoria Park.

Advert - Murray and Sargent now have a motor lorry and would undertake carting.

May 22 **Bought over** - The baker firm of James Mitchell, 6 West Church Street, who had been in Buckie for 31 years has been bought over by Fowlers.

Baker's wage - £3 per week for a 51-hour week.

Bought over - James Mackay, Draper, Buckie bought the stock of a firm in Huntly and another in Gretna Green, after both had fallen on hard times.

May 29 **Advert** - R. Lobban, CabinetMaker, Auctioneer and Valuator, Blairdaff Street.

Advert - Public roup to take place in McGarth's building on Cluny Square.

June 5 **Superb sketch** - This edition of the local paper shows a Buckie Thistle player holding back a Buckie player from reaching the top of a rock pinnacle. The Latin motto underneath reads - Memo-me impune lacessit. There is only room for one. (senior team in Buckie.)

June 12 **In his will** - Bailie Charles Davidson, former blacksmith, left two bequests, £200 to be used to put up a fountain on Cluny Square and £100 to provide a ward in the Parish Hospital.

June 19 **Opening announcement** - Alex Mair, butcher, opened a shop in Ianstown, formerly occupied by J. McIntosh, Tailor.

June 28 **Cluny Dairy** - The grocer shop of P. McLaren, 72 East Church Street is henceforth to be known as the Cluny Dairy, though still selling all grocer products.

John Simpson Shoemakers - The shop on Bank Street was owned by the father and that at 17 West Church Street by a son of the same name.

Deskford Games - The old established picnic and games, which had been in abeyance during the war, took place again this year. Jim Maitland, farmer at Raemoir, Deskford won the medal for most points in the heavy events section. Jim Maitland, many years later, became mine host of a hotel and pub in Whitehills. He gave his name to a cup played for in the Buckie Welfare League.

July 3 **Flotsam and Jetsam** - Following the scuttling of the German Grand Fleet at Scapa Flow on Wednesday 21 June, 1919 a great amount and variety of things were cast up on the beach between Portgordon and Portessie on Wednesday 2nd July. Tea, cocoa, biscuits and tobacco. In addition there was also found a box of post cards and loveletters sent from a lady in Berlin addressed to her boyfriend, Walter Mantan, Torpedo Boat, Scapa Flow, England, (sic) Orkney Islands. One of the tins of malt brown bread carried the name Johan Steffens, Bread Factor, Kiel.

July 10 **Deskford meal mill to remain open** - George Cruickshank, Lance Sergeant in the Royal Highlanders was killed in action. He was previously the farmer and meal miller at Berryhillock. His mother intended to carry on the business.

For adoption - A party was wanted to adopt a baby girl of three weeks old. Those interested are asked to apply to the Advertiser office.

July 17 **Photograph** - This shows the finalists in the Highland Bowling Tournament in Elgin - Park Buchan, John Mitchell, John S. Simpson and W. F. Samuel, all of Buckie.

Advert - On Monday 4th August it is intended to hold a Sports Event as part of the Peace Celebrations in the Victoria Park. There will be cycle races, five-a-side football, a marathon race, high leap, long leap, and tug of war. Admission 6d and 3d with the grandstand extra.

July 24 **Drybridge Picnic and Games** - Competitors please apply to J. Grant secretary.

Cheap fish - A sketch drawn shows fishermen dumping herring because of the low price being offered.

July 31 **Notice** - A Victory Ball is to take place in the Good Templar's Hall (Now the Gospel Hall on West Church Street.)

Opening announcement - Alex Clark, General Merchant, 95, Portessie.

Aug 7 **Bus Service** - Williamson Brothers, Motor Hirers, Main Street, are to run a bus from Findochty to Portgordon every morning, it is also intended running a bus to Keith Show, leaving Buckie at 9.00 a.m. and returning at 6.00 p.m.

Masonic and Literary Institute - Estimates were being invited for the building of an extension to the present building on Cluny Place.

Sale of crops on the lotted lands - An advertisement told of a sale that was to take place on the lotted lands near the Highland Railway Station .

Poor state of the roads in town and outwith - A sketch was designed to show the poor quality of the roads with the only people likely to be pleased being the shoemakers. The poor quality of the roads and their effect on the footwear perhaps explains why there should be so many boot and shoe shops in Buckie at the time

Opening announcement - Bain, Hemming and Company bought over the business on High Street of Mr A. Bain, Marine, Motor Engineers and Blacksmiths. They were to open a garage and works for the repair of and hiring of cars. (John Duncan, later to become a town councillor and President of Buckie Thistle was the manager of the firm at one time before taking it over himself.)

Peace Celebrations - August 4th was a 'Red Letter' day in Buckie with Church Services, and a major Sport's Day, held in Victoria Park. The weather was ideal.

Football boots - Buy Hotspur football boots only 22/6 per pair. (This was surely expensive in 1919.)

Arradoul Flower Show - Arradoul WRI held their first ever Flower Show in the local school. This was before the hall was built.

Long time visitor to Peter Fair - James Wilson, Feuar. 119 Main Street, Buckpool, died at the age of 84. In his obituary mention was proudly made of the fact that he had attended 84 Peter Fairs, being at the first when only a few weeks old.

Lotted lands - W. Cruickshank, manufacturer of aerated water, was said to have a field(s) on the lotted lands at South Pringle Street.

Aug 14 **Opening of the new football season 1919/20** - Buckie Thistle Football Club Ltd, have appointed George McKenzie, late of Aberdeen F.C. as their new manager. Players signed for the new season include - 'Toshy' McIntosh and Robertson, ex Forres, Mike Johnston, Nicol and Pirie, both of whom were prominent in army football, G. McIntosh VC, John Stewart, ex Raith Rovers, J. P. Clark, ex Albion Rovers and Eck Johnston, who later signed for Glasgow Rangers.

Aug 21 **Ration books** - People are advised to get their new Ration Books for sugar, butter and meat.

Buckie Flower Show - The first annual Flower Show held by the Buckie and District Horticultural Society for many years took place this week. W. F. Samuel, connected with Messrs Jones Ltd Slip and Shipyard was a prime mover in the project.

Official Opening of Victoria Park - *Buckie Thistle's new ground, Victoria Park, was officially opened on Saturday 16 August, 1919, with a match played between the Thistle and an Aberdeen Junior Select. The game ended in a 0-0 draw. The land on which the ground has been laid out was leased from the Cluny Estate Trustees on favourable terms of £3000. The local joinery firm of Hepburn and Thomson built the grandstand with timber bought from Jones' Sawmill at the relatively low figure of around £25. The original bill was reduced by £22.15. Thomson, popularly known as 'Tomphy' was a former football player with Buckie Thistle. He later went to Canada.*

Sept 4 **Photograph** - A photograph of the Thistle team taken before the match on Saturday 16th, with all present named, reads - R. Lobban and G. Reid, trainers , W. Smith (L/H), J. Murray(keeper), J. P. Clark(O/R), 'Stir' Milne(R/B), A. Johnston(R/H),now with Rangers, F. Smith(trainer), C. Johnston(O/L), Mr Hosie, Factor of Cluny Estates, Geo. McKenzie (C/H), J. L. McNaughton,

director and secretary, S. Cameron (C/F), 'Toshie' McIntosh(I/R), Bert Nicol(L/B), J. Newlands(I/L).

Opening announcement - James Stewart, Chemist and Druggist, 46 West Church Street.

Opening announcement - Frank Smith, Boiler Cleaner

Advert - W. Gerry, Fishsalesman - whole barrel of herring, 32/-; half barrel 18/-

Sept 25 **Opening of cinema in Fishermen's all** - This will take place on Wednesday 1st October. The cinema belongs to Mr and Mrs Aubrey, late of the Pavilion, Wick, Peterhead and Inverness. Pictures and variety . Admission 5d, 9d and ½.

Oct 2 **The Palace and the Cinema** - The front-page had a large advert for both.

Rationing re-introduced - A person was allowed 6oz of sugar, 1oz of butter, 4oz of margarine, 6oz of bacon and ham and 20 pence of meat per week.

New school janitor appointed - Harry Brookman, ex Royal Navy, came from Fochabers, where he had been caretaker of the Public Institute, to become janitor of Buckie Higher Grade School at an annual salary of £85 plus free house, fire and light.

Oct 9 **Applying for license for 'Elsie Gibb's pub'** - Henry Barclay was applying for a license to dispense porter and ale at the public house at 5 Great Western Road formerly ran by Elsie Gibb, daughter of George Gibb, Shoemaker, 7 Great Western Road, who owned the property

The Star Inn, Bridgend - This was owned by Abrach George Flann an ex soldier.

Three aeroplanes - a rarity - Three aeroplanes flew over Buckie this week from a southeasterly direction causing considerable interest. It is believed that they were heading for Invergordon.

Keith War Memorial - In this edition is found a sketch of the 6th Gordons War Memorial in Keith.

Note this long hire car journey - Because of a railway strike a party went all the way from Buckie to Kent by car, hired from Millers Motors of Baron Street. They first tried to get a train in Aberdeen then at Edinburgh but were unable so the driver took them all the way.

Oct 16 **Advert** - Sunday Services take place every Sunday in the Gospel Hall, 49 West Church Street. A warm welcome is extended to all.

The Lyceum Cinema opening announcement - The Lyceum Cinema on East Church Street, running back up Shanks Lane, is to open on 20 October 1919. Pictures and artistes. Admission 5d, 9d and one and tuppence.

Note - The Cinema (in the Fishermen's Hall), Palace and Lyceum were all advertising the same form of programme, with the same admission charges from Monday through to Saturday.

Oct 30 **Antonio's Ice Cream** - This edition carries a large advert and picture showing the new machine and freezer which Antonio had installed at 19 High Street, to be used in the manufacture of ice cream "Supplies available for all functions"

Louis ice cream - Sold at 3d,6d and 1/- per glass.

Nov 6 **Plans passed** - Plans for the erection of a manse on Titness Street for the Methodist Church were passed by the town council

Buckie soldier injured in big train smash - Signaller Jimmy Pozzi, later proprietor of the book and newspaper shop on High Street, lost a leg after receiving a compound fracture in the big railway smash at Selby, near Gretna, on the Scottish borders, on 1st November 1919.

Football - Buckie Wednesday was reformed and were looking for games.

The Lyceum - After advertising itself for the first two weeks after opening nothing more had been heard of the Lyceum. The Cinema and Palace continue to have a weekly advert.

Advert - Ina Bain, who was formerly with Gow, fishmerchant on High Street and now operating on her own account at Cluny Place was advertising haddocks and kippers for sale daily.

Nov 13 **Photograph** - This shows A. I. Morrison, the popular Quadrille Band from Portgordon.

Nov 20 **Mention made of Mr Barrie, MP for Banffshire.**

Nov 27 **Photograph** - This shows Pte. George Packman MM, 6th Black Watch, taken at Perth on 21st November, when he was presented with the medal. (I served my time as a plasterer with his firm from 1945 until 1950)

Business sold - Mrs Innes sold her Chemist's business at 29 West Church Street to Alex Paterson.

Advert - A. Bennett, Joiner, Cabinetmaker and Funeral Undertaker, Garden Lane.

Baker's business for sale - The baker's business at 8-10 Low Street, which was only bought over by Robert Watson, Globe Stores, earlier in the year is again up for sale.

Opening announcement - R. Robertson took over the shop at Bridgend, formerly occupied by I. Silverman, where he intends to supply fresh bread, pies, tarts and morning rolls.

Dec 4 **Opening announcement** - John McBeath Jun. Bought the stock of I. Silverman, Picture Framer, and intends to commence in the same line at Gordon Street.

Rise wanted - Building trade operatives were asking for a rise to 2/2 per hour for tradesmen and 1/10 for labourers. (It is not known here whether they got the rise but the going rate per hour for journeymen in the building trade, as late as 1950, was still only 2/6.)

Dec 11 **Advert** - The Little Wonder, 37 East Church Street, had an advert in the paper for their Xmas Bazaar and Toy Fair.

Dec 18 **Opening announcement** - Ben Calder opened a shop at 40 Portessie, selling boots and shoes. (He later moved to 26 East Church Street.)