

**1920**

Jan 1 (note the date ) **Palace** - open Monday to Friday with full programme from 7.30 p.m. Saturday 6.45 and 8.45

**Car for hire** - Bain and Hemmings - Garage, High Street.

**Engineers** - Armstrong and Cranch, Middle Pier, Cluny Harbour

**Goloshes** - Get them from John Simpson, 17 West Church Street. "Save your feet from the mucky streets"

**Chocolates** - Get them from the Cluny Dairy, 72 East Church Street.

**Some advertisers** -  
 Buckie Deep Sea Stores - Fish Salesmen, Fish Mart  
 John Farquhar and Sons " "  
 James Birnie and Sons " "  
 Martins Engineering Works Commercial Road  
 Valentine, Cluny Bakery, Low Street.  
 Penwright and Leask, Boiler Cleaners.

**Opening announcement** - Robert S. Taylor, Motor hirer - two cars, Buckpool

**The Saloon, 37 West Church Street** - Fish and chips, 6d at the counter, up to date cooker. Afternoon teas, plain teas, high teas and suppers.

**Cars for sale** - George Webster, Motor Garage, 18 High Street, £395 - £650.

**Advertisers** - The Club, I. L. McKenzie, 19 West Church Street, High Class Tobacconist.

Maxwell, Tobacconist, East Church Street.  
 Calder and Smith, Tailors, Seaview Place, Buckie.  
 George Sutherland, Shoe Shop, 21 West Church Street.

**Opening announcements** - John Smith, Fish Merchant, Ianstown  
 Alex Sutherland Motor Contractor, Findochty.  
 Ernest Sargent, Carting Contractor, Buckie.

**Advert** - Alex Paterson, Pharmacy and Chemist, 29 West Church Street, (next to the Palace)

**Advertisers** - Globe Supply, High Street (McGregor, Watchmaker and Jeweller, had the shop in 2001)

Little Wonder, 37 East Church Street, Central Drapery Store.  
 Glass, (Cluny Dairy) 72 East Church Street, (formerly P. McLaren). Glass had three shops. "Bring your ration books for butter and sugar"  
 "Fowlers for Fancies" - (Fowlers - Bakers)  
 Miller - Cluny Square - Motor and Cycle Works.

**Painters** - John Symon, Gordon Street  
 R. Johnston, Low Street  
 S. Nicol, High Street.

Jan 8 **At Home** - Enzie Tennis Club held an 'At Home' on Tuesday evening in the Clochan School. Songs were sang while dancing took place. Songs were sang by Miss A. Geddes, Drybridge, Mr Clark, Fochabers and Mr Coutts, Buckie. The MC's were John Duncan, Broadley, J. C. Johnston and J. M. Bonnyman, who also did all the secretarial work. Music for the dancing was provided by A. I. Morrison, Portgordon.

'At Homes' also took place at Portgordon and Portessie.

Jan 15 **Advertisers** - J. R. Henderson, Monumental Sculptor, Baron Street.

Robert Gillan, Grocer and Wine Merchant, 9 East Church Street (formerly Baron Street.)

Edward Hillocks, Draper, 8 Cluny Terrace.

**Barn dance** - A dance took place in the corn loft at Preshome Farm, Clochan, by kind permission of Father Mackay. G. Brander and S. Stronach were joint secretaries, with music being provided by McIvor, McQueen and Shand.

**Bakery changes hands** - The bakery at 8-10 Low Street changed hands when Thomson and Smith bought the business from R. Watson and Co., who had only bought it off Reid Bros. In 1919.

**Doctor retires** - Dr Duguid, Senior, retired as a GP in Buckie on January 22 1919.

**Praise for 'Toshy' McIntosh** - A letter in the local paper of this date heaped praise upon the Thistle player.

**Skipper lost at sea** - Word has been received that Skipper Thomas Lawson, 45, of Colonsay Place, has drowned at sea.

**Advertisement** - The advert for George McKenzie, Butcher, who had three shops in Buckie, on Low Street, South Land Street and Gordon Street, took up a whole page.

Feb 5 **Sale of sewing machines** - W. Clark, 1 Pringle Street.

Feb 12 ***This edition of the Banffshire Advertiser is missing.*** \*\*\*\*\*+++++

Feb 19 **New doctor** - Dr John Geddes Smith, acquired the medical practice of Dr W. R. Duguid.

**Opening announcement** - George Coull, is to commence in business as a Painter and Decorator at 2 Baron Lane.

\*\*\*\* **Disaster at Buckie Harbour - The *Loyal BCK 263* a motor boat involved with cod fishing, was wrecked, after striking the break-water at the entrance to Buckie Harbour, resulting in the loss of 8 lives.**

Feb 26 **Opening announcement** - John D. Hamilton and Brothers, Iron Ship and Boiler Repairers - Mill of Buckie. (Later the firm, which grew to a considerable size, was to be known as **Hamilton Brothers**, with an address at Commercial Road )

Mar 4 **Ploughing Match dance**, in aid of funds, was held in the corn loft at Arradoul Mains on Friday evening. There were 90 couples in attendance. Music was supplied by Miss McKay on the piano with violinists, Mackay, Dyker, McQueen and Thomson.

**Annual Social** - The Good Templars held their Annual Social in the hall this week.

**Property changes hands** - The building on Cluny Square which has up to now been occupied by Miller's Motor and Cycle Works has been bought by the Clydesdale Bank. It is believed that Miller's are to move to Baron Street into the building previously occupied by R. Gillan Grocers etc.

Mar 11 **Death of paper founder** - The death took place this week of Mr W. F. Johnston, founder of the *Banffshire Advertiser*. He was a native of Keith and came to Buckie, initially, as an Insurance Representative before starting out in printing in a small way. He is survived by four sons and a daughter.

**Opening announcement** - James Johnston, Peter Hythe, has bought a new lorry and is open to do carting work.

**Head Office** - The Moray Firth Fish Selling Company's head office is in Buckie.

Mar 18 **Masons in for new rate** - The masons had a claim in for a new rate of 1/10 per hour.

Mar 25 **Horse and carts for sale** - Brodie Taylor, Carter, Cunningholes Farm, held a roup or dispenish sale in which he sold his five horses, harness and carts, as he intends going in for lorry transport. There was little demand for his horses, however, which went cheaply. Lorries made £34, box carts, £15, harness £12.10, with a pony's harness being sold for £7.

**Advertisers** - Baltic Boot and Shoe Shop, 14 High Street

**Advert** - Men's suits for sale from James Mackay, 5 East Church Street at three guineas. These are ex government suits worth double this price.

**Cluny Hotel changes hands** - Mr Joseph Young sold the property to Mr Alex Burnett Farquharson, Ballater.

**Mason return for less money** - After being out on strike for an increase in wages the masons were forced to return for the rate of 1/8 per hour. This they did reluctantly, after pushing for 2/- initially.

Apr 15 **Opening announcement** - Reid and Murray have commenced in business as Coal Merchants.

\*\*\*\* **Remarkable story in 1920** - England to be an oil-producing country. Remarkable deposits of oil-bearing shale have been discovered in Norfolk.

**Price of bread** - A 4lb loaf went up from 9d to 1/-

Apr 22 **Buckie Quoiting Club** - A meeting of the club took place in the Good Templar Hall on West Church Street.

May 13 **Highland Dress** - The shop, The Little Wonder were advertising that they could supply Highland Dress outfits. (This was the first time ever that this kind of outfit had been spoken of.)

**Opening announcement** - William Reid, Painter and PaperHanger, 97 Main Street, is to start in business.

May 20 **Butcher to shift premises** - James Dickson, Cluny Square is to move to new premises at 18 East Church Street.

**Advertisers** - Donald Glass, Grocer, Main Street, Buckpool.  
Richard Scott, Rope and Sailmaker, Buoy and Oilskin Factory, 1 Main Street (opposite Star Bar) Dungarees and boiler suits made to measure.  
D. Jolly DDS Dentistry, 5 East Church Street. (One had to feel that he would have been a happy chappie who really enjoyed his job.)

**New auction rooms** - W. R. Gordon opened new salerooms on Blairdaff Street.

May 27 **Baker's business for sale** - House, shop and bakehouse at 16-18 St Peter's Terrace is for sale also a two-stalled stable. This is an excellent opportunity for someone, since this is the only bakehouse in Buckpool.

June 3 **Miller's Motor and Cycle Works** - New address - Baron Street.

**Up in arms** - The residents of Buckpool are up in arms because of the excessive feu duties they are being asked to pay by the Letterfourie Estate. For a feu of 40x40 feet they are being asked to pay the price of a quarter of barley (8 bushels). This, the residents were told, is the amount of seed that the area would provide if under crop and not housing. Those better

acquainted have reckoned that the area of ground in question would be pushed to produce 2-3 bushels at the most.

A meeting was held at the top of the brae, with Reid 'Mosh' and Murray 'Souter' leading the protest. It was agreed not to pay the new charges and that a deputation would go to meet Miss Shee's agents on the matter. It was said that there were shades of the Buckie Riot of fifty years before.

**Poem** - The poem 'Bonnie Deveronside' is found on page 7

**Opening announcement** - Wm. Flett, Saddler and Leather Merchant, 23 High Street, Portgordon.

**Sale** - A sale is to take place at 21 Main Street of the butcher's effects belonging to the heritors of the late Alex Mair, Butcher.

**Death of Buckie businessman** - The death took place this week of Mr John Green, Draper, Virginia Buildings, High Street.

June 10 **Wanted for murder** - Percy Toplis, a man on the run and wanted for murder, was discovered hiding out at Tomintoul. The story is written in this edition of the Banffshire Advertiser.

**Opening announcement** - John Ritchie, Groceries and Provisions, 2 St Peter's Place. (St Andrew's Square.)

**Term dance** - A dance to mark the beginning of a new term on the farm of Sauchenbush, near Arradoul, took place on Friday 11 June. It was postponed because of the bad weather.

**Cars for sale** at the following garages - Webster's, High Street, Bain and Hemmings, High Street and Millers, Baron Street.

June 24 **Enzie Picnic and Games** will take place on Saturday 3 July. Medal and airgun given for winners of both the Heavy and Light competitions.

**Opening announcement** - George Slater, MPS, 17 Reidhaven Street, Ianstown.

**Advertisers** - A. Thomson. Boot and Shoes, Seaview Place.  
Alex Dallas, General Merchant, 68 West Church Street, Sand shoes, cycle tyres, tubes and outfits.

**Opening announcement** - John 'Jake' Taylor, Butcher, opened a shop at 19 Main Street.

John McRae, Confectioner and Tobacconist, opened a shop at 12 Low Street. He aimed to sell ices and refreshments and is also an agent for Austin of Elgin's, bread.

**Drybridge Picnic and Games** will take place on Saturday 10 July. G. Duncan and J. Grant, Secretaries. Admission Gents 2/-, Ladies, 1/6, Juveniles 9d. Admission after the tea 1/-

July 15 **Adverts and notices** - W. A. Baxter, Northern Jam Works, Fochabers. Lennox Bar, Lennox Place, Portgordon, is for sale. Singer Sewing machines will be on display at Peter Fair. Robertson, Bakers, 18 St Peter's Terrace sold.

July 22 **Millers Motors and Cycle Works** - In this edition of the Banffshire Advertiser the firm had a large advert with a number of sketches showing the cars they had for sale at their premises on Baron Street.

**Peter Fair** - The prices for good horses reached as high as £86, with an average of between £60 and £80.

There were four dancing boards, swings, merry-go-rounds, shooting galleries, Pinders's Circus, a concert party, fortune tellers, toy and sweetie stalls.

According to the report there appeared to be less people intoxicated than usual due perhaps to there being fewer liquor tents than formerly. There were hundred of people present, coming by both bike and also motor car.

Aug 5 **Mason on strike again** - They refused the 1/10 that was on offer as they had a claim in for 2/- per hour. The old rate was 1/9.

Aug 12 **Advert** - James Stewart, Chemist, Central Pharmacy, 46 West Church Street.

Aug 19 **Farm let** - The farm of Glasterim, Enzie, was let to Mr John S. Gordon, Garmouth, a brother of the late tenant who recently died. The present family of Gordon had been tenants of Glasterim, on the Richmond and Gordon estate for the past 100 years. They took over the farm from another family of Gordon or whom Bishop Gordon, responsible for the setting up of the Catholic Seminary at Scanlan in the 18<sup>th</sup> century, was a member.

**Cullen Masonic Temple** - The memorial stone of the new Masonic Temple in Cullen was laid by the Duke of Richmond and Gordon on Wednesday August 18, 1920.

Aug 26 **Price of a new truck** - A two-ton truck 'Traffic' was on sale at a cost of £595. A five-passenger touring car was on sale at £435, plus delivery charge.

**Advertiser** - Alan Armstrong, Portgordon had a large advert and sketch in this edition of the B. A.

for Coleman paraffin lamps, which sell at a cost of £3.15. (Our family had one for many years when we were growing up in the 1930's and 1940's before electricity became common.)

**Milk up in price** - The price of milk went up from 2/8 per gallon to 3/- .

**Flower Show** - There were 400 entries for the Buckie Flower Show, which was held this year in the auction rooms on Blairdaff Street. The committee were a little disappointed and had hoped for more support from the public. There were violin and other musical selections played during the afternoon with a singing competition at night.

### **Buckie hit by Dysentery epidemic**

**Mason strike settled** - The men went back for 1/11 with 2/- if working over 2 miles from the centre of towns, from Nairn to Cullen.

**Poor returns from fishing in 1920** - *Hired fishermen got £4 as their share of nine week's fishing and had to pay £2.10 in railway fares to get home. \*\*\*\*\**

Sept 2 **Opening announcement** - Co-op to open a branch shop at Bridgend, selling groceries, provisions and bakery goods.

**Football** - The Thistle team to play Aberdeen University in the first match of the season in the Aberdeen Charity Cup Final is - Sutherland, Milne and Chisholm; Pirie, McKenzie and Smith; Nicol, Cameron, J. Stewart, Newlands and McIntosh.

Referee - Lewis Bain, Cullen

Sept 9 **Move for Donald McGregor** - Donald McGregor, Watchmaker and Jeweller moved to 9 High Street on September 2 1920, into the shop previously occupied by the Globe Stores. The Globe Stores were now in East Church Street, across the street from James Mackay.

**Cinema in the Fishermen's Hall to close** - This was the last week with the couple who ran it moving to Elgin.

Sept 16 **Opening announcement** - James Stewart, 143 Main Street, is to commence in business repairing boots and shoes.

**Low Street baker's business changes hands yet again** - Robert C. Brown bought the business from Thomson and Smith. Brown came from Aberdeen and called the Low Street business, The Globe Bakery.

**Harbour workmen on strike** - The workmen meantime employed on developments at Cluny Harbour have gone on strike after their call for an advancement in their wages by 2d to 1/6 had been rejected.

Sept 23 **Opening announcement** - Smith and Duncan started up in business as Painters and Decorators at North High Street, opposite the Bowling Green. (Note that North High Street had always been known as the Stroup Brae.)

**Motor hirers** - Robert S. Taylor - Union Garage - Buckpool  
Bain, Hemmings and Co. High Street.  
Wm. Redford 55 High Street, late chauffeur at the Commercial Hotel.

**Successful athlete** - Porteus Hector had a successful day at a sports event held in Inverness on Saturday. Being first in the ½ mile, ¼ mile, 880 yards and placed in the high jump.

**Millers's Motors and Cycle Works** were given a license to hire from the railway station. The Miller business was located between the gasworks and Robert Grant, Tailors, on Baron Street. There was a photograph in this edition of the B. A.

**Football** - The Thistle team for Saturday to play Elgin is - Sutherland, Milne and Bob Fulton; Stewart, McKenzie and Smith; Nicol, Cameron, Cowie, Newlands and McIntosh.

**Two cars were in collision at the Toll Bar Junction. Was this the first?** One car was being driven by Mr Rattray, Hilton Farm, Drybridge, the other by a employee of Fraserburgh Motors. Neither driver was injured. The report said, "The views are obscured by the two houses, the former Inchgower Inn and the Toll Bar. (Although both buildings were removed in the 1960's accidents continued to occur. In early 2001 a new road alignment was being laid out in an attempt to make the junction safer.)

**Photograph** - This edition shows a photograph, which shows John Dawson, late of Gollachy Woollen Mill, and now manager of a similar mill in Ballater. The Queen and Princess Mary were paying a visit to the mill.

Sept 30 **Alterations to the Palace cinema** - While large scale alterations are taking place at the Palace cinema films are being shown in the Lyceum at the junction of East Church Street and Shank's Lane (It would appear that the Lyceum was then closed.)

Oct 7 **James Mackay buys again** - James Mackay, bought for the sum of £2,137.73, the whole stock of a Govan Company. The shop was advertising this along with a big sale.

**Advert** - J. Anderson, boot and Shoemaker, East Church Street (top of Logie Steps) Shoes etc. made to measure also repairs. Hand-made sea-boots a speciality.

Oct 14 **Horse -drawn ambulance for sale at Portsoy**

**Tatties for sale** - Three acres of potatoes are for sale at the farm of Glasterim, near Portgordon, The tatties of three different varieties - 'Up To Date', Dalhousie and British Queen are to be sold by the drill.

**Rathven and Enzie Ploughing Association held a dance at Sauchenbush.** There were 40 couples present. The music for dancing was provided by McQueen and A. Forbes. The MC's were R. Mackay and A. Barclay.

**Some skate!** - A skate fish measuring 8 feet long by 5 feet 4 inches broad was caught by a small boat only ¼ mile off Portessie by Alex Smith, Fisherman, Craigview . it was too large to take in his 15 feet long boat so he towed it to the beach.

Oct 21 **The price of a 4lb loaf rose by 3d from the previous price of 1/1.**

Oct 28 **Temperance meeting** - A meeting is to take place in the Fishermen's Hall to push the Temperance message.

Nov 4 **Bakery to reopen after fire** - The bakery on Baron Street belonging to Charles Forbes which suffered considerable damage after fire broke out hopes to be reopened on Monday November 8. During the closure a temporary shop was opened on Baron Lane.

**Opening announcement** - Peter Smith is to commence in business as a Carpenter/Joiner and House Furnisher at Aboyne Street, Gordonsburgh.

Nov 11 **Opening announcement** - Wm. Findlay, 3 Cathcart Street, is to commence in business as a Painter and Decorator .

**Dancing classes** - A number of people were intimating that they aimed to start dancing classes - Peter Cormack, Cert. RDA, Edinburgh is to hold his classes in the Good Templar's Hall. Wm. Coull will hold his in the Masonic Institute on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Mr McKimmie will also be in the Masonic Institute but on a Tuesday evening. There are to be classes for both Juveniles and adults. At Coull's classes the charge is to be 9/- for a session while adults are to be charged 10/- for ladies , with 12/6 for men.

**A dear neep! A Findochty boy was charged with stealing a neep from the farm of Mains of Findochty. He was severely reprimanded by those on the bench before being admonished with the proviso that he go and apologise to the farmer and pay for the neep that he had stolen. He was further warned that any further occurrence of the same nature would be much more severely dealt with.**

**Native of the Enzie - Provost of Fort William** - The Provost of Fort William, Mr Andrew Stewart, is a son of the late Andrew Stewart, Holl Farm, Enzie. He served his time as a grocer in Glasgow before moving to Fort William in 1899 to take over a licensed grocery business there. He is very active in many public spheres.

**Opening announcement** - John Geddes, is to commence in business as a Coal and Firewood Merchant. He has also a lorry for hire.

**New Doctor in Buckie** - Dr John Dawson, son of Mr Dawson, Building Contractor, set up in practice in the town.

**Addition to business** - James Merson, General Merchant, Portessie is giving notice that he has added a butchery department to his business.

**Fowlers, Bakery, wins medals** - At an exhibition held in Glasgow the Buckie baker firm, Fowler's, were awarded gold medals for sultana and Genoa cake, also a bronze medal for wedding cakes.

**Electric Lighting installed** - D. L. McLachlan, Motor and Electrical Engineers, Cluny Square, Buckie advise all householders, country houses and farmers that they are now in a position to do complete installations of electric lighting. Fully qualified electricians employed.

Nov 25 **Portessie people want a public park.** A request was forwarded to the Seafield Estates.

**Transfer of business** - Mr Joseph Cowie, 18 Gordon Street, bought over the business at 2 Gordon Street, formerly owned by Cruickshank for a great many years.

**The Horticultural Society AGM** - John S. Simpson was in the chair. The financial position was declared to be satisfactory with a creditable balance. The following officials were appointed - Hon President - Wm. Thomson, St Helena, Hon Vice President - Wm. Mclean, Mill of Rathven, President - J. Simpson, Vice President - Walter Imlah, Bank Agent, Portknockie, Secretary/Treasurer - James Johnston, Schoolhouse, Clochan, Committee - George Coutts, Art Teacher, George Raffan, New Cemetery Lodge, Buckpool, Wm. Smith, Solicitor, James Smith, Postman and Adam Stewart, Mason.

Dec 9 **New owner** - John Sandison, Draper, bought the house, Lyndhurst, Cathcart Street from Alex Reid.

**Auction Mart for Buckie proposed** - Plans were afoot to start an auction mart in or near Buckie but the re-opening of the Buckie to Keith railway line was seen as being an important requisite. It was considered that it would be difficult otherwise.

Dec 16 **New shop for Antonio Iannetta** - Antonio who already has a shop at 19 High Street and Marine Place is to open a new shop at 27 West Church Street on Saturday 18 December, 1920.

**Portgordon War Memorial** - It is proving to be a difficult task to raise the required sum to build the war memorial. Only £300 has been raised to date. An appeal was issued to Portgordon people, living abroad, to help.

Dec 23 **Opening announcement** - Miss N. Murray, Dressmaker, Yardie, is to commence in business.

**Christmas Day closing** - Both Alex Grant, Grocer, Low Street and James Paterson, Grocer, Main Street, Buckpool, agreed to close on Christmas Day.

**Notice** - A ploughing match, open to tradesmen, is to take place at Walkerdale Farm, Drybridge, on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> January, 1921. There are to be two classes - a) tradesmen, etc., two years at least away from the plough, and b) open to all ex ploughmen, market gardeners and tradesmen. Entry fee 5/-. Admission to field 6d.

**Antonio's new shop open** - *A commodious new ice-cream salon was opened on Saturday at 27 West Church Street. No expense has been spared to create the best appearance, with everything bright, fresh and sparkling. Behind the front shop there is a room sectioned off with tables, the tops being of imitation marble. It is intended, at a later date, to have a separate room solely for ladies.*

Dec 23 **Lorry and car for hire** apply E. Geddes, Gordon Street, Portgordon.

Dec 30 **Champion bullock** - George McKenzie, Butcher, bought the champion bullock at the mart in Aberdeen. It came from the Balmoral Estate and as his advert says was, "bred and fed by His Majesty".

**Advertisers** - Buy Kodak film for Christmas from Gibson, Chemist, West Church Street.

You can get Orkney Sun-dried Speldings from D. Gow, Fishmerchant, High Street.