

1922

Jan 5 **Bought over** - James Mackay, Draper, bought over the stock of Sinclair and Fraser, Drapers, Wick.

Draper's sales - Ingram, 38 East Church Street.
Little Wonder, 37 East Church Street.
Leith Esson, 16 High Street.
John Green, Virginia Buildings, High Street.
A. Esson, Cluny Square.
John Sandison, 22 East Church Street.
Alex Hay, 39 West Church Street.
Co-op Drapery Dept. East Church Street.
Robert Grant, Baron Street.

At Home - Enzie Tennis club held their annual 'At Home' in the school. Entertainers were - Miss Anne Geddes, Drybridge, John Duncan, Broadley and Willie Cowie, Buckie, the demon of step dancing.

Rathven Statistics :-

	Births	Deaths	Marriages
1920	370	158	61
1921	463	157	73

Jan 12 **Football** - 'Stir' Milne, the former Thistle player was at right back for Arsenal in the English F.A. F final on Saturday.

Call to Enzie - A call to the Enzie U.F. Church was made to Rev McLeod,, Laggan, as successor to Rev. A. Kerr.

Jan 19 **Advert** - A. W. Murdoch, Dentist, 3 Seaview Place.

Cantata - A Cantata Evening Service took place in the Buckie Parish Church . The Junior Choir under the conductor Mr Adam Robertson, gave a rendering of Cantata, Bidy. Mary Thomson, Bessie Slater, Chrissie Duncan, Rachel Stewart, Helen Black and Bessie Robertson sang solos. Story by Mrs Greenlaw. Organist - C. P. McHardy.

The price of milk came down from 8d to 7d per quart.

Jan 26 **A Nicht Wi' Burns** - in story and song in the Good Templars Hall - Independent Labour Party.

For boots see George Sutherland - Farmer's boots, ploughmen's boots, farmhand's boots, kitchen maid's boots, domestic servant's boots, maid's boots and shoes. All at different prices. Also for sale overshoes in great variety .

Robert Burns received a long treatise on page three of the B. A. by Mrs K. T. M. Henderson , Rosemount, Buckie

Buckie unemployment figures - Men 301, Women 379, boys 23 and Girls 38.

Big ship - The largest steamer ever to enter the Buckie Harbour came in on Monday of this week. The Norwegian, Aspen, of 3,000 tons capacity, was sheltering in the Moray Firth and came in for coal. She measured 300 feet long by 40 feet broad.

Feb 2 **An article on the 'Kirk Lands of Rathven' is found on page three of this edition.**

Fines - For cycling without a red rear light showing on his bike a man was fined 5/- with the option of five days in jail.

For loitering at the corner of Cluny Square near to Dr Duguid's home people were fined the same amount. "Loitering has to be stopped, and the fine will be more severe next time!", said the beak.

Poem - 'The Scot Abroad' written by Rob Roy, is found on page 7.

Advertisers - James Galloway, 'The Candy Shop', 40 East Church Street.

Shoe shops - H. McKenzie and Son, 17 West Church Street.

A. Duncan and Co. Ltd.- Scot Shoe Shop 25 A West Church St

D.E. Equitable, 10 West Church Street.

George Sutherland, 21 West Church Street.

Opening announcement - Frank Booth, Chimney Sweep, 27 Main Street.

Disclaimer - Wm. Booth and Son 29 Land Street, Chimney Sweeps, had a note to say they had no connection with his brother or any other chimney sweep.

A conference took place to consider the re-opening of the Buckie to Keith railway line.

Death of former Arradoul Headteacher - Miss Tolmie who taught at Arradoul School for 30 years died this week.

Feb 23 **Navigation School to open -** Captain Simpson's Navigation School opened on Monday 6 March from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. daily. The year's teaching will cost you nothing unless you get your certificate.

Mar 2 **Smoking Concert !!** 'B' Company 6th Battalion Gordon Highlanders, will take place on Tuesday 7 March. All young men over 17 are cordially invited.

Concert in the Fishermen's Hall - Durward Lely and Miss Phyllis West, both singers, will be appearing at a concert in the Fishermen's Hall on March 7. Admission charges - 2/6. 2/4 and 1/3, including tax.

Saga of the Cluny Hotel as opposed to an erected War Memorial This issue was still occupying a lot of the town council's time, with seven of its members now being for the hotel.

Football - Kynoch Park, the home of Keith F.C. was opened this week by Provost Kynoch, Isla Bank Mills, who gave the club the ground.

To emigrate - A. Bennett, Joiner and CabinetMaker also Funeral Undertaker, whose business was on Garden Lane advertised that he was closing down as he was to go abroad.

Cluny Hotel bought by the town council -- This became apparent since they were advertising premises suitable for a large shop in the

hotel with interested parties were being asked to apply to the Town Clerk.

A concert was advertised to raise funds for the unemployed.

Mar 16 **Run down by car** - A common occurrence in 2001 but not so in 1922. The unlucky person in this instance is Miss Maggie Scorgie, Wilson's Land, Buckpool who was struck while walking on St Peter's Road.

Co-op advertises a change - Buckie and District Co-op Society Ltd is to give up its drapery department to concentrate more on bakery and the boot and shoe trade.

The mason's wages were further suppressed, a sure sign of depressed times.

Mar 23 **A. Hendry and Sons Joiners, and Carpenters, Land Street.**

John Hendry, son of Alex Hendry, who began the firm when he came from Keith to Buckie, became head of the firm on the death of his father.

Scott Skinner, the celebrated violinist is to give a concert in the Fishermen's Hall in April.

Poem - 'Mistress Roy's Spring Cleaning', written by 'Rob Roy' is found on page three.

Ratepayers up in arms - The ratepayers in Buckie are up in arms after learning that Buckie Town Council had bought the Cluny Hotel. Another public meeting is to be called.

Mar 30 **Advertisers** - P. Geddes and Sons, Tailors and Clothiers, Bridge Place, Buckpool have

Made to measure gent's suits for sale at £5.18.

Robert Gillan, Grocer and Wine Merchant, 9 East Church Street.

Farm let - The farm of Walkerdale(s) has been let to the present manager, Mr John Wilson.

Apr 6 **Furniture sale** - A two-day sale of the furniture in the **Cluny Hotel** is advertised with the present owner selling off all the effects. Nicol Brothers are the auctioneers.

Poem - 'Summer Time' written by 'Rob Roy' is found on page 3

Football - The teams entered for the Junior Cup (as named) are - Buckie Wednesday, Buckie Ramblers, Thistle Juniors, Buckpool Rangers, Crescent FC. Findochty Ranters, Portknockie Seafield, Cullen Orion, Tynet Rosebuds, Fochabers 'A', Portsoy Star, Garmouth, Buckie Argyle, Gordons (Portgordon), Rovers, Buckie Hearts, Clochan Rovers, Buckie Hibs.

Football - Buckie Thistle team to meet Keith F.C. in the final of the Banffshire Cup is to be - Wood, Nicol and Garden; Pirie, Gray and Stewart; Kinghorn, Kay, Smith, Newlands and J. McIntosh. Reserve - Geddes.

Death of Buckie Church Minister- Rev Dr Miller, South U.F. Church died this week. He was a benefactor to Buckie and elsewhere in different ways. His portrait hangs in the local library.

Apr 13 **Gas cookers** - An exhibition of gas cookers is on show in the Gas Showroom on Baron Street. "Gas cooking, a real labour saving boon".

Farmer fined for careless driving- A Forbes, Farmer, Baremuir, was fined £5 at Banff by Sheriff More for reckless driving when he knocked down John Milne, Mason, and Margaret Scorgie, Wilson's Land.

Masons' wages - The hourly rate for masons was now as low as 1/4. This should have been 1/8 per the agreement.

Apr 20 **The Arradoul WRI hall is to be opened at Arradoul on Friday 28 April 1922. Mr Grant, Joiner, Drybridge, was the main contractor.**

Poem - 'The Cluny Hotel', written by 'Rob Roy' is found on page three.

Antonio's ice-cream cart is now calling at all places from Portknockie to Fochabers, Garmouth and Kingston.

Brown, the Gold Medalist baker, Low Street, Buckie now had vans selling bread out in every district on a daily basis.

The Findochty War Memorial was unveiled on Sunday 16th April 1922 by Colonel J. G. Fleming OBE T.D. Keith. He was assisted by Provost McKenzie.

A monumental plaque was unveiled in the West U.F. Church Buckie on Sunday 16 April to the men of the church who fell during the war, 1914-1918.

Apr 27 **The Thomson Cup - Entry fee 2/6** The Fishermen's Football Competition

May 4 **Ratepayers offer to fight** - The ratepayers vowed to fight the decision of the town council to purchase the Cluny Hotel. Three council members agreed to form a syndicate to buy the hotel from the owner Mr Young. The members of the syndicate are - Councillors Duguid, C.W. Thomson and McKenzie.

State of the Buckie Burn A report in the local paper said how the state of the Buckie Burn, north of the Victoria Bridge was giving cause for concern, being filled with heaps of debris of a varied assortment

May 11 **Poem** by 'Rob Roy' title 'Rob Roy and Jean At a Wedding' Found on page 7.

5/- fine for cycling on the pavement on Low Street. Those taken pleaded that the road was too bad to cycle on..

May 18 **Anchor Inn and all its subjects for sale** - Believed to be suitable for shops or a restaurant. A good house is attached. (It must have continued to be a pub and in 2001 was all tastefully done up by new owners. Readers may care to know that the Crown Bar further west on Low Street was closed for a one or two years to be reopened in 2000 as

an up-market (a then 'in' phrase) restaurant called Ragamuffin, and appeared to be doing well.)

Move for paint firm - R. Duncan Decorators and Glaziers, moved to larger premises at 35 Bridgend.

Advert - J. Imlach and Sons, CabinetMakers, Ianstown- furniture of all kinds produced.

Book on sale - The 6th Gordons in France and Flanders by Captain D. McKenzie, MC, MA Cullen.

Notice - The Palace Cinema is closing down on Saturday until further notice. In the final programme patrons can see a great fight take place for the Heavyweight Championship of Great Britain between George Cook, Australia and Joe Beckett, Britain, Every round shown to a finish.

Cartoon - This shows a gravestone in memory of the Cluny Hotel Scheme - "Gone But Not Forgotten"

May 25 **Fire at sawmill** - The Parkside Sawmill, Portgordon went on fire - only partially insured.

Cartoon - This shows a scene at a railway station with a number of crates marked war memorials. Names on the boxes show Fochabers, Portknockie, Findochty and Mosstodloch. One of two porters looking at the boxes said to his mate, " There's nane ata for Buckie Jock, its surely got lost. The other answered, "Aye that is queer Sandy, a thocht there wid hae been ane for Buckie as weel!"

Poem by 'Rob Roy' - "When Mither Wears Awa" - found on page 7

At this time they were experimenting with boats made with cement.

June 1 **Bus tours and operators** - George Webster, Garage 18 High Street - e.g Fochabers > Elgin > Lossiemouth, return, on Saturday 3 June. Ticket 5/-
On Wednesday , 7 June, a tour was arranged to Banff > Aberchirder> Rothiemay > Keith at 5/6.

Millers, Motor and Cycle Works Baron Street, were advertising their 26 seater saloon motor bus , which was available for tours. Millers had a tour arranged to Findhorn at a return fare of 7/- and also a round trip to Fochabers, Craigellachie, Dufftown and Keith at 5/-

Anchor Inn, Low Street, - No sale yet of the premises , said to be suitable for a restaurant or shops.

Advertisers - Coopers Fruit Store, High Street
Millers, Motor and Cycle Store, Baron Street had big advert for prams.

Spey built - *The first boat to be built on the River Spey at Garmouth for a long time was launched this week. This was the 'Fidelity' BCK 411, which measured 26'6" long and built for George Thomson, Portgordon. Mr Duncan who had been in business in Buckie but found things to be dull and tried his luck at Garmouth where he was fortunate enough to get an order.*

**The Town Council moved their Council Chambers into Cluny House (formerly Cluny Hotel) .
The Inland Revenue office, formerly in Elgin also took up residence there.**

June 8 **New Headteacher** - *Spencer Fowlie became the new Head of Lady Cathcart School. He was the oldest surviving son of Mr Fowlie, Macduff, and came to Buckie from Bragar, Isle of Lewis, where he had been for the previous two years. Before moving to Lewis he had taught at Elgin Academy. During the Great War he was formerly with the Gordon Highlanders, before being transferred to the Seaforths, where he was commissioned, ending the war in the rank of Captain. He was awarded the MC during the war.*

Palace Cinema to re-open - It had been closed for some time , apparently for lack of custom.

Poem by 'Rob Roy' titled - 'The Auld Durn Hill' is to be found on page 8

Scotland's Desert - The Culbin Sands - It was proposed to plant the area with coniferous trees. (This did take place , with very little evidence now of the great sand sea.)

June 15 **Aeroplanes create interest** - Seven aeroplanes flew over Buckie this week coming from the east and flying on towards Elgin. They created much interest.

***** **No football or hockey** - *It was agreed by the town council that neither football or hockey would be permitted to be played on the Queen Street Park , which was leased off the Cluny Estates.*

Football - Strathlene won the Junior Cup when they beat Gordons (Portgordon) by two goals to one in the final, played at Victoria Park.

D. L. Fowler (Bakers) plans for a tearoom - The firm had plans forward to open a tearoom on West Church Street.

Claim against the town council - Mr P. McLaren, proprietor of the Cluny Dairy on East Church Street, forwarded a claim to the town council that goods in his shop, to the value of £3.15 had been damaged due to flooding on Newlands Lane.

Gordon Castle - An article written about Gordon Castle, Fochabers, is to be found on page 8, columns 1 and 2 of June 15, 1922.

June 22 **Masonic Hall, Findochty** - Tenders were invited for its construction.

New tatties - The schoolmaster at Clochan , Mr J. Johnston, lifted his first stem of tatties this week. They were of the Duke of York variety. The policeman in Portknockie did the same.

June 29 **The Enzie and Drybridge Picnic and Games** were both advertised - The Games at Drybridge are to take place on Saturday 22 July while those in the Enzie will take place two weeks earlier on the 8th of the month. Secretaries - Drybridge - G. Duncan and Enzie - J. Johnston, Clochan. The Enzie Games will again be held in the field adjacent to the Enzie station, kindly lent by the farmer, Mr Alex McLean, Cuttlebrae. Medals will

be awarded for the winners of both the heavy and light events and also for the winner of the air-gun competition and quoiting. A bracelet will be awarded to the local lady who comes first in the dancing competition. A tug of war competition, featuring the married men against a team of single men will also be staged. There will be a dancing board with good music provided.

The Buckie water problem - For many years Buckie has suffered a problem due to shortage of water. A notice in this edition of the local paper gave the following warning - "Don't waste water, anyone found to have disregarded this notice will be prosecuted.

Motor ice-cream van - Louis - proprietor of the Kings Café now had a motor driven ice-cream van on the road.

Successful Buckie athlete - Porteous Hector was a successful competitor in the Light events at the **Keith Highland Games**.

Toll Bar Junction accident - A further accident took place at this road junction when a milk cart belonging to Mr Weir, farmer, Greenbank, Drybridge, was in collision with a car being driven by Rev Symington, Rathven. Though neither men were injured the cart and car were badly damaged while the horse was slightly hurt.

Cartoon - This shows a commercial traveller sitting disconsolately outside a building on which a notice said that the only hotel in Buckie was full up. (This was probably related to the closure of the Cluny as a hotel.)

July 6 **Walkerdale Dairy** - The new farmer at Walkerdale Farm, Drybridge, was advertising that he would be starting a dairy as from Monday 10 July.

Generous Enzie fowk- Collection for Scottish National Memorial in the Enzie raised £6.

Drybridge Picnic and Games - Prize money - 10/- 7/6 and 5/- Entry money 1/-

Six Heavy events and 4 Light events will take place.

Prize dancing - one class only - Highland Fling and Sword Dance.

Highland Reel - Same prizes as before with no third prize being awarded unless four or more compete.

Competitions for air-gun shooting and quoiting, with medals being awarded.

Admission - Ladies 1/6, Gents 2/-, Children 9d, including tax. Admission after tea has been served - 1/-

A good string band will play music for dancing on a dance board. G. Duncan Secretary.

July 20 **Opening announcement** - Scott's Laundry at the former woollen mill at Gollachy

Agreed to erect a sculptured War Memorial - The sum of £1500 was handed over towards the Buckie War Memorial Fund by the ex servicemen's committee. Contributions are now being received from other sources.

July 27 **26 seater bus for hire** - Joseph Campbell, Findochty.

Advertisers - Louis, The King Restaurant will have a chip van at Peter Fair

Globe Stores, East Church Street and Harbour Street ,R. Watson, Proprietor.

Buckie sharpshooter - Sergeant James Reid, Cluny Terrace, returned from Bisley with a number of prizes.

Aug 3 **Peter Fair -** Very few harvest hands were engaged at Peter Fair, for those that did find employment wages being offered were 40/- per week. Those able to build stacks being offered a little more. The demand for horses was slow but where they did change hands the top prices paid were between £30 and £40. There were more caterers than ever. The two dancing boards were very much in demand.

Football - In an effort to raise funds Buckie Thistle tried a new ploy . A gold watch was to be presented to the person whose guess came nearest to the time at which a watch would stop. (It is to be hoped that nothing untoward took place but the watch was won by George McKenzie, former player and now one of the directors of the club.)

Poem by 'Rob Roy' - 'Rob and Jean's Holiday' is found on page 7, columns 1 and 2.

Aug 10 **Restaurant to open -** D. L. Fowler (Bakers) is to open a restaurant at 6 West Church Street, which is to be available for weddings, dances and suppers.

Scott's Laundry, Gollachy - Fourteen girls, and a forewoman are employed at the new laundry.

Football - The Thistle team to pay the 'Varsity in the opening match of season 1922/23 is to be - Wood, Nicol and Garden; Pirie, Gray and Stewart; A. Johnston, Middleton, Smith, Newlands and McIntosh.

Lit by electricity - Thomson's Stores on Low Street is the latest shop in the town to be lit by electricity.

New lifeboat for Buckie - A crew from Buckie went to the Isle of Wight to take home the new boat. Alex Thomson is the coxswain and Charles Brown, engineer. The boat is powered by an engine that can generate 50hp but also carries three sails to be used in an emergency. The new boat can carry 50 persons. A full report is given on page 5 of August 10 1922.

Aug 17 **Meeting of War Memorial Committee** took place at which it was agreed that the site of the memorial should be on the centre of Cluny Square with a barrier being first set up on the agreed spot to see how traffic would be affected. Other sites in the town were considered, such as near to the Victoria Bridge and also Cliff Terrace.

Cullen shop taken over - James Mackay, Draper, 5 East Church Street, took over the clothing shop of Miss George in Cullen.

Aug 24 **A poem is found on page 7** This was written by 'Rob Roy' and is titled 'Rob and Jean at the Blaeberries' See columns 3 and 4.

Aug 31 **Opening announcement** - James Stewart, Chemist, Portgordon. He already had a similar shop at 46 West Church Street, Buckie.

Man found drowned in dam - A Buckie man was found drowned in the sawmill dam on the Buckie Burn. He was Mr Wm. Donald, sewing machine canvasser, who stayed with his sister, Mrs Farquhar, at the Sawmill House. He was a native of Cullen and had two sons killed during the last war. He was 68 and left a family of four.

Sept 7 **Business up for sale** - R. C. Brown, Baker, 8 Low Street had his baker business up for sale. Being sold were the dwelling house, bakehouse and stables.

Advertisers - Thomson's Boot Store - Seaview Place, Buckie.

Coopers Fruit Store is now on Farquhar's Lane, formerly 45 High Street.

Alex S. Paterson, Chemist, is now at 5 High Street.

Sept 14 **The Buckie Horticultural Show was a success**. It was held this year in the larger, Fishermen's Hall.

Sept 21 **Football** - Buckie Thistle had a team playing in the Morayshire Junior League called the **Thistle Juniors**. In their first game against Findhorn they drew one-one. At Fochabers the local team beat Elgin City 'A' by four clear goals.

A War Memorial Plaque is to be unveiled in St Peter's Church for those of the congregation who fell in the past conflict.

Oct 5 **With no lights on your bike**. The going rate was a fine of five shillings.

Poem - A short poem, written about A. I. Morrison's Band is found on page 3 and column 5 of this edition of the B. A.

Oct 12 **Poem written by 'Rob Roy'** is found on page 3 and columns 3 and 4. It is titled - 'Rob and Jean's Fright'.

Fishworkers leave - 160 fishworkers left Buckie on Friday 6th October bound for Yarmouth. A further 90 are to leave on Monday. Local boats were now engaged in fishing off East Anglia.

Photographs of St Peter's School pupils - In the B. A. of October 12 1922 a photograph shows a number of pupils who received gold watches for their good attendance record. The pupils are - Mary Wilson, 6 Cross Lane, Annabel Lowdon, 30 St Peter's Terrace, Katherine Pringle, 6 New Street and John J. Innes, 7 Sutherland Street. They all had nine years perfect attendance while Mary Wilson had 10.

Oct 19 **Notice** - Buckie Thistle Juniors versus Elgin City 'A' in the Morayshire Junior League at Victoria Park. Admission 6d and 3d with stand extra.

Advertisement - Edindoune Restaurant, 3 School Hill, Findochty.

Fowler's new restaurant at 6 West Church Street was formerly the bakehouse. All baking will now take place at Gordon Street. The

contractors for the new premises were - Joiner - A. Hendry and Sons, Plasterer - P. Glass, Fochabers, Builder- O. Dawson, Painter - James Duncan, Plumber - J & T Campbell, Gas fittings - Gas Company. (The restaurant was actually on Cluny Place)

Nov 9 **A Bazaar** is to take place to raise funds in aid of improvements to the Portessie Public Hall.

A poem written by 'Rob Roy' is found on page 3 columns 4 and 5. This is titled 'Rob and Jean at the Steam Mill'

Nov 16 **Change in ownership** - The butcher shop on Gordon Street, which belonged to George McKenzie has been taken over by an assistant, John Wilson.

Signed Trust Deed - Ben Calder, Shoemaker, who moved from 90 Portessie to 26 East Church Street.

Opening announcement - Wm. McHardy, Cycle Shop, Stuart Street, Portgordon.

Nov 30 **Wireless receiving sets** - Captain Simpson, Cluny Harbour and St Helena, was advertising wireless receiving sets for sale with free demonstrations being given **This was the first time that an advert for the sale of wireless had been seen .**

Royal sturgeon landed at Buckie. The fish was 4 feet in length.

Buckie Thistle player goes on trial - John McIntosh, 'Toshy' who normally plays at outside left in the Thistle team went on trial with Partick Thistle. He played against Aberdeen F.C. and though his team was beaten by three goals to one, the report said how he was one of the few stars on the Partick Thistle side.

Dec 7 **Midway Cottage** - Long occupied by the Thomson family is now occupied by people by the name of Maver.

Opening announcement - Kelman, the farmer of Puttingbrae, Drybridge, was advertising, that like the farmer at Walkerdale , he, too, was to start a dairy.

New company to take over the former Cluny Hotel - The building was to be known as Cluny House with the company to be known as Cluny House Ltd. with their office at 69 West Church Street. The company is to carry on the business as property owners with capital of £480 in £1 shares.

Dec 14 **Price of milk** - The price of milk, which was to rise to 2/4 per gallon, is to remain at 2/- after it was found that all retailers could not agree on the rise.

Dec 21` **Yer Aye Learning** - Castle Street in Fochabers was formerly known as Castle Row.

Shipyard advertises a new venture - Jones, Buckie Slip and Shipyard, normally in the business of building boats have announced that they could now fit solid rubber tyres to commercial vehicles.

Football - Thistle Juniors 0 Fochabers 2 Morayshire Junior League.
Jenkins and H. Esslemont were the scorers for Fochabers.

Wireless sets 3 valve for sale at £19.10 Royalty and Marconi -
£1.17.6

Royalty and BBC - £2.5

Cheaper than high class gramophones and more pleasing. All last week's
concerts and latest news from Paris, The Hague, London, Manchester,
Birmingham and Writtle, soon Glasgow and Aberdeen can be heard in
Buckie.

Dec 28 Marconi Wireless sets for sale - A, Reid, 4 Cathedral Street.

At Home - Enzie Tennis Club held their annual 'At Home' in the Clochan
School on Tuesday evening when 50 couples were present.

Baker's business bought over - Wm. Young, Baker, bought over the
business on Low Street formerly owned by Robert C. Brown.