

1923

Jan 4 **Dance** - The Rathven, Enzie and Bellie Ploughing association has a new venue for their annual dance. on January 12. In 1921, this had been held at Sauchenbush by kind permission of James Grant, farmer, last year it was held in the Arradoul Smiddy and this year it will take place in the new WRI hall at Arradoul. In addition to the dance a concert will take place. Admission to the concert is 1/3 and admittance to the - Gents 2/- with Ladies 1/-

Millers - The Motor and Cycle firm who have a shop on Baron Street opened a new garage at 55 West Church Street.

Advertisers - W. J. Smith, 19 Land Street, Ladies and Gents Tailor. Suits and costumes made up from one's own cloth.

Roderick Johnston, 4 Low Street, Painter and Decorator.

D. McLachlan Cluny Square, Ford Touring car for £152. A self-starter at £15 not included in the price.

Robert Gillan, Wine Merchant and Italian Warehouseman, 9 East Church Street.

A. Flett, 26 East Church Street, Lyceum Buildings bought over the whole stock of Ben Calder, Shoemaker and was holding a 'mammoth' sale.

Big sale at E. Duncan 60 East Church Street.

G. Watt, 12 Land Street, Potato Merchant.

Murray the shop for sweets - 26 East Church Street.

Cooper's Fruit Store is now at 27 High Street.

P. Geddes and Sons, Tailors, Bridge Place - Sale.

Chemists in Buckie - J. Stewart, 46 West Church Street, Robertson, 3 Bank Street, Gibson, 12 West Church Street and Anderson, 5 High Street.

"The Braes of Strathlene, "the name of a song written by Alex Johnston, editor of the B. A., with music composed by Frederick W. Whitehead, organist and choirmaster, Elgin Parish Church, was published in aid of funds of the Moray and Banff stall at the recent bazaar in Glasgow, with the object of providing a Highlander's Institute in the city. The price of the song is 2/-

" **A Nicht Wi' Burns"** to be given with James Archibald in both the WRI halls at Arradoul and Rathven on 17 and 18 January.

Photograph of the Thistle Juniors is found in the local paper of this date. Those in the photograph are named as such -- (Back row) J. G. Laing (trainer), J. Duncan, J. Thomson, A. Taylor, W. Hector, K. Brookman, R. Duncan, and J. J. Mitchell (secretary)
(front row) A. Murray, J. Coull, J. S. Barclay (Captain), J. Geddes and J. Gray.

Poem -'Jean and the Rent' written by 'Rob Roy.' This is found on page 3 columns 3 and 4.

Jan 19 **Town Clerk retires** -- John L. McNaughton, Senior, retired from the post of Town Clerk with his son by the same name taking over in his place.

'Whipper -In' retires - H. E. Stagg retired from the post of School Enforcement Officer after giving 24 years service. He and wife intend to emigrate to America.

Drapers holding sales - Ingram, 40 East Church Street; Alex Esson, Cluny Square; John Green, High Street; Leith Esson, 16 High Street; Edward Hillocks, 8 Cluny Terrace; Alex Hay, 39 West Church Street; James Mackay, 5 East Church Street; G. Sandison, 22 East Church Street; C. I. Shearer, 6 and 8 East Church Street; Robert Grant, 15 Baron Street; The Little Wonder, 37 East Church Street. John Munro, 30 West Church Street.

Feb 1 **Opening announcement** - Wm. Turnbull, Butcher, 42 East Church Street, opposite to the station entrance, on Tuesday 6 February.

Reduction in price of milk - Weir, Greenbank Dairy, Drybridge, reduced his milk to 1/8 per gallon.

Another two Public Houses set to close - Following the Anchor Inn in Buckie now the Harbour Bar, Buckpool and Seafield Inn in Portknockie are to close. (Growth of the Temperance Movement or simply the effect of the Depression?)

Opening announcement - Antonio Iannetta has plans to open a fish restaurant to the rear of his Soda Fountain at 27 West Church Street. The entrance to be off the Palace Lane. It is hoped to open on Saturday 3 February.

Poem by 'Rob Roy'. This is titled 'Rob Gangs Shopping' and is found on page 7, columns 3 and 4.

Feb 8 **New caretaker** - Andrew Thomson was appointed caretaker of the Masonic Institute to succeed H. E. Stagg who was immigrating to America. (He was there a long time, since I remember him when I was deuking the school, probably in 1944/4, and hanging out in the Reading Room. He used to chase all the school loons out but when I heard him coming I put a paper over my face and stuck my legs, with my lang breeks now on, as far out as I could and he passed my by.)

Feb 15 **Fines for cycling offences** - For having one light missing the fine was now 7/6 and for no lights the fine was double at 15/-

Poem by 'Rob Roy' - This one is titled 'Auchie's Jock'. It is found on page 7, column 3.

Feb 22 **Poem** - 'Jean Leaves Rob' written by 'Rob Roy' is found on page 7 and on columns 3 and 4.

Mar 8 **Calf with two heads** was born at the **farm of the Core**, Portgordon, otherwise it was perfect. It didn't live for long.

Poem written by 'Rob Roy' is found on page 7, columns 3 and 4. This one is called 'Jean Comes Back'.

Mar 15 **Unemployment figures for Buckie** - Men - 391; Women - 195; Boys - 15 and Girls - 7

Fish train - A special fish train of 12 trucks left Buckie for Glasgow and the Midlands.

Cricket Pitch - It was agreed to lay out a Cricket Pitch at the Cluny Park. (Note the name.) The Cricket Club is to put up £25 with the rest being paid off the rates.

Road to be widened - The road leading from Buckie to the Toll Bar Junction is to be made wider.

Football - The Thistle team for Saturday is - Wood, Nicol and Garden; Middleton, Gray and Ross; Smith, Kay, Kinghorn, Newlands and J. Stewart.

Poem by 'Rob Roy'. This is titled - 'Buckie's Attractions' and is found on page 7 column 3.

Football - The following Thistle team beat Nairn County to take Buckie to the top of the Highland League, level with Elgin City. Wood, Nicol and Garden; Middleton, McIntosh (VC) and McGrouther; Lobban, Cowie, Smith, Newlands and Kay.

May 29 **Advertisers** - A & W.J. Ross, Painters and Decorators, 19 Cluny Terrace. Wallpaper at 4 ½ per piece.

D. Campbell, Junior, Portgordon is to set up as a Motor Hirer.

Calder and Smith, Tailors and Clothiers, 5 New Street.

John Symon, Painter, Gordon Street.

Seedling, seed Alex Imlah, High Street, has Duke of York and Witch Hill tatties in stock.

their hardware Globe Supply Store, East Church Street, is to sell off all stock.

P. McLaren, Grocer, 72 East Church Street, sold his business to R. Watson, Globe Supply Stores.

Place, formerly advert in the paper. John Stewart, Butcher, bought the business at 1 St Peter's owned by George McKenzie. He had a large

New Licensee Wm. Hosie is the new licensee of the Harbour Bar, while Alex Urquhart has the license of the Marine Hotel.

New pub licenses sought in Portgordon - Alex Sudding is applying for a new bar license for 1-3 Hope Street with Thomas Hornby, Mill of Buckie, one at 3-5 Lennox Place. They were both turned down, at least initially.

Anchor Bar, Low Street - All the glasses and internal fittings have been sold off.

Apr 5 Change at the South U.F. Church - Individual cups are to be used in future for Communion Services.

AGM of the Buckie Quoiting Club. This is to take place next week.

Apr 19 **Football - Entries are being solicited for the Sunlight Cup - Junior football Competition.** Note that the name Sunlight is once again being used.

Report and photograph of the new Buckie lifeboat - The new boat is called the KBM, called after three people who left legacies to pay for her, Kirkhope, Bailey and McInroy. The KBM is 40' long by 11' broad. It has a Taylor 45 hp engine. The KBM is one of only 39 such lifeboats out of the present fleet of 235. It came to Buckie because it is one of the chief centres of the fishing industry, with around 250 boats and 900 men employed.

The report and photograph is given on page 5 and columns 3 and 4.

Apr 26 **Portgordon Public Houses** - The Harbour Bar on High Street, West, and the Station Bar, 1 Lennox Place are both owned by Peter Williamson. The Harbour Bar closed as a Public House in either 1921 or 1922.

Poem by 'Rob Roy' - His contribution to this edition is titled 'My Mither's Wag-At- the - Wa' . it is found on page 7 column 3.

Car for sale - Bain, Hemmings and Co. Ltd High Street, are meantime advertising a 10 hp Singer car at £250. Included in the price is an electric starter, side, tail and head lights, real leather upholstery, all weather hood, and fittings.

May 3 **Bought over** - James Mackay, Draper, 5 East Church Street, bought over the stock of two draper shops, one in Portobello and the other in Dumfermline. The total value of the goods being £849.19.6

Enzie Tennis Club opened their court on Wednesday 2 May. Mr J. C. Johnston, is President, A. Smith, vice president and J. M. Bonnyman, secretary/treasurer.

Wedding of the VC - George I. McIntosh VC, fish-salesman, late of 1.6th Gordon Highlanders was married to Miss Alexandrina Sutherland, daughter of Alex Sutherland, South Africa and Mrs Sutherland, 26 Main Street in the Station Hotel, Elgin. Rev John Greenlaw officiated.

May 10 **Boys fined 2/6** - For hanging on to the back of a lorry two boys were both fined 2/6. They were promised the birch rod if they were caught at the same practice again.

Malicious damage - A number of boys from the Seatown were fined 5/- for causing malicious damage to the new tennis courts on Baron Street.

Football - Fochabers 'A' drew one goal each with Clochan Rovers in a Sunlight Cup tie. Fochabers won the replay.

New Putting Green - A Putting Green was opened in the Queen's Park on Wednesday May 9 by Provost Shearer. Flags were flying while the town band, under conductor B. Lobban, played a selection of tunes.

May 17 **Opening announcement** - James F. Rae, Family Butcher, Bridge Place is to open on Thursday May 17.

An Open Putting competition is to take place on Monday first, the local holiday, at the new putting green in Queen's Park. Valuable prizes to be won for the best aggregate score over two rounds. Entry money 1/-

Sale of surplus stock and shop fittings - R. Watson who took over the Cluny Dairy at 72 East Church Street was advertising that he was selling off surplus stock and shop fittings.

May 24 **A photograph in this edition** shows the proposed War Memorial for Buckie. This has been designed by Birnie Rhind, RA, Edinburgh. The photograph was shown to the executive committee by Provost Shearer. The memorial is to cost £3000. The newspaper report gives a good description of the memorial, saying how the two figures represent a soldier, a Gordon Highlander, and a RN Reservist. The seal and arms of the burgh will also be shown on the memorial.

Café Chantant - An advertisement in the paper told of a forthcoming Café Chantant and Cake and Candy Sale that was to take place.. (I still don't know what a Café Chantant is, do you?)

Poem by 'Rob Roy' - His contribution in this edition is titled 'Rob and Jean Get Photographed'. This is found on page 8, column 5

Sunlight Cup, Junior Cup or Brown Cup - Although the annual Junior Football Competition was described as the Sunlight Cup on more than one occasion this year in the final report when Buckie Wednesday beat Thistle Juniors by three goals to nil to lift the trophy it was called the Brown Cup. Very very odd – tradition dies hard.

The Wednesday team was - Murray, Duncan (Captain), and Cowie; Murray, E. Stewart and Wilson; Lobban, M. Stewart. Galloway, J. Stewart and S. Grant. Thistle Juniors - Taylor, Barclay (Captain), and Thomson; J. Geddes, E. Geddes and R. Duncan; Knowles, Coull, G. Esslemont, A. Murray and J. Gray.

J. L. McNaughton in handing over the trophy to the winning team said, "Some call this the Sunlight Cup but it is really the Brown Cup donated by Mr Brown, representative of Player's Cigarettes."

(If this was still the same trophy, which was donated by Lever Brothers, Soap Manufacturers all those years before, there is no way that the name should have been changed? If however, the Sunlight Cup had come to the end of its life and wasn't replaced, this could have been explained better. The Brown Cup would be seen then as taking the place of the former Sunlight Cup.)

May 31 **The Palace Cinema** - had been closed again but a notice in the local paper spoke of it going to re- open but on Fridays and Saturdays only.

Juvenile Competition - Entries were being solicited for the Juvenile Football Competition.

Opening announcement - Arthur Chisholm, Hairdresser, 23 East Church Street (Opposite the Lyceum Buildings) (Jocky Burgess had the hairdressing business there some years later.)

Opening announcement - - E. D. Geddes, is to open a refreshment stall at the Muckle Sands, Portessie , for the summer season. Light refreshments will be available also teas and confections.)

Business taken over - George Wright took over the business at 2 St Peter's Place, Buckpool, previously carried on by John Ritchie, Grocer.

Notice - Louis, King Restaurant had plans forward for a new fish restaurant at 17 East Church Street. This would be open until 12 o'clock with entry off the lane next to Mr R.R. George Ironmonger. (Louis was still making chips at his premises on Baron Street up till this point.)

**** **An article title "A Vanished Spey Industry" is found on page 7 of the B. A. of this date, on columns 1 and 2. This is an interesting read.**

June 7 **Buckie and District Horticultural Society Garden Competition** - Prizes - £1.1, 15/- and 10/6.

Class 1 open to all in Buckie who have kept their own garden throughout the growing season.

Class 11- Confined to those whose gardens are in the new housing scheme.

VimyRidge Poultry Farm, Portgordon - J. Geddes - Chickens, day old and upwards, also young fowls for table use.

Body on beach - The part body of a woman, which was found, washed up on the beach at Portessie in now known to be that of an Inverness woman who was drowned in the River Ness on 21 November. (Interesting to note the direction of water movement - west to east along the Moray Firth.)

June 14 **The new steps constructed giving access to the L & N.E. railway station** from the overhead bridge to East Church Street were opened to the public on **Monday 11 June, 1923**. This access, it was said, would be greatly appreciated by those in the Cliff Terrace area especially.

Bicycle for Nurse Farquhar ? Nurse Farquhar, 'Nurse Flo' Maternity and Child Welfare Nurse appealed to the town council for a bicycle to assist her in her work. The **request was turned down** as it was felt that her work didn't call for a bicycle meantime. (Maun they were hard hearted mannies!)

Bridges across the Buckie Burn - The town council proposed to spend £100 to put footbridges across the Buckie Burn. at various points .

Rise for Putting Green custodian - The girl looking after the Putting Green on Queen Street is to get a rise in wages from 15/- to 17/6 per week. (This meant she could buy another juicy.)

Portknockie War Memorial is to be unveiled on **Sunday 1st July 1923** by Lt Colonel John B. Wood, DSO. He is to be introduced by Lieut. John Wood.

Advertiser - Wm. Robertson, Chemist, 3 Bank Street and 2 Main Street.

New Tennis Courts were opened on Baron Street on Monday 1st July

Song 'Braes of Strathlene ' which when first brought out was being sold for 2/- a copy has now been reduced to 1/-. Later it was reduced even further to 6d.

July 5 **Enzie Picnic and Games** - This will take place on Saturday 7 July. Secretary- J. Johnston, Clochan. Prizes - 6/-, 4/- and 3/-. A third prize will only be awarded where more than three competitors enter. Medals to be awarded for air gun shooting and quoiting and also for dancing by local entrants. Admission - 2/- and 1/6 with children 6d. Tea served at 5.30. Admission afterwards 1/-.

The weekly steamer - The Lady Tennant paid a call to Buckie this week as normal.

July 12 **Annual Hoeing Match** - This year the competition is to take place at Arradoul by kind permission of Messrs Grant and Young.

Poem by 'Rob Roy'. This contribution is titled 'Memories'. It is found on page 3.

July 19 **Poem by 'Rob Roy'** The title this week is 'In The New Hoose'. It is found on page 3.

Football - John McIntosh - 'Toshy' who was with Elgin City last season signed again for Buckie Thistle.

July 26 **Peter Fair** - The Banffshire Advertiser this week carried a number of advertisements from businesses and groups who were to be at Peter Fair and wished the public to know. Rathven and Arradoul Rurals, Antonio, Portessie Red Triangle, Louis, Cooper's Fruit Store, 'Get Your 'Farings' from Murray's Stall (26 East Church Street.)

Buckie sharpshooter - Sergeant James Reid was again a successful competitor at Bisley.

***** **Article - "The Gordons of Letterfourie" This is found on page 7 columns 1,2 and 3. *******

Aug 2 **Drybridge Picnic and Games** - Saturday 4 August. G. Duncan, Secretary. No vendors allowed!

Peter Fair - (1923) There were very few, if any, men engaged for the harvest, with the reaper and now the binder doing away with a lot of the labour, once required.

Some horses did change hands with the best going as high as £60, but the majority that were sold went for between £16 and £20.

Farmhands for Australia - There were opportunities for farmhands 'Down under' with jobs guaranteed. Fare there cost £22 with a £3 landing fee.

Article - "The Lands of Seafield." This is found on page 7 columns 1 and 2.

Aug 9 ***** **Gordon Castle Highland Games and Gala Day** - Saturday 18 August. **This was the first of these Games, which earned some fame as the years went by.**

Poem by 'Rob Roy' - "Rob and Jean at Peter Fair". Found on page 6.

Article - "History of the Gordon Lands" Found on page 7 columns 1 and 2.

Aug 16 **Like many others at the time he went broke - big sale of effects** - Donald Glass, Grocer, 1 Main Street.

Aug 23 **Concert in aid of St Ninian's Church Fund** to take place in the Spey Bay hall.

Palace Cinema to be open all week.

The Gordon Castle Highland Games took the place of the former Speyside Gathering inaugurated in 1875. It was then held in the cricket park and was frequently held up until 1894 when it was abandoned.

Poem by 'Rob Roy' The one in this edition is titled - 'Rob and Jean Hae A Dook'. Found on page 8, columns one and two.

Aug 30 **The Buckie Flower Show** is to take place on Wednesday 5 September, when there will be exhibits of fruit, flowers, vegetables, dairy and household produce.

Football - Buckie Wednesday had a successful season, winning both the Junior cup and the McKenzie Cup. This was said at their AGM, when Alex Duncan was again elected captain with Ed Esslemont as vice. D. Pozzi was elected secretary/treasurer. The following are members of the committee - J. Burnett, J. Wilson, J. Stewart. W. Stewart and W. Paterson.

Poem by 'Rob Roy' - This week his contribution is titled - 'Rob and Jean at Gordon Castle' It is found on page 5, column 5.

Football - Buckie Thistle 3 Elgin City 0 Aberdeenshire League. A score like this is dear to the hearts of all Thistle supporters.

Buckie team - Grant, Nicol and Garden; Middleton, Smith and Cowie; McIntosh, Newlands, H. Esslemont, Kay and Dickie.

For sale - The Temperance Hotel on Low Street.

A Royal Sturgeon was landed at Buckie from the Portknockie boat, Valkyrie. It measured five feet long.

Buckie Thistle FC. Ltd AGM - Despite the serious depression now all over, the treasurer could report a small surplus on the year's working.

Sept 6 **A poem by 'Rob Roy'** His contribution this week is simply titled the name of his wife, 'Jean'. Found on page 7

Sept 13 **Rathven and Portessie Red Triangle Club** are to hold an 'At Home' in the Red Triangle Hall, Portessie.

New road wanted - A number of requests have been made to make a new road linking Great Western Road with the Barhill Road, via Seafield Farm. Portgordon people going to the New Cemetery are among those most vociferous.

Poem by 'Rob Roy'. This is called "Jean Loses Her Cat" It is found on page 3, column 2

Sept 20 **Advert** - Roderick Johnston, Painter and Decorator, Newlands Lane Included the following phrase in his advert: 'We are now in a position to paint motors and coaches.'

Poem by 'Rob Roy' - "The First Fee That I Won". This is found on page 3, columns 3 and 4.

Dr Watsons Stout and Tonic Ale ideal for all thirsty harvest workers. A 6d packet makes 1½ gallons. The medical profession recommend it. (In the second two decades of the 20th century my Granny Burgess and family used to drink tonic ale with their porridge when Rosie, their cow, went dry and they had no milk. Tradition dies hard, my mother enjoyed diet coke with her porridge in 2001.)

Sept 27 **Change in ownership** - Charles McHardy took over the business of Donald McIntosh, Piano and Music Salon, on North High Street.

Oct 4 **Article "The Gordons of Cluny"** This is found on page 3 columns one and two. *****

A poem by 'Rob Roy' This is titled "Jean's Fitba' Mishap". Found on page 8, column 3.

Big fish - The Portgordon fishing boat, 'Be In Time' landed a 7 foot long skate.

Oct 11 **Buckie Oratorio and Operatic Society** are to stage a Grand Scots concert in the Fishermen's Hall on 17 October.

Advertisement - J. Geddes, Portgordon, Jobbing Joinery work and glass cut.

Death of popular Chimney Sweep - The death was announced of Wm. Booth, Land Street.

Scarlet Fever epidemic - Among the schools closed was that at Clochan.

Hooligans desecrate Portgordon Methodist Church - *A letter to the B. A. told how, on Wednesday 3rd October 1923 a band of youths, between the ages of 12 and 16 years, entered the building while a service was taking place, shouting, whistling and howling and throwing hymn books about and cheeked the minister when he went to talk to them. When leaving they left human filth on the doorstep and paved entrance.*

- Football** - Buckie Thistle Juniors beat Rothes 3-2 in a Morayshire League game. The Buckie team was - Bowie, Thomson and J. Duncan; Geddes, Brookman and R. Duncan. Knowles, Banks, J. Murray, A. Murray and Gray.
- Oct 18 **Wooden villa erected at Spey Bay.** This was put up by Mr Bruce Jones of Messrs Jones Larbert, Wood Merchants.
- Wireless installed in the Spey Bay Hotel** - Mr D. M. McLachlan, Motor and Electrical Engineers, Cluny Square, Buckie, installed a wireless in the Richmond Hotel Spey Bay with representatives being invited to hear programmes being transmitted from Aberdeen.
- Poem by 'Rob Roy'** The title of this contribution is 'The Wanderers Return' This is found on page 8, column 2.
- Oct 25 **Step-dancing tuition** given by Miss Hendry in the Good Templar's Hall.
- Junior Football** - Thistle Juniors 3 Findhorn 3 Moray Junior League.
- Nov 1 **Bought over** - James Mackay bought all the stock of a Falkirk Drapery Store for £1,998.
- Nov 8 **New boss at the Turning Mill** - James Duncan took over the business of Wm. Duncan and Sons, Turning Works and Sawmill Buckie. The firm is to continue under the same name. The works, which uses the water of the Buckie Burn to drive its machinery stands on its banks.
- Unveiling of 6th Gordon's memorial** - The memorial to the 6th Gordons is to be unveiled at Keith on Sunday 11 November 1923.
- James Mackay, Draper's big purchase** - He bought a huge consignment of government surplus army and navy stores, including blankets, and beds, which he is selling off at keen prices.
- A Harvest Home dance** took place at Braes of Enzie farm with **40 couples present**. Mr and Mrs Thomson were hosts while G. Wilson and W. Brander supplied the music. C. Gordon was MC.
- Fire at Crooksmill,** - The meal mill at Crooksmill, Keith, was saved from being completely gutted by fire on Saturday morning when a fire was spotted by a band returning from a dance at 3 am. The mill is owned by Mr John Grant. (In 2005 the mill, now disused was converted into a dwelling house or houses. It was owned then by a Mr Woolley.)
- Football** - Thistle Juniors 2 Findhorn 0 Morayshire Junior League.
- Nov 15 **Names on the Buckie War Memorial** - *The first three names of the 'Fallen' to be put on the plaques on the side of the memorial are those of the three Allan brothers,, James, Morrice and William, sons of Mr and Mr Allan, Carter, Cathedral Street, Buckpool. All of the brothers fell in action in the war 1914-1918. Two are listed under Gordon Highlanders with the other under Seaforths.)*
- Advertisement** - D. G. McGregor, FCO, Qualified Optician, 9 High Street.
- Poem by 'Rob Roy'** This week his poem is titled - "Oor Ain Toon Buckie" sung to the tune of 'A Man's A Man for A' That' Found on page 5 column 7.
- Football** - Bishopmill United 3 Thistle Juniors 2 Morayshire Junior League.
- Nov 22 **Advertisement** - Thomson's Boot Store, Seaview Place.

British Legion Bazaar and Fancy Fair. This is to take place in the Fishermen's Hall.

Sad end to Millers Skating Rink. The dismantled skating rink, that was erected by Alex Miller on West Church Street some years before when skating was all the rage, was sold to a south buyer for the modest price of £150. Miller tried to get someone interested in the building as it stood but there were no takers.

Poem by 'Rob Roy' "Jean and Her Bathroom". This is found on page 7 columns 3 and 4.

Nov 29 **Football** - The Morayshire Junior League table was given in this edition and shows the following teams that form the league and their placings -
 Buckie Juniors P7 9Pts.
 Rothes
 Fochabers
 Bishopmill
 Findhorn
 Elgin City 'A'

Dec 6 **The Red Triangle Club** Hall, Portessie to open on 18 December.

Opening announcement - Alex Geddes, Grocer and General Merchant, 78 East Church Street.

Elgin and District Motor Bus Coy. are to start a bus service from Portgordon to Cullen via Buckie, Portessie, Findochty and Portknockie. This will begin on December 15.

Advert - James Reid (Buckie Sharpshooter) 2 Cluny Terrace, Joiner, Carpenter and House Furnisher.

A funeral bell was restored to the Church of Rathven by Mrs Gordon of Cairnfield. It had been presented to the church in 1669 by George Gordon of Thorniebank but later came into her possession. The bell, made of bronze, weighs half a stone in weight and measures 92" from handle to lip. The handle would appear to have been replaced. Written on the bell are these words - Dedicat me G.G. Thorniebank, Rathven Parish 1669 I.T.C. the bell was received from Mrs Gordon by Rev Symington.

Dec 13 **Cluny Hotel** - Proprietor - Mrs Murray. Catering done for marriages, parties etc

Poem by 'Rob Roy' - "Rob and Jean At The Palace". This is found on page 8, columns 2 and 3.

Dec 20 **British Legion are to hold a concert** in the Palace on 26 December, 1923. Ramsay Macdonald MP will speak at the interval.

A Football Match will take place between Thistle Juniors and the Rovers at Victoria Park on Christmas Day. Admission charges 6d and 3d.

Baker's shop to reopen - Charles Forbes is to re-open his shop on Baron Street which was burnt down three years before.

Captain Nunn came from Wales to take over the business at Cluny Harbour of Captain Simpson, as a Compass Setter and Eyesight Specialist. Captain

Simpson moved to Dundee where he had got a new post. (The Nunn family lived in Alney Villa on Great Western Road and Mrs Nunn is remembered as a very stylish lady who was often seen riding her 'sit up and beg' bicycle.)

Poem by 'Rob Roy' In keeping with the time of year his contribution this week is titled 'A Christmas Greeting' This is found on page 6 column 2.

Dec 27 **Millers to start a bus service.** This is to run from Buckie to Cullen, beginning on December 29.

Buckie Miniature Rifle Club, which only recently came into being is to hold its first shoot on New Year's Day.

Chemist's shop changes hands - The shop on Cluny Square, ran first by John Webster and then his daughter, Mrs Allan, was sold this week to Rome Innes., Chemist, Portgordon. (When it closed as a chemist shop Louis took it over as a café. It later passed through other hands before it was closed and re-opened as a Betting Shop or Bookies.)

The song, 'Braes of Strathlene ' was being advertised for sale at 6d a copy. When it first came out the price was 2/-

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