

1924

Jan 3 **When Cullen took sides** - Poem on page 3 Column 2 "Their Dream" by Black Bottle, Cullen. On the theme of the 'drys' versus the 'wets' (Good)

Advert - Alex Hay, Draper, 39 West Church Street

The Enzie Tennis Club held their annual 'At Home' in the school when 40 couples were present

The 'Heilan Line - A letter was received from L.M.S. District General Manager for Scotland on the question of the re-opening of the 'Heilan Line'

Dated 31 December 1923 it said that the Buckie to Keith line would be re-opened since Buckie and District 'Chamber of Commerce' together with the Fishcuring Association gave an undertaking to send one half of all rail-borne traffic via Keith.

"Carols of the Wayfarer" - poems by a Buckie native. Miss Margaret Simpson, daughter of John Simpson, late bank agent, had a book of verse published. The poems were largely devotional and Catholic in nature.

The Thistle Juniors were still top of the Morayshire Junior League after having played 8 games and with 11 points.

Poem by Rob Roy "Jean's Hogmanay Supper" found on page 8 columns 2 and 6

"Try Gray's of Fochabers for furniture.

Jan 10 **Advert** - E. Duncan, East Church Street, Children's Outfitter

Houses on Land Street - 2, 2a and 4 for sale.

The Station Bar, 1 Lennox Place, Portgordon was up for sale

The statistics for the Enzie from end of June until 31 December was - 33 births, 11 deaths and 4 marriages.

Accident on ice claims a life - Mr Duncan who ran a turner's business in conjunction with his sawmill on the Buckie Burn died this week after sliding on ice and sustaining severe injuries.

Jan 31 **The Thistle Juniors** were to meet Elgin City 'A' in the semi-final of the Nicholson Cup on February 2 at Victoria Park

Taylor's Brass and String Band, 34 Marine Place available for all functions.

A janitor was required for Fordyce Academy at an annual salary of £70 per annum

Notice - Partners, Alex S. Paterson and Edward Fraser would inform the public that a night bell has been installed at Cluny House, opposite the shop, for the convenience of customers. Mr Fraser will be in attendance for the supply of urgent medicines.

Advert - Buckie & District Co-op Society had shops at 36 East Church Street, Land Street, Buckpool and Portessie, selling 9 different kinds of jam at prices from 1/8 to 2/2 for 2lb jars, also 9 kinds of jellies at prices ranging from 1/5 to 2/3 for 2 lb jars Marmalade - Scotch - 1/8 for 2lb jar- 1/10 for home made

Advert - Alex Flett, Boots and Shoes, 26 East Church Street. Lyceum Building . (Flett took over from Ben Calder and was later him taken over)

Sic a crime - A merchant in Buckie was fined in the Police Court the sum of 5/- for a breach of the shops act when he was found guilty of **selling a pennyworth of peas after hours.**

Tell me fit I kin dee wi ma ashes? A Buckpool woman was fined 5/- for emptying a pail of ashes on a public lane. In 1998 with the introduction of the 'Wheelie Bins' in which no hot ashes could be deposited people still with coal fires were tempted again to do the same.

Far's yer lights? (They eest tae say, 'A side ma liver') There were three cases of vehicles driving during the hours of darkness without lights with each being fined 7/6.

Burns Supper - The Shore of Buckie Burns Club held their annual anniversary supper in the Richmond Gordon Hotel Spey Bay. The Prime Minister, Ramsay MacDonald was present. **The report on the affair is worth reading and found on page 5.**

Advert - Gibson, Chemist, 12 West Church Street.

Feb 7 **The state of play in the fishing industry** - It was reported that for some time now the fishing industry had been in a depressed state, but there was reason for believing that things had started to look a little brighter with enquiries being made for some of the drifters which were advertised for sale. Some of those that had changed hands being - Burnhaven PD to G. Flett, Yankie, Findochty who was also the owner of the Lizzie Ann and Lizzie Flett. The Red Sky was sold to Brothers Bruce, Buchanhaven and Golden Sheaf to Stephen, Fraserburgh.

Junior Football - Elgin City 'A' beat the Thistle Juniors in the semi-final of the Nicholson Cup by the single goal of the match at Victoria Park. The reporter of the day spoke of a gale force wind spoiling the game while he thought Elgin City were lucky. Haven't they always been so?

Buckie shoe shops - The following were the shoe shops in Buckie in 1924 - Sutherlands, 21 West Church Street, McKenzie's, 17 West Church Street, Dundee Equitable, 10 West Church Street; The Scot Shoe Shop, also on West Church Street; Flett, 26 East Church Street; Baltic Shoe Shop, 14 High Street; McDonald, Seaview Place; Calder's, Cluny Terrace; J. Anderson, East Church Street

Notice - George Slater, Chemist, Ianstown, has installed a night bell.

Advert - George Scott's Laundry, Gollachy, makes weekly collections and deliveries.

14 Feb. **How much are yi seekin for yer grun?** The burgh surveyor met with the factor of the Cluny Estates with regard to the area of land between West Street and the Buckie Burn, now the Victoria Bowling Green but then simply a rubbish dump. The cottages on West Street were also discussed. It was proposed that the £20 be given for the feu of the land and £800 for the cottages. The councillors were not all in agreement with this but must have round to it ultimately.

Advert - Thomson's Stores on Low Street had wireless sets and accessories for sale. Accumulators charged at any time "Try listening to a set"

21 Feb **Fit yi dee fin the drink's in** - At the Buckie Police Court a carter was fined 10/- for being drunk in charge of a horse and with no lights on his cart. Others were fined 5/- for committing a nuisance and 15/- for breach of the peace.

On stage - Local artistes put on a performance of 'Mains Woon' in the Palace cinema, which was enjoyed by packed audiences. 'Geordie' Coutts played the main part.

Buckie is to get a new school - Banff County Council passed Plans for a new secondary school in Buckie.

28 Feb. **Poem by S.J. of Cullen** on page 2 column 2 "A Plea For Man"

Death of former grocer - John Dawson who formerly had the grocers business at 7 East Church Street known as the London Stores and subsequently moved to Seaview Place died this week at the age of 72.

Buckie minister to move -Rev. F.G. Barrett Ayres, All Saints Episcopal Church is to leave for Aberdeen to become Canon Residentiary of St Andrew's Cathedral, Aberdeen.

An expensive conflagration - A fire at the rear of John Bage, Fishcurer, Low Street caused £1,600 damage.

Mar 6 **Buckie Lodge No 386 IOGT** celebrated their 53 anniversary.

Mar 13 **The Elgin & District Bus Coy** was still operating from Portgordon to Cullen and had their timetable in the paper.

Improvements made to road - The Town Council burgh surveyor reported that the road behind the properties on Low Street had been levelled, blinded and rolled.

A Slochie carter - Allan Bruce, Carter, Portessie was mentioned

Buckie draper buys stock -James Mackay bought for £1,513 the stock of two draper shops, one in Dunfermline the other in Glasgow.

Mar 20 **A Fund-raising event** - Buckie Thistle is to hold a bazaar in the Fishermen's Hall in aid of funds on 10 and 11 December.

A displenish sale is to take place at Farnachty Croft where Mrs McKenzie is selling off 2 dairy cows, 1 young calf, poultry, and a set of cart harness and 10 quarters of oat straw.

Advert - Charles Nicol, Painter and Decorator, 38 High Street.
Other painters in the town at this time were - Rod. Johnston, Low Street, Adam Robertson, Baron Street, J. Duncan, West Church St, R. Duncan and Sons, Bridge End and John Symon, Gordon Street.

Advert - Millers Motor Garage, 55 West Church Street- Motors, Cycles and Bicycles.

Poem by Rob Roy on page 2 columns 3 and 4- "Jean and the Love Letter". Also on page 2 column 2 a poem by S.J. titled "Reflection"

Native of Ianstown loses life in New Zealand - George Smith, youngest son of George Smith, Grant Street, Ianstown was drowned in Auckland, New Zealand. Aged 30 he was formerly a crewmember on the local drifter, Hedra and only left for N.Z. in December.

Mar 27 **Another Portgordon pub for sale** - The Richmond Arms, Portgordon was up for sale at £1,000

Advert - George Wright, Gen. Merchant, 2 St Peter's Place, Buckpool

Teacher and footballer dies - F.J.S. Paterson, a former headmaster and Thistle football player died this week

Advert - Murray's Confectionery, 26 East Church Street.

Junior football - Buckie Juniors still top of the Morayshire Junior League with 12 points from 9 games played. Fochabers were second with 10 points from 8 games

Deaths from 'flu locally had reached 84 up by 31 from previous week and 38 from the mean of the previous 3 weeks.

A note in 1924 only 3% of women in Persia (Iran) could read or write.

Apr 3

I'll go outwith the burgh - Mrs Mary Pullan or Simpson, widow, Royal Oak, Cullen, was applying for a licence for Farskane House as an Inn and Hotel, the property of Seafield Trustees. (Cullen had at this time voted 'dry')

A poem by Rob Roy is found on page 2 columns three and four - "Jean And Her Wireless"

Advert - The Little Wonder 37 East Church Street, Ladies and Gents Outfitter, owned by T.M. Jack, had a big advert showing a sketch of the shop. Men's suits made to measure sold from 50/- and upwards.

The winners were - At a dancing competition held in Portgordon to music by Sudding and Morrison's bands, first second and third in the Highland Fling were - Nellie Morrison, Jessie Milne and Ella Reid. In the Sword Dance first, second and third were - N. Morrison, Retta Innes and Ella Reid.

He's now a medical doctor - Alex S. Paterson, Chemist, passed the second professional examination for MBChB and gained a gold medal in anatomy

Coarse loons in the 'Paraffin City' Motorists passing through Portgordon have been attacked by youths throwing stones. The police have been notified and are on the look out.

Junior Football - Buckie Thistle Juniors failed to win the Morayshire Junior League being beaten by 1 goal to nil by Bishopmill in the deciding game. The Thistle Junior team was - Hector, Barclay and J. Duncan; Geddes, Brookman and R. Duncan; Knowles, Banks, Coull, J. Murray and Gray.

Where are the bridge promises? It had been promised that following the opening of the Putting Green on Queen Street that bridges would be erected across the Buckie Burn. This had not been done up to date.

The Jags lead the field in two leagues - Buckie Thistle were top of both the Highland League and Aberdeenshire League at this date.

Apr 10

The drifter Enzie, BCK 31 changes hands . John Geddes 'Bosun', Main Street, bought it from Cullen owners. Freedom BF 619 by John Barrie, Robert Street.

Train kills Buckie woman - a train near to Logie Steps killed a woman of 29. She was Isabella Anderson, Blairdaff Street, and a cashier at the Palace Cinema.

Are you up for the Cups? Teams are invited to put their names forward for the Junior Football competitions - Brown Cup, Thomson Cup (open to fishermen from Cullen to Portgordon) Entry fee 2/6 per team

The Good Templars' Hall (now the Gospel Hall on West Church Street) was used for a variety of functions and events. A roup was advertised to take place there the following week.

The woods at Fochabers on film - page 2 of this edition carries a report of a film, which was made at Gordon Castle for an exhibition at Wembley, London, under the auspices of the Forestry Commission. The film is titled, "The Life History of The Tree".

Several stages of forestry were filmed last week in the Gordon Castle wood under the guidance of Mr John Clark, forester. At Ordiequish a lively scene was the collecting of cones by bands of children and from standing trees by nimble youths. Within the castle policies to the west of the castle a fine young plantation of larch was added to the picture and on the old Deer Park big stately matured pines, planted well over 100 years by Alex 4th Duke were filmed after which the picture of a forest fire was got on the south easterly side of the Ortega Woods off the Fochabers to Buckie road.

The story is told of a plank of wood of Scotch fir which had been preserved at Gordon Castle since the day 118 years before when it was handed over to Alex, Duke of Gordon by Mr Osborne, the purchaser of the Duke's forest at Glenmore. The board, now darkened with age, 68 inches broad at the lower end and no Scots fir cut in the country since then has equalled in size the giant tree, the base or stump still to be seen at Glenmore.

On the plank is a brass plate which reads – In the year 1783 William Osborne Esq. Merchant of Hull purchased off the Duke of Gordon the forest of Glenmore the whole of which he cut down in the space of 22 years and built at the mouth of the Spey where never vessels had been built before 47 sailing ships upwards of 19,000 tons of burden. The largest of them 1,050 tons and others but little inferior in size and now in the service of His Majesty's and Honble East Indian Company. This undertaking was compiled at the expense of about £70,000. To his grace, the Duke of Gordon this plank is offered as a specimen of the growth of one of the trees in the above forest by his Grace's most obedient servant, William Osborne, Hull, and September 26, 1806.

The wood from Glenmore was cut into logs and floated down the River Spey 50 miles to Garmouth. Besides the sawmills in the forest 2 sawmills were built at Garmouth says an old writer. One moved by wind contained 36 to 40 saws the other by water worked 30 to 36 saws. Much of the wood was sent to Hull, Deptford and Woolwich.

The first Findochty lady doctor, Miss Nelly Flett MA MB ChB, graduated from Aberdeen University.

Apr 17 **A poem by Rob Roy** is found on page 7, columns 2/3. It is titled "Jean's April Erran"

Poem on page 6 – "The Maiden's First Grey Hair".

Apr 24 **Of interest to an Enzie loon** - Among the teams entered for the Junior Cup were the Tynet Rosebuds and Enzie Ramblers.

Nae enough trade - The Dundee Equitable shop in Cullen at 12 Seafield Street to close.

They are blaggards – A poem is found on page 8 column 2 "Ma Ain Wee Hoose" from the Fraserburgh Herald It is quite anti-Socialist in tone as so many articles and cartoons found in the B.A. at this time were.

Notice – Bain, Hemming and Co. Ltd who had a garage on High Street were advertising a clearance sale. The firm was started after the war by Hemming and others but he, a New Zealander, had decided he was to return home.

It's nae only the pub bit the hoose stuff tae. -The Richmond Arms Hotel, Portgordon were to have a sale of bar fittings etc also house furnishings.

Advert – George McKay, Motor and Electrical Engineer. Portgordon.

Poem on page 2 column 3 by Rob Roy – "Jean and The Drink"

Cullen fowk wi a drooth winna hae ower far tae traivel - Mrs Pullan of Simpson got the licence for Farskane House (Cullen Bay)

Advert -R.Tindall and Sons, Ironmongers, 1 High Street. The firm had a presence at the harbour too.

The Gordon's of Buckie – the start of a series of articles on the history of the family is found in this edition

The Ianstown man was an instructor - George Smith 'Jean' who lost his life in New Zealand had been instructing some fishermen in the method of seine netting and the dangers of getting caught in the rope when being uncoiled, unconsciously put his foot backwards and was whirled overboard. Not being acquainted with the ropes etc George Smith was 10 minutes under water before he was hoisted on board.

The World champion Quoittist was to pay a visit to Buckie. He was Wm. Watters of Lochgelly who through out a challenge of from £25 -£1,000 to play any man at 16,18 and 21 yards.

May 8 **Trust Estate** - Mitchell's Grocers, Bridge End was for sale

Is the buses that damage the road or vice versa ? Banff County Council were proposing to abolish or restrict motor bus services because of the damage they were supposed to be doing to the roads. The editorial of the B. A. thought that this would be a great pity and that it was improvements to the roads that was required..

Death of the first Barclay, Slater - The death took place this week of John Barclay J.P. Master Slater and Plumber. He came to Buckie from Keith and built up a business so much that most houses slated in Buckie had been done by his firm. He died in Garmouth.

May 15 **A poem by Rob Roy** is found on page 2 columns three and four, titled "Oor Awfy Fleg"

Am roupin oot o cattle - The Rannes herd of Aberdeen Angus cattle belonging to Lewis Milne were to be sold.

Junior Football - The Thistle Juniors lost 6-0 to Fochabers in the final of the Morayshire Junior Cup. The paper said, rather needlessly, that it was 'one-sided'

Buckie High School won the Herd Cup at Seafield Park, Keith by beating Fochabers 6-1 in the final. The Buckie High team was – G. Dawson, G. McCallum and G.Smith; N.Malcolm, J.Farquhar and G.Flett; F.Johnston, J.Wilson, K.Greenlaw, A.Gillan and G.McKenzie.
Karl Greenlaw had four goals.

Big fish for a wee boat -A small boat fishing for codling 4 miles off Buckie hooked a five-foot long halibut on a ripper. In a 10-fathom depth of water the fish took the line to the bottom five times before it tired out and was pulled aboard. The fish was sold for 46/-

If you wint tae hae chickens I've got the eggs - The man in Vimy Ridge, Portgordon was advertising eggs for hatching.

May 22 **Advert** – Bostock and Wombell – Great United Show appearing in Buckie on 28 May (Term day) in the Commercial Park. Rare and valuable animals – host of animals and birds. Admission 1/3 for adults – children 9d the prices include tax.

Advert – James A.Forbes, Grocer and Provision Merchant, 13 Baron Street.

Tenders invited -Contractors were invited to tender for the work in constructing the new Secondary School in Buckie

- May 15 **The Gordon's of Buckie** On page 5 columns three and four is the start of a number of long articles on "The Gordon's of Buckie" A forceful but forgotten family written by J.M Bulloch.
- May 22 **John Gordon of Buckie Balbithan M.S Ex 2**
- Advert** - C.Gray and Son Ironmonger and Seedsmen, Fochabers.
- May 29 **Opening announcement** – Tom Paterson, Grocer and Provision Merchant in shop on High Street formerly occupied by Coopers Fruit stores.
- Opening announcement** - Wm Smith, Butcher, Station Road, Portessie.
- Another bus company on the road** - Millers Motor Bus Service had their Timetable in the paper. They were operating from Portgordon to Cullen via Buckie.
- Thistle players now abroad** - Mention was made of a former Thistle and also a Thistle Junior player in Canada , both were said to be doing very well. A. Geddes 'Kilty' and A.Taylor who formerly played in goals for the Juniors.
- The same sculptor did all three** - Birnie Rhind who designed the Buckie War memorial also designed the Davidson drinking fountain and Shanks memorial, which it was proposed, should be erected below the War Memorial on North High Street.
- I have given up the baton** - Wm. Lobban resigned from the position of conductor with the Town Band.
- The street are in a sotter** - A letter had been received from someone who as complaining about the state of the streets in Buckie, making special mention of Queen Street which he said required the grass to be removed, levelled and made up.
- A new and strange disease** – A note spoke of people in Britain dying of something, which came to be known as 'Sleepy Sickness' This had been common in Glasgow from January through to May.
- June 5 **Junior Football** - Thistle Juniors won the Brown Cup (Buckie Local Junior Competition) when they beat Buckie Wednesday by three goals to one.
- Article "The Gordon's of Buckie"** number four is found in this edition
- A poem by Rob Roy** is found on page 7 column 5., titled "Rob and Jean's Golden Wedding"
- June 12 **Butcher shifts shop** - George McKenzie, Butcher who formerly had shops at Gordon Street and St Peter's Place, Buckpool , moved from Low Street up to 3 High Street. (In 1998 this was the Bread Bin, a baker's retail shop, some may remember when it was the Arradoul Dairy)
- James Robertson, Granite works, Aberdeen,** took over the monumental yard at East Church Street as a branch.
- In the passing** - The present calendar came in to being in 1752 – thought you might care to know.
- Hold yer horses!**- Alex Reid, Hawker, Wilson's Land, allowed a horse to wander on Great Western Road. He pleaded not guilty and was admonished
- 'The Riviera of the North'** There was much in the B. A. at this time about advertising Buckie as a Holiday resort.

"The Gordon's of Buckie" article five is found on page 7 columns 3,4,5,

An item of note - The Prime Minister, Ramsay McDonald was playing golf at Spey Bay last week.

June 19 **I hiv to move so am getting rid of odd stuff** - Robert R. George, Ironmonger, 15 East Church Street was advertising his big sale prior to having to move. Hepworth, Gent's Outfitters later moved into this shop.

"The Gordon's of Buckie" article number 6 is found on page 2 columns 3 and 4..

George McKenzie, Butcher, 3 High Street advertised that he now had a new van on the road, which would be serving Ianstown, Peter Hythe, Portessie, Rathven, Rathven and district after 28 June.

Not quite right - A letter was received which made a correction to Dr Bulloch's story of the "Gordon of Buckie". On page 2 column 2

Buckie doctor gains an appointment - Dr Shearer, son of Provost Shearer gained an appointment with the Union Mental Service in South Africa. He saw service with the army during the Great War.

'Advertiser' get a tasting of new tatties - The first 'bilin' of new tatties came from Mains of Findochty. They were the Duke of York variety

'The Gordon's of Buckie' - No 7 article in the series "The Gordon's of Buckie" is found on page 7 column 4,5,6.

Golden anniversary - James Mackay was celebrating 50 years as a draper in Buckie

July 3 **Shift for ironmonger** - R R George, Ironmonger has moved into temporary accommodation on Blairdaff Street where he is continuing with his sale. He is now next to Gordon's Auction rooms.

Elgin and District Motor Bus Company Ltd had now extended their service. Lossie via Elgin to Cullen on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays.

The Scottish Cooperative Society Ltd took control of Buckie and District Co-op Society Ltd and are to carry on the shops at East Church Street and Land Street. W.T. Forsyth, Manager.

Fa's larrie is this? Willie Wright lorry contractor was fined 7/6 for not having his name on his lorry. He stays at 37 Mill Crescent.

"The Gordon's of Buckie" instalment is found on page 5, columns 5 and 6

Teachers and athletes - A photograph on page 7 shows Buckie Higher Grade School Athletes and teachers, C. W. Thomson, J.T. Stephen, M.A., George Coutts, Jas. S. Milton, M.A.

July 16 **A new mannie in the shop** - Wm. Lobban 9 Cluny Terrace took over the Grocer's business of the late George Geddes. He had a number of things in his sale - soaps, cleaning materials as he was stocktaking

A painter was huddin a sale - Adam Robertson, Baron Street, Painter and Decorator was advertising that he had 7lb tins of paint at 9 and half penny per lb suitable for carts etc, signal red and dark blue.

The house 129 Main Street, Buckpool was up for sale by John Coull. This property was bought by Mr and Mrs Kevin Fraser in 1987 to be sold again around three years later.

Diana shoes - Sutherlands, Shoe shop on West Church Street were selling Diana shoes for ladies. This name was forever in the news in the late 1990s especially after Princess Diana, married to the future king of Britain, Prince Charles, lost her life in a road accident in Paris.

Nicol Bros ,Cabinetmakers - who had started first in business in 1884 as cabinetmakers later moving into valuations and auctions were still in business on High Street. (In November 1998 a grandson, Robbie Nicol, had an advert in the B.A. operating from Admiralty Street as an upholsterer)

Advert. Alex Dallas General Merchant , 68 West Church Street

You can afford this car - D.McClachlan, Garage at 3 Cluny Square next to L.T .McGarth was advertising the Ford Universal car at £110 at Manchester. 'The lowest price in history'

The chassis had been lowered, it was painted in an Empire grey colour, the upholstery was made to harmonise with the colour. It had nickel fittings, a higher radiator, plated improved covered running boards. With self-starter and demountable rims cost £130. A four-door sedan cost, £250 with refinements. Two door - £195; Delivery truck - 3110; Ton truck - £140; Ton van - £145.

First shipment of herring for the Baltic , 900 barrels left Buckie on board the S S Vertraum. She was to load up further at Scrabster.

New doctors – two from Buckie - The graduate doctors at Aberdeen University numbered 53 with 9 being women. There were two new doctors from Buckie – Alex Reid, St Peter's Road and Alex Reid, 83 Seatown,

The 'Gordon's of Buckie' -This article continues on page 7 columns one and 2

A champion runner - A Buckie lad Ted Lawson , son of Crawford Lawson was reported to be doing well in running events in the United States.

Jul 17 **Buckpool grocer dies** - Donald Grant, merchant, 28 Land Street died this week. (Grandfather of Donald Murray)

New use perhaps for the Lyceum - The Lyceum was to be let as a cinema or for shops, offices, furniture showroom, or motor garage. James Mackay, Draper, Bayview, East Church Street.

A seaplane landed in the bay just off the Cluny Harbour, piloted by F/O Carnegie. A large crowd watched it both landing and taking off.

"The Gordon's of Buckie " number 10 is found on page 5 column 5

Plaque and water fountain – A memorial plaque to Rev Shanks, sometime minister of the U. F. Church on High Street and water fountain for Baillie Davidson was again spoken about in the Council. Steps leading down on to Stroup Brae with a railing was suggested as forming part of the surroundings. The architect had suggested that the plaques might be set into turf on the south quadrants of the square.

Will we ask for trains? - It was suggested in the Council that an approach might be made to LNER to run trains to Peter Fair on the LMS line. It was felt however that the relaying of track would not reach Rathven in time since there was a shortage of both sleepers and rail.

July 17 **A poem by Rob Roy** "Jean and Her Parrot" is found on page 7 columns 4 and 5

"The Gordon's of Buckie " number 11 is found on page 5 column 5 and 6.

July 24 Do you fancy yourself at putting? -A Putting competition is to take place in the Queen Street Park entry money 1/-

Croft for sale - The house belonging to James Ewing, Sawmill, Buckpool, which included a stable and outhouse was up sale.

New houses for farm workers - Estimates were being asked for the construction of two cottages at Hilton farm.

'The Gordon's of Buckie' - Number 12 and the last article in the series "The Gordon's of Buckie" to be found on page 2 columns three and four.

July 31 **Few workers required** - Only a few harvest hands were engaged at Peter Fair this year and only 5% of the horses forward were sold and these at deflated prices. A big Salvation Army Band received a lot of attention.

"Gordon Migrants To New South Wales". The name of an article by Dr Bullock, is found on page 7 columns 1,2,3,4

Aug 7 **The Gordon Castle Gathering** - J.Tully and J.Clark Jt. secretaries.

Shop on Land Street -The Co-op had a branch at 26 Land Street, formerly occupied by Donald Grant. .

Milk had increased to 2/- per gallon.

Why World War I started on 4th August 1914. "A reason given was that there was a double purpose of retaining our honour and preserving our island home from invasion". The second part was undoubtedly true in the World War II but very questionable in the W.W. I.

A steel boat aims to cross the 'Pond' -A Warrington engineer constructed an all steel boat of 12 foot long in which he intended to cross the Atlantic. It was built like a submarine with six watertight compartments. It was also equipped with sails. The only means of propulsion apart from this to be a pedal arrangement worked like a bicycle (William Oldham) He estimated that it would take 40 days for the journey when he would sleep during the day and navigate at night. He planned to survive on preserved food. (This was an interesting development at a time in October 1998 when a man had just swum the Atlantic)

Poem on page 7 column 3 by Rob Roy called "Peter Fair"

Aug 14 **The Buckie Flower Show** is to take place on 3 September in the Masonic Hall with admission being 1/- with tea and music provided.

Aug 21 **The Independent Labour Party** are to hold a cake and candy event in the Fishermen's Hall to be opened by ex Provost James Archibald.

Big and expensive conflagration - There was a massive fire at Young's Bakery at 8 Low Street that destroyed the house, shop and bakehouse. The total loss amounted to around £3,000, which included a valuable piano worth £100. The horses and van, fortunately, were removed. Young's property was next to R. Johnston Painter on one side and Cowie's Temperance Hotel on the other.

'Cosmo Gordon of Cluny' is the title of an article written by Dr Bulloch found on page 7, columns 1,2 and 3

A poem by Rob Roy is found on page 7 column 4 - "The Braes of Strathlene".

Wright's Saloon Hall on West Church Street was available for weddings and dances.

They were oot wi the binder - The hairst was started at Hilton and Mill of Rathven. In many cases this was to prove difficult since much of the crop was laid due to the recent heavy rain.

Fishermen enjoyed a good season - The herring season at Buckie now closed had been more like pre-war with the Buckie fleet grossing in the region of £270,000 with earnings per drifter between £700 and £2,000 and an average of £1,000. Motor boats made between £700 and £1,000. The few sail-boats still operating made from £400 to £600. The prospects for the English fishing were good - the best since 1913. At home prices started at 5/- per cran for the Continental market but increased greatly as time progressed.

Aug 28 **The RNLI and raising funds** - With this being the centenary anniversary of the lifeboat there was the ongoing question of raising funds.

Another success despite the weather -The Gordon Castle Games was again a success though it rained all day.

Buckie Thistle beat Keith 5-1 in the H/L the Thistle team being - Dr Smith, Nicol and Garden; Middleton, F. Smith and Cowie; J. McIntosh, J. Smith, Esslemont, Murray and Dickie.

Sept 4 **Y've nae lichts so ye maun pey up** - A person was fined 15/- for cycling with no lights on his bike.

New cemetery at Rathven - Burnside Cemetery, Rathven, amounting to 6 acres, was consecrated by Rev J.L Symington. The ground cost Rathven Parish Council £4,000

"The Descent of the French on Garmouth"-. The title of an article by Dr Bulloch is found on page 7 columns 1,2,3.

The estate of Gollachie (Gollachy) - Mention was made of the small Gollachie Estate, which amounted to four oxgate lands and a manor house.

A poem by Rob Roy is found on page 7 column 4 titled "An Acrolie"

Sept 11 **Butcher's shop changes hands** - James Dickson, Butcher, 18 East Church Street sold his business to Alex Laing, Butcher, Weston House, Keith

The first -The first interment at Burnside cemetery took place on Saturday 6 September with the body of a still born child.

A wedding present for Jag's captain- Bert Nicol, who captained the Thistle the previous season was presented with a gift on his forthcoming marriage.

A monster marrow - There was a marrow measuring 15lb at the recent Flower Show

Was he bald? -It was agreed to purchase a wig for the Town Clerk at a cost of £12.12 to be worn on special occasions.

Improvements made to streets - The burgh surveyor reported that a number of streets in the burgh had now been repaired and tar sprayed.

Sept 18 **Opening announcement** - M&M Drapery Stores on West Church Street opposite the Public School (In 1998 this was a restaurant belonging to Nemit Ali) (The

two partners were Mr Wm. McCauley and Mr A.L.Melvin.) The firm eventually closed down with Mr McCauley signing the Trust Deed.

This was yet another draper shop in the town, which would seem to be over-subscribed, nevertheless outside draper firms periodically came to Buckie to hold three-day sales in the halls in the town.

Boys will be boys -A group of Buckpool loons were admonished after pleading guilty to interfering with barley stooks and straw **on the lotted lands off St Peter's Road.**

Sept 18 **A poem by Rob Roy** is found on page 7 column 3 titled "Jean at Portknockie"

Sept 25 **We can dress ladies too now-** Wm. Ingram, 38 East Church Street, Men and Boys Outfitters was advertising opening a ladies' department.

Advert - New 'Chic' footwear can be had at George Sutherland 21 West Church Street.

Oct 2 **A dance at the 'Still'**- A dance took place at Inchgower distillery when 100 couples were present. The music was supplied by Morrison's Band, Portgordon while J.McKinley and J.Clark were the MC's

"Impressions of Buckie" were given by G.R.H. in the Aberdeen P& J and reprinted on page 5 columns 4 and 5 of the B. A.

Oct 9 **The fleet offshore** -A total of 26 warships were seen lying off Buckie this week

'Heilan Line' being relaid - They are presently relaying the railway track between Drybridge and Rathven - an accident took place when a bogey left the line.

The result of recent downpours - Heavy flooding took place at Findochty when the Strypie Burn over-flowed.

The Tynet Burn rose several feet in an hour with the flood crossing the roadway. The Bone Mill at Portgordon was completely surrounded by water while flood damage was reported at both Garmouth and Cullen

Oct 16 **Another shop on Low Street for sale** - The business of George Thomson Grocer and Ship's Chandler on Low Street known as Thomson's Stores was up for sale.

A fund-raising event - A bazaar was to take place in the Fishermen's Hall to raise funds for the renovation and extension of the hall. It was to be opened by the local M.P, Sir Charles C. Barrie.

We'll come to you! M&M Draper has now a van on the road. Their motto is " A Stop At Every Door"

Yer loaf is to be dearer - The price of bread for a 4lb loaf had gone up from 10d to 11d.

Far will put the war memorial ? The Town Council were still not happy about the site for the War memorial. A number of members felt that it could cause a traffic hazard. Some said that it ought to have been erected near the Victoria Bridge or the New Cemetery. Provost Shearer said that it should have been erected in front of Struan !

What they made - The Putting Green took in £6.9/- with 774 games taking place during the summer. It closed in October. The tennis courts in Buckie took in £19 with 116 games having been played.

Young the baker to start again - Plans were submitted by Wm. Young for a new shop at 45 West Church Street and a bakery and garage off Blairdaff Street.

A new draper's shop - Messrs Hepworths Ltd. Had forward plans for alterations to their shop on East Church Street, formerly occupied by R.R. George, Ironmonger.

A look teen at steel hooses- *Members of the Town Council went to Glasgow to look at steel houses built by Weir Houses, in Glasgow. They didn't build any then but did do more than fifty years later - the big scheme in the Milton Drive area. In 1924 steel houses were only half the price of traditional houses.*

Advert - William Geddes and Sons, Portessie, Carpenters and Joiners. They were still making furniture too.

Oct 23 **Temperance meetings** were taking place at this time with speakers from abroad.

Who is to be our MP? -The candidates forward for MP of Banffshire were - Rev. Alexander W.Groundwater, Labour; William P.Templeton, Unionist; Sir C.C. Barrie KBE Liberal the present MP. He was to lose his seat to the Unionist candidate.

Buckie Thistle in financial trouble - Buckie Thistle F.C. Ltd made it known that they were in need of financial assistance. Mention was made of the money that had been spent on providing a first class pavilion and grandstand. Prior to 1919 there had been no enclosure, the playing surface was poor while players stripped in the open field. The Company was formed by public-spirited men who had taken out shares amounting to £1,000. A further £1,000 was raised from shares bought by the public. The total cost of the enclosure, pavilion and playing pitch was £3,000, which left £1,000 outstanding. It had been hoped that this would be paid off through the gates but with money being scarce due to poor herring fishing for a number of years this did not materialise so that no reduction had been made on the debt.

Since at no time had there been a profit no dividend had been paid to the shareholders. In any event the Articles of the Association provide that no dividend in excess of 5% shall be paid with any surplus to be used in the furtherance of sport in Buckie.

The Victoria Park had always been open to sports and athletic meetings etc when under competent management and as such has been a great asset to the town and is thoroughly deserving of public support.

The question of going amateur or travelling to away matches by car had been discussed by the management.

The Thistle were beaten on the Saturday when they lost 2-1 to Forres Mechanics at Forres. The team was - Anderson, Geddes and Garden; Middleton, Smith and I. Geddes; McIntosh, Nicol, Esslemont, Murray and Dickie. In a shocking game three players were sent off, two for Forres and Esslemont of Buckie

A poem by Rob Roy is found on page 2 column 5 titled "My Gweedmither's Visit"

Oct 30 **Ten bob or five days** - A Portgordon man was fined 10/- for only having one light on his bike with the option of five days in jail. (The man was a motor engineer and was likely to have been only earning around £4 per week)

Nov 6 **'Lieutenant Thomas Gordon of the Tullochhallum family'**. An article by Dr Bulloch is found in this edition.

In his early days - A carter who later went on to become a town councillor and Dean of Guild was fined £2 or 20 days for Breach of the Peace.

Unionists oust the Liberals -Banffshire, which had been Liberal for 100 years, went to the Unionists in a 3 corner fight. W.P.Templeton – 6,829 votes; Barrie, 5,426 and Groundwater, 3, 722. This was the first attempt by Labour to take the seat. They still hadn't achieved their aim by the turn of the century although it never again went to the Liberals. In the 1990s Banffshire was swallowed up in changes, which took place, but the S.N.P. held Moray, which covered a fair part of the old county while the other part also returned a S.N.P candidate.

A poem by Rob Roy titled "Auld Fashion't Hairsts" is found on page 7 column 3.

Nov 13 **To help improve the hall** - A Bazaar is to take place in the Fishermen's Hall on Friday and Saturday 5 and 6 December in aid of improvements to the hall.

'From herd laddie to the House of Lords'- An article written about Lord Mount Stephen is found in this edition.

Enzie Church appointment - George McBeath, son of John McBeath, Gordon Street, was appointed organist and choirmaster at Enzie Parish Church.

Nov 20 **Lord Mount Stephen**- second part of story

A good English fishing - Boats were returning from Yarmouth averaging around £1,500 per boat.

A sign of better things - A note suggested that things on the fishing scene were turning for the better with an order for a new boat.

This one didn't get away- A big skate measuring 7 feet long and 5'10" broad was caught by the Portgordon boat, Golden Rule.

Wm 'Stir' Milne DCM of Arsenal and ex Buckie Thistle was being tipped for an international cap. He was awarded the DCM medal during the war after capturing a dug-out and 12 men and was promoted for his bravery.

Why nae gee her a sheltie? - Discussion took place during a Banffshire Education committee meeting about a girl pupil at Shielburn school who had to walk three miles to school over very poor roads. It was proposed that she be given a Shetland pony, which she could ride to school.

Nov 27 **Lord Mount Stephen** - A third instalment is found in this edition.

The Cluny Hotel had cars for hire both by day and by night.

The local agent - Rome Tocher, 12 Cluny Terrace was the agent for Singers Sewing Machines.

Former Buckie player transferred - 'Eck' Johnston, the former Thistle and Glasgow Rangers' player was transferred to Hearts.

Will the burgh go 'dry' or 'weet' - The B.A. carried a competition in which you had to state whether you believed that Buckie would vote to go 'dry'.

'Shop by post' - Hugh McKenzie and Son, Shoemaker, 17 West Church Street, successor to John S. Simpson had this notice in their advert - "Shop by post" - carriage paid on goods over 10/-

Advert - Hepworth's 17 East Church Street. The firm now had 200 branches. It is now open and stocked with goods for both men and boys.

A poem by Rob Roy is found on page 7 column 3,4 and 5 titled "Jean Maks Brummle Jam"

- Dec 4 **Advert** – “For God Home and Every Land - vote no licence ”
- To raise money for the impoverished ‘Jags’** - A Bazaar in aid of Buckie Thistle will take place in Fishermen’s Hall on 10 and 11 December.
- Local boat wrecked on way home - The Portgordon drifter, ‘Press Home’ was wrecked on its way home from Yarmouth.**
- Mrs Mc Currach, died at age of 95.** She had lived 60 years at Woodhead, Clochan and was a regular exhibitor at Buckie Flower Show in earlier times. She was looked after by her daughter from London in her later years.
- Dec 11 **Poem on page 2** column 3– Port Long – Ptarmigan, Canada.
- Adverts** – Little Wonder – Christmas Bazaar and Toy Fair.
- James Mackay – Christmas Toy Fair
- A money-making affair** - The Thistle Bazaar made £400 on their first day.
- Elgin and District Motor Bus Coy. Ltd** were advertising a Special Christmas and New Year Service .
- A poem by Rob Roy** is found on page 6 column 2 titled “What is Life”
- Lord Mount Stephen** - A fifth article on Mount Stephen is found in this edition.
- Dec 18 **Victoria Park** – A letter in this edition complained about the state of the grandstand at Victoria Park and also divots on the playing surface.
- Re-appointed Provost** – Provost Shearer although coming bottom of the poll was re-appointed provost. This would be his 4th term and had expressed a wish to retire.
- More shops planned for High Street** - Plans were submitted for 3 shops at 17 and 17A on High Street for James Stephen.
- Dec 25 **The solicitor firm of West and Hutcheson was dissolved.** Alex H.Hutcheson is to carry on his own account in Cluny House as will James West.
- This will help the Thistle finances** - The total money from the Thistle Bazaar net was £673.15.9
- Burial of monk** – The funeral took place of Rev. Michael Barrett O.S.B. at St James, Letterfourie. He was a monk and was buried at St Ninian’s