

## 1925

Jan 1` **Football - Buckie** Thistle played an Aberdeen Junior Select on New Year's Day.

**Football** - Inverness Select to play Buckie Thistle on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> January.  
For both games admission charge is 9d and 32d with Stand and Enclosure extra.

**Dances** - New Year dances in the Arradoul and Portgordon halls on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> January. . Morrison's Band. Gents 3/-, Ladies 2/-

**Boat sold** - The Enzie BCK 31 was sold by John Geddes, Great Western Road to Wm. Smith, Commercial Road for £1,980

***During the last week the final stages for the re-opening of the Buckie to Keith railway was accomplished. An engine ran from Keith to Enzie thus establishing the links completed from both ends, Buckie to Enzie- Keith to Enzie. "It will not be long before the 'Highlander' will run again", was though and said, but this had not happened by the end of the year, despite approaches having been made to the railway authorities by Keith and Buckie Town Councils and also many letters being printed in the press.***

**Poem** - 'To My Auld Lum Hat' written by 'Rob Roy' the poem is found on page 8 column 1.

**Palace Cinema** - This had had a chequered time being closed and opened but it was open all the previous week.

Jan 8 **Air gun competition.** This took place in the Arradoul Smiddy, organised by Rathven, Enzie and Bellie, Ploughing Association. 1<sup>st</sup> James Wilson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wm. Ingram, 3<sup>rd</sup> A. Rumbles, 4<sup>th</sup> Wm. Gifford, 5<sup>th</sup> George Goodall.

**Poem written by Gramin** and titled 'A Buckie Romance ' in found on page 5 column 5. This was copied from the Huntly Express.

Jan 15 **Advertisement** - Cars for hire apply Marine Hotel. Proprietor, A. Urquhart.

**New beginning** - Wm. Young, Baker, who saw his premises at 8 Low Street burnt down in 1924, is to open new premises at 45 West Church Street. On Monday 19 January.

***After much deliberation by the members of the Tow Council it was finally agreed that the War Memorial should be sited in the middle of Cluny Square, but this only after the casting vote of the Provost. Those who opposed the central location did so on the grounds that it could constitute a traffic hazard. (Perhaps they didn't all live long enough to see that they were right and the centre of the Square was not the best place for it, since it was moved fifty years later, in 1974, to a position on the north west quadrant, a site, incidentally identified as better by some councillors at the time. Other sites suggested then were near the Victoria Bridge, the New Cemetery, and Cliff Terrace.***

**Poor state of streets** - The state of the streets in Buckie were such that the farmer of Westerside, Rathven put in a claim to the Town Council for £6.10.6, the amount of damage, he said was done to a cart after his horse had slipped due to the poor conditions. Liability was denied.

**Welfare Centre opened** - A Buckie Maternity and Child Welfare Centre was opened this week on Cluny Terrace, by Provost Shearer.

**New minister** - Rev Louis C. Phillips was appointed minister of the South United Free Church.

Jan 22 **Poem by 'Rob Roy'** is found on page 2, column 4. This is titled 'Jean's Eel Sowens'.

**Drapers' Winter sales** - Munro, 30 West Church Street, John Green, High Street, Ingram, East Church Street, Robert Grant, Baron Street, M & M, West Church Street, James Mackay, East Church Street, Ed Hillocks, Cluny Terrace, Leith Esson, High Street, Alex Esson, Cluny Square, John Sandison, East Church Street and The Little Wonder, East Church Street.

**Death of Alex Miller** - The death took place this week of Alex Miller, Senior, a native of Wick, Caithness, who came to Buckie and started up in business as a joiner before moving later to Findochty. One of his sons, Alex Miller Junior, had a Motor and Cycle business on West Church Street in partnership with his sister. (Could this have been Nellie who took over the same garage in the 1950's after George Webster?)

**YMCA** - A branch of the Young Men's Christian Association was set up in Buckie, following a meeting in the clubrooms on Cliff Street.

**Advertisement and note** - R. Tindall and Sons are to continue the same business as they had at their harbour shop. The business is now at 1 High Street in the premises at one time occupied by L. T. McGarth but more recently by A. Lyon, Ironmonger. Tindall's are also ironmongers although they tend to emphasise their stock of crystal etc.

**Commercial Hotel changes hands** - **George** Barclay sold the Commercial Hotel on High Street (now called 'The Old Coachhouse Hotel) to James Smith, Aberdeen, The Barclays had been in the Commercial for 60 years. The hiring establishment went with the hotel.

James Smith is a native of Buckie and has owned the National Bar in Aberdeen for some time. George Barclay bought 'Novar' a house on Queen Street, from George Sutherland, Shoemaker, after giving up the hotel trade on account of ill health.

**Shoar of Buckie - Burns Supper** - This was held in the Richmond Hotel, Spey Bay. The menu was as follows -

Course 1- Kail bree - Cockie Leekie

Course 2 - Saut heerin' wi a tattie in its jacket - fillet o' sole fae the high seas wi' Buckie sauce

Course 3 - The Royal Haggis

Course - 4- Chicken and bacon - roast beef wi' horse radish sauce, neeps, sprouts and chappit tatties.

Course 5 - Mince pies, trifles and jellies.

Course 6 - Aiples an' oranges and ither things for them that like that

Course 7 - A cup of soup after the toast list.

**The Immortal Memory was** given by Rev George Birnie BD Speymouth. A report of this and all the other toasts is given on page 5.

Feb 5 **Welfare Centre** - this is located in Calder's Building on Cluny Terrace.

**Advertisers** - Miss Stewart MPS, Ianstown

Reid, Murray and Cowie, Coal Merchants, Commercial Road.

Alex Hay Tailor, 39 and 41 West Church Street. This property was previously

Owned by George McKenzie, Butcher.

**Death of partner in firm** - James Stage, partner in the firm of John Green, Draper, Virginia Buildings, High Street, died during the week. He had been with the firm all his life.

**Foundations laid** - The foundations for the Buckie War Memorial were being laid this week.

**Shoe shops advertising sales** - George Sutherland; Dundee Equitable; A. Flett; H. McKenzie and Son; The Scot Shoe Shop. All apart from A. Flett were on West Church Street within 20 yards of one another.

Feb 12 **A Whist Drive and Dance** is to be in the Clochan School by the Enzie Tennis Club. On Friday 13 February.

**The Enzie Quoiting Club** are to hold a Whist Drive and Dance in the Arradoul WRI hall on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February.

**Poem by 'Rob Roy'** is found on page 2 column 3. The title is - "We Are Freens Ane An A"

**Royal sturgeon** - The fishing boat Concord, skipper John Murray, landed a royal sturgeon, caught 28 miles north of Buckie. It measured 55" long, 25" in girth and weighed 3 stone. It was sold for £3.

**Right to complain** - Mrs Harler, Shopkeeper, 9-11 Main Street, complained to the Town Council that the street was too narrow for the amount of traffic now using it. (What would she have said in 2005 when there was a big hullabaloo about the big lorries using the street?)

**Buckie Town council were discussing the urgent need for a lavatory to be provided near Cluny Square. The Burgh Surveyor had a plan forward at an estimated cost of £380, but this was considered to be too elaborate (Note that the word lavatory is used. As bairns growing up in the 'thirties' and early 'forties' we called it the lavvy. By 2000, and earlier, the word lavatory went out of favour, considered by some as rather coarse and dropped in favour of toilet or loo for the most squeamish.)**

**Town Council in a quandary - Discussion** took place as to where they should hold their meetings. It was thought that the Cluny House charges were a bit steep and made application to the Masonic Authorities.

Feb 19 **A Whist Drive and Dance** is to be held in the Good Templar's Hall by the Independent Labour Party. (Whist Drives appeared to becoming very popular in 1925 as they were through the 1940's and 1950's)

**The Perennial Water Problem** - The Town Council were calling on people to economise in the use of water and to eliminate all waste.

**The Palace Cinema was showing 'Plastgrams'** a special film lasting 10 minutes and described as one continual laugh. You needed to have special glasses to watch the film, these being supplied to all patrons. (Shades on the early 1950's when you needed special glasses to watch the first 3D films. I saw the film 'Shane' in Dunfermline while at a RAF reserve camp at Pitreavie Castle in 1954.)

Feb 26 **Australian launch** - A former Buckie fisherman now living in Australia launched a new boat out there. Alex Smith 'Jeam', formerly of 38 Portessie had been 13 years in Australia. The boat was named 'Skandia'

**Advertisers** - R, Tindall and Sons, Ironmongers, 1 High Street, had a big advert for prams this week.

Hugh McKenzie and Son, Boot and Shoe shop, 17 West Church Street.

John Munro, Draper etc., 30 and 32 West Church.

Alex Duncan, Pitlochry, bought the boot and shoe shop at 26 East Church Street. This had been owned by A. Flett for a number of years. Mr Duncan a native of Banffshire has had 15 year's experience in the boot-making trade.

The local Singer Sewing Machine agent is Rome Tocher, 12 Cluny Terrace.

Millers Motor and Cycle Works, 55 West Church Street.

John Sandison, 22 East Church Street, Draper and Hosier,

**Promotive BCK 15** was bought by William Cowie, 7 Titness Street, one of the partners, for £1,450

Feb 26 **A concert was held in Enzie Public School** on Tuesday evening to **raise funds to provide hot dinners** for the pupils. Father Mackay presided. Artistes taking part were - Misses Bella Cowie, Gina Bruce, soloists and Jessie Slater, dancer, Mr G. R. Coutts and Mr R. Johnston, all of Buckie. Mr Burr, Balnacoul, and Mr McDonald, Aberdeen. Major Hutchison, Musical Director, Banff County Council was at the piano. A successful dance followed.

**New owner for Red Lion bar** - Mr Tom Hornby, Engineer, Mill of Buckie, acquired the Red Lion Bar, in Fochabers. He was a son of Mr Wm. Hornby who was headmaster of St Peter's School.

\*\*\*\* **Railway news - An engine with saloon car left Inverness with railway officials to inspect the Keith to Buckie railway as far as Portessie, a distance of 13 miles. The intention is to have the railway opened by March 1. Though the rails have all been re-laid and bridges repaired there is still a good deal of ballasting to be done, repairs to sidings and installing of telegraph wires, as well as an inspection by the Board of Trade.**

**Evangelistic Crusade** lasting for nine days is to take place in Portgordon from 8<sup>th</sup> until 17<sup>th</sup> March.

**Football** - A friendly match is scheduled to take place at the Victoria Park on Saturday 14 March between Hawthorn and **Hibs**. . There is no admission charge but a collection will be taken.

(The score line was unfortunately not given but one can rest assured that a team with such a name as the **Hibs** would have come away with a handsome victory, especially since it was my birthday

**Roof fell in - The** thatched roof of the house 36 Seatown fell in during a spell of very heavy rain. Fortunately no one was injured.

**Plans for three shops** - The Town Council passed plans put forward by James Mackay, Draper, for three shops on East Church Street.

**Lyceum converted into offices** - The Town Council had plans to move into offices at the Lyceum but they weren't ready. The deal with the Masonic Authorities was no better than that at Cluny House so it was decided to stay there for another year at least.

Mar 19. **Hazeldeane, High Street**, was the address of A. Flett, who was selling off his shoe shop at 26 East Church Street.

**Buckie Thistle player signs for Preston North End.** James Dickie who been playing for the Thistle at outside left for some time, signed for the English club, Preston North End. Although the sum they got for him was less than had been asked (usually the case) he was allowed to go. Dickie, 20 years of age, at 5'9 in height and weighing 11 stone was admirably built and looked to have a good future in the game.

Mar 26 **Buckie War Memorial is to be unveiled on Sunday 12 April 1925 at 3 p.m., by Colonel James Dawson, DSO, late CO of the 6<sup>th</sup> Gordons. \*\*\*\*\***

**The Cluny Public Park**, which had been given to the town by Lady Cathcart Gordon until such times, as it was required for any other purpose, was looked after by an elected committee who received money via the rates. They decided to spend £30 on improvements in the coming year.

**Football** - Thistle team for Saturday - Wood, Geddes and Garden; Middleton, Smith and Cowie; McIntosh, Murray, I. Geddes, Kay and Nicol.

Apr 2 **The Union Bar (14 St Peter's Terrace)** proprietor, Robert Simpson Taylor was applying for a license for **9 St Peter's Place as an Inn and Hotel (The St Andrew's Hotel)**

**Commercial Hotel** - James Smith, Spirit Merchant, Aberdeen, was applying for a license for the Commercial Hotel. Both the above licenses were approved.

**Sequestration of estate of Buckie man** - An Edinburgh had information regarding the sequestration of the estate of Robert Watson, Grocer, Globe Stores, East Church Street and the Cluny Dairy 72 East Church Street.

**Advertisers** - John Sandison Draper and Hosiery 22 East Church Street

Millers Motors and Cycle Works, 55 West Church Street.

Apr 16 **Football** - Buckie Thistle Football Club Ltd was inviting football clubs, in the area from Garmouth to Cullen, to enter the competition for the both the Brown Cup and Thomson Cup. Entry money 2/6 per team. George McKenzie and James Mellis, joint secretaries.

**Edindoune Restaurant, Findochty** has been sold, with all the fittings including a new fish range.

**Two monuments were unveiled in St Peter's Church**, one to Sir Robert Gordon Bart. Laird of Letterfourie, and one to clergy who have served at St Peter's. Each of

the memorials measure 10feet high and consist of a slab of marble finished on the edges with Austrian oak. The memorials hang on either side of the war memorial. A Milne and Son supplied the marble with the oak facings being the work of Messrs Nicol, Bros.

\*\*\*\*\* **Unveiling of Buckie War Memorial on Sunday 12 April 1925. A full report of the ceremony is given on page 6 of this copy.**

**Plans for new stables** - These were put forward by Wm. Cowie, Carter, for Garden Lane. It did seem a bit late in the day for stables when other people were selling their horses and carts and moving over to lorry transport.

**Poem by 'Rob Roy'**. Titled 'Unveiling of Buckie's War Memorial' This is found on page 8, column 3.

April 23 **No Drybridge station** - It had been decided that when the Keith to Buckie railway line did eventually re-open that the name Drybridge Station would not re-appear. Instead it was to be known as Letterfourie .Why the need for a change was a question asked, since they couldn't change the name of the village. As is so often the case, the faceless men, or women, refused to give an answer.

Apr 30 **D. McLachlan, Motor and Electrical Engineers, Cluny Square**, bought the Grand Hotel, Elgin. The property includes a restaurant and tearoom. (The Grand Hotel was the Seaforth Club in 2001)

**A roup, took place at Novar, Queen Street**, home of George Sutherland, Boot and Shoe Merchant. The prices that were got for the furniture in 1925 may be of interest to some. The following are examples - An inlaid mahogany bedroom suite - £85. An inlaid bedstead and mattress - £21. Dining room suite - £25. Gramophone and records - £10. To compare with today's prices one would have to multiply by 10, at least.

**Football** - A second Thistle player goes senior. Sandy Middleton, who has played regularly for Buckie at right half played a trial for Heart of Midlothian F.C. and later put pen to paper.

**Baptist Church to lose minister.** Rev. R. Young to move to Coatbridge.

**Football** - Buckie Thistle drew with Keith in the final of the **Banffshire Cup**, played at Keith. The Thistle was more successful when they met Peterhead in the final of the **Aberdeen Charity Cup**, winning by two goals to nil.

**Almost ready to re-open** or so the report in the paper said, and as re-written here - After being closed for almost ten years, the Buckie to Keith railway line is almost ready to be re-opened.

The rails were lifted in August 1917 and taken to Inverness and Invergordon where they were needed urgently in connection with Admiralty work

In July 1919 the lines were relaid from Portessie to Buckie and the railway over that stretch re-opened. Similarly, in 1920, to handle the whisky trade the line from Crooksmill? (Surely that should be Keith) was opened to Aultmore Distillery.

Before work on reclaiming the line the track area was covered with a luxuriant carpet of vegetation on which cattle and sheep grazed. And less than a year ago the cuttings in the lower ground was filled with whins and broom.

**Advertisers** - James Mackay, 5 East Church Street, Draper, Dressmaker, Milliner, Tailor and Outfitter.

Millers - Bus Timetable - Buckie to Cullen

D. McLachlan was still selling Ford cars from his garage on Cluny Square.

The former Flett Shoe Shop had new sign - Duncan's Boot and Shoe Warehouse.

George Webster, Garage High Street, is to run a bus to the Keith Fein' Market.

George McKay, Engineer, Portgordon, was advertising Morris cars at £175.

May 7 **Baptist Church Cake and Candy Sale.** This was held in the Good Templar's Hall

**Opening announcement** - The Beehive Cash Drapery Store, 3 St Peter's Place (St Andrews Square)

W. Paterson, Proprietor.

**Death of Dr Duguid** - The death took place in an Aberdeen Nursing Home of Dr Duguid. He was the eldest son of the late Provost Dr Duguid

**Gollachy Industries are to open a shop at Bridge Place** under the direction of John Dawson, Woollen Manufacturer, who was formerly the owner of the Gollachy Woollen Mill and more recently manager of a woollen mill on Deeside. They aim to make tweeds, and travelling rugs etc.

**Coast Lines** - The SS Elgin Coast will leave Buckie for Leith on 18 May and again on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Every Wednesday the SS Elgin Coast will sail from Buckie to Lossiemouth, Cromarty, Invergordon and Inverness.

**Chemist to move** - Robertson, Chemist, 3 Bank Street, is to move to new premises in Mackay's Buildings on East Church Street.

#### **Fishermen's Hall alterations to cost £1,000**

**Plans for new shops passed but must have 'lavvies'** - at 39 and 41 West Church Street for R. R. George Ironmonger and Alex Hay, Tailor. Plans were also submitted for new shops at 16 and 18 East Church Street for James Dickson, Butcher. These were all passed on the condition that a w/c was included for each shop. James Mackay, Draper, had forward plans for alterations to the Lyceum building on Shanks Lane to create 4 shops, and 14 rooms for offices. This too was passed on the understanding that sufficient lavatory accommodation was provided.

**Electric Lighting - The** Town Council were discussing the provision of electric lighting throughout the town.

**R. R. George, Ironmonger,** was still in temporary premises on Blairdaff Street after having lost his former premises on East Church Street to Hepworths, Clothiers. George had a lot of little adverts for his goods in the B. A

**Globe Supply Stores** was taken over by the firm of John Grant and Co. Who had a number of similar branches elsewhere. It was intended to keep the same name. They were advertising specialities, such as bacon, ham, cheese, and eggs from their Glenlivet branch.

**Move for music shop** - Charles McHardy, Music Seller, etc. to move from North High Street to Mackay's Buildings on East Church Street.

**Former Thistle player, Eck Johnston,** who signed for Glasgow Rangers before moving to Hearts, is meantime spending a holiday in Keith where he has been an

interested spectator at a number of junior games. He was very disappointed to note the number of players who chose to smoke before the game, at half time and after the match. He was of the opinion that this did nothing for one's health. (He was correct, of course, but well before his time in seeing the dangers of smoking). A fuller report is given on **page five** of this edition of the B. A.

**Football - The Junior Cup**, formerly the Sunlight Cup and now strangely changed to the Brown Cup was won by **Hawthorn** who beat the **Bankers** by three goals to two in the final.

**Hawthorn team** - Cowie, Sinclair and Barrie; Farquhar, E. Esslemont and W. Gray; Newlands, Booth, Gowie, Wilson and J. Gray.

**Bankers** - Dickson, Pirie and Roy; G. Garden, W. Garden and Galloway; Cowie, W. Barclay, W. Hector, Coull and Stewart.

**In the Juvenile Football Competition for the Thomson Cup**, Strathlene were the winners beating Buckpool Celtic by the only goal of the game.

June 5 **Change in ownership** - Alex Smith took over the business of the late Alex Grant, Grocer, at 22 Low Street.

\*\*\* **Alex Miller, Garage, 55 West Church Street**, has bought a new bus, which will run to Keith on Sunday. The new bus has pneumatic tyres, under springing, and is nicely upholstered.

**Poem by 'Rob Roy'** 'The Lassies Noo-Adays' This is found on page 2 column 4.

June 11 **Opening announcement** - McKenzie and Geddes, furniture Warehouse, Cabinet Makers and Upholsterers are to open for business at 28 East Church Street, Mackay's Buildings. Charles McHardy's Music Shop was also at 28 East Church Street.

**A brig ower the Gollachy Burn** The Town Council agreed to meet their Landward contemporaries to see about putting a new footbridge across the Gollachy Burn near to where the old meal mill is situated. Such a bridge was seen to be a great convenience to a number of people. (It was replaced and I used it on a number of occasions.)

**Poem by 'Rob Roy'**. This one is titled 'The Lang and The Short O'T. This is found on page 7 column 3.

June 18 **Poem by 'Rob Roy'** - The title of this contribution is 'Jean and the Cock. This is found on page 2 column 3.

**George Gray, the former Thistle player** now in the United States was said to be doing well there.

**Railway workers paid off** - The men who were employed on the Keith section of the railway were paid off this week, with the work completed. The men on the Buckie section, Enzie to Buckie, will also be going shortly.

**Fined for assault with teapot.** - A carter from Bridge End was fined 15/- or 10 days after admitting to pouring a teapot of tea over his wife.

June 25 **Open -air dancing** - Peter Cormack, Dancing Teacher, gave notice that he was to stage Open-Air dancing in a field near to Seafeld Farm, Buckpool. The

dancing, on an up to date platform with a **three-foot spring**, will begin on Saturday 27 June. Admission charges 3d per couple.  
(Seafield Farm House, long the home of the Maver family, became the 19<sup>th</sup> hole of Buckpool Golf Course and much later the Turner Pavilion, in memory of Sammy turner who did so much to keep it wind and water-tight. In 2001 it was the centre for Buckie Thistle Boys Club)

**Death of George Baxter, Fochabers.** - George Baxter, Wholesale Licensed Merchant, started the business fifty years ago (from 1925) His eldest son; William is the present boss of the Jam Manufacturing Company in Fochabers, while Gordon is a dentist in Peterhead.

**Advertisers -**

- Calder and Smith, Tailors, 5 New Street.
- W. J. Smith, Tailor, 19 Land Street.
- Murray's 26 East Church Street, 'The Sweetie Shop'
- J. Anderson, Boot and Shoemaker, 26A East Church Street.
- George Wright, Grocer etc. 2 St Peter's Place
- Painter's -Symon, Gordon Street
- R. Johnston, Low Street.
- S. Robertson, Baron Street.
- Nicol, High Street.
- R. Duncan, Bridge End.

July 2 **Singer Sewing Machines** opened a branch shop at 28 East Church Street. Rome Tocher is the manager.

**Harry Austin's Pierrots** are to put on a show on Baron's Green, Baron Street.

**Claim to the Earldom of Seafield** - This is found on page 4, column 1

July 9 **Poem by 'Rob Roy' This** is titled 'Gled Welcome New Frae Hame' and found on page 7 column 3

**Opening announcement** - George Smith, Ladies and Gents Outfitter, North High Street, formerly McHardy's Music Salon. (This was later an Insurance Office and still later became a dwelling house occupied by Mr and Mrs John Cathcart, Master Mason.) The building is believed to have been built by Alex Grant, Carter, Baron Street, who had his stables etc. on the ground floor.

**Buckie and District Co-operative Society** had their main shop at 38 East Church Street with a branch at 26 Land Street.

\*\*\*\*\* **The St Andrews Hotel was opened this week after being closed for many years.** The new proprietor is Mr Robert S. Taylor who formerly had the Union Bar on St Peter's Terrace. Lots of renovations were done to the buildings, which has been completely refurbished. The hall was also acquired which has also been cleaned and painted ready for functions.

**War Memorial - There** was a surplus of £47.11.6 from the account to erect the Buckie War Memorial. This was handed over to the Town Council, who have taken in hand the upkeep of the structure.

**New cottage at the Sawmill** - Plans were passed for a new cottage at the Sawmill (by the Buckie Burn) for Mrs Kessack to replace the one lost by fire.

July 23 **Peter Fair** - The Rathven Rural had a big advert in the local paper describing what they had on offer at Peter Fair - Luncheons served from 11-2 - Cold meat

with vegetables. Fresh salmon and salad, jellies etc. with teas all day. Hot pies, sandwiches and choicest cakes all served in a large marquee  
Strawberries and cream also ices and fresh lemon drinks, coffee in a small adjoining tent. Mrs McLean, convenor.

**Poem by 'Rob Roy'**, found on page 6, column 2. "Rob and Jean at Peter Fair".

Aug 13 **Signed for Buckie Thistle** - Tom Cowie, a centre forward from Keith, also Wm. Smith from Lhanbryd and Marnoch from Garmouth, both local juniors. Mr Mellis was now manager of the Thistle.

**Work began this week on the preservation of Elgin Cathedral.**

**Poem by 'Rob Roy'**. This is found on page 7, column 2. The title is 'Ripping', describing the use of the words 'simply ripping'.

Aug 20 **Music teacher** - Miss Mary E, Fettes LRAM is to resume music teaching at 50 East Church Street. She comes from Westerton Farm, Fochabers.

**Buckie Flower Show** will take place this year in the hall of the Masonic Institute. It will be opened by Mr Templeton, MP. Admission 1/-, with teas being served and music provided by A. I. Morrison's Band, Portgordon. J. C. Johnston, Schoolhouse, Clochan, Secretary.

**Poem by 'Rob Roy'** It is titled 'Jean Starts a Shoppie' and is found on page 6, column 2.

**Buyers from Spain bought four drifters**, Verdant, Boy George, Helena and Fleetwing. The boats were all made of wood. Copper deposits in the water off the south of Spain have a detrimental effect on steel vessels. Buckie men formed part of the crews of the drifters, as they sailed for Spain, under a Spanish deep-sea skipper.

Aug 27 **R. R. George, Ironmonger**, who was formerly at 17 East Church Street, now occupied by Hepworths, Clothiers, then temporarily at Blairdaff Street, is to move into his new shop at 41 West Church Street on Friday 28 August.

**Poem by 'Rob Roy', His** contribution this week is titled - 'Jean And The Washhouse'. It is found on page 2, column 3.

**For breaking the law** two men were fined 20/- each for buying drink at the Cullen Bay Hotel on a Sunday when they weren't bona fide travellers. (One had to travel x amount of miles before you were entitled to buy drink at this time. The same law lasted to after World War II)

**Buckie Thistle wins the Banffshire Cup.** They beat Elgin City by the only goal of the game. The match had been postponed from the previous season.

**A highly successful Highland Gathering took place at Gordon Castle.** George Clark, Grange, was mentioned, probably for the first time as a competitor in the Heavy events. He came third in the Local Section for throwing the Light hammer. Jim Maitland, Deskford, the heavyweight doyen of the day won most of the Heavy events in the Open Section followed by Starkey and Redford.

**Ex Thistle player signs for Elgin City.** Hector Esslemont, known as Andy, played at centre forward for Buckie the previous season.

- Sept 3 **Football new Junior league proposed** - Buckie Thistle have extended an invitation to teams from Garmouth to Cullen to join a new league which it is hoped to be set up under the aegis of Buckie Thistle. J. C. Johnston, Schoolhouse, Clochan, Secretary.
- Opening announcement** - John Sutherland, Wick, is to open a commodious new shop on High Street, Buckie, next door to 'Liptons' Grocers, where he intends selling furniture and ironmongery. (Liptons must have opened their shop in Buckie in 1925, though if any advertisement of the fact was given it was missed.)
- Rathven Rural are to open their hall at Rathven on Wednesday 23 September 1925.** This will be opened by the Countess of Seafield. John Goodall, Knowehead had been appointed hall keeper.
- Football** - The Buckie Thistle team for Saturday read - Wood, Geddes and Garden; Nicol, Smith and J. Cowie; Murray, Kay, T. Cowie, Newlands and McIntosh.
- Poem by 'Rob Roy'**. This is found on page 7, column 3, titled "Rob and Jean at Gordon Castle".
- Sept 10 **Big clothing sale** - Jack Sevi was advertising a big sale of clothing in the St Andrews Hall on Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, 12, 14 and 15 September. (One has to wonder where he hoped to get his customers from with so of the same trade already in the town and in the midst of a depression.)
- Dance in the loft at Inchgower Distillery** - There was a large crowd present. Music was supplied by A. I. Morrison's Band from Portgordon.
- Poem.** This is found on **page 7, column 2.** It was written by A.W. Groundwater and titled "Autumn". **It is very good**
- Buckie Flower Show.** The Smith family, 19 Land Street, won a number of prizes both in the flower and vegetable sections.
- Sept 17 **Dancing classes** - Wm. Coull, 34 Marine Place, Dancing Teacher, is to hold classes in Wright's Saloon hall on West Church Street.
- Sale of tatties** - 100 drills of Golden Wonder and Field Marshall tatties are to be sold at Baremuir Gardens. .
- Youngster dies of his injuries** - George McDonald, (6) from Inchgower Cottages died from the injuries he sustained after climbing on the back of a steam engine. His leg was ripped open by something projecting from the wheel.
- Sept 24 **Opening announcement** - Edwin Geddes, Stationer, Bookseller and Tobacconist to commence in business at 21 East Church Street, part of Mr Dickson's Building
- Opening announcement** - R. J. Watson, late of the Globe Supply Stores, is to open as a Grocer and Provision Merchant with Fruit and Vegetables, at Mackay's Buildings on East Church Street.
- Buckie to Keith railway** - The editorial of the Banffshire Advertiser spoke of the delay in the re-opening of the railway, which, to all intents, had been ready now for two months. Both Keith and Buckie Town Councils had made contact with the railway authorities on the matter.

**Poem by 'Rob Roy'** is to be found on page 7, column 3. This is titled - "Rob and Jean at Golf".

Oct 1 **The Elgin and District Motor Bus Company** had their timetable in the local paper.

**Advertisement** - Buckie and District Co-operative Society - Boots and Shoes.

**New Minister for the Baptist Church** - Rev John Moore.

**Poem by 'Rob Roy'**. This is found on page 7, column 3 and titled - "Jean and The Tattie Man".

Oct 8 **Statesman to speak in Buckie** - David Lloyd George OM MP is to address the public on Cluny Square on Saturday 10 October at 11.45 a.m.

**Thorneybank Mains, Drybridge was for sale.** The farm on the Cairnfield Estate is for sale at a figure of £1600. Also for sale is a cottage of two rooms and garden at Farnachty at a figure of £50.

**For sale,** the property at 46 to 50 Low Street known as 'Thomsons Stores'

\*\*\*\*\* **The whole effects of Cairnfield Mansion House are to be sold on October 28 and 29.**

**Fishworkers leave for Yarmouth** - Two hundred fishworkers left Buckie on Monday, by train, bound for Yarmouth.

**Meeting of farm workers** - A meeting of farm servants took place in Enzie Public School on Tuesday with Mr Wm. Potts in the chair. The meeting was arranged to consider the setting up of a branch of the Farm Servants Union. Wm. Jack, organiser was present. The meeting agreed that a branch should be formed with Wm. Potts as President and Wm. Ewen, Tynet Mills as secretary. Divisional Council Delegate, George Watson, committee - John Black, Joseph Paterson, Robert Gordon and Wm. Watson. The union to meet on the second Tuesday of each month.

**Big shot of herring** - The Portknockie drifter, 'True Vine', with skipper, Wm. Pirie, landed a big shot of herring at a Dutch port that realised the sum of £420.

**Poem by 'Rob Roy'**. This is titled "Rob and Jean at the Cronies Meeting". This is found on page 6, column 2

Oct 15 **For sale** - The house and shop of Davidson's Stores, at 29 Mid Street was up for sale.

**Reduction in price of bread** - All bakers in the town agreed to take down the price of a 4 lb loaf by one penny to 10d.

**Recruitment campaign** - The Territorial Army are meantime mounting a national campaign to boost numbers.

**Buckie to Keith railway** - The latest communiqué from the railway authorities is that no decision has yet been taken as to when the railway will re-open.

Oct 22 **Advertisement** - Nicol Bros. Cabinet Makers etc. Spoke of having a splendid stock of furniture. They gave notice too, that they were still by themselves manufacturing bedding, including beds and mattresses.

**The Letterfourie Estate** are meantime offering £100 to anyone thinking of building a house on their **Buckpool** estate.

**Poem by 'Rob Roy'**. This is found on page 2, column 4 and is titled - "Jean and her Drugs".

\*\*\*\* **Football** - In *the first match ever played in the new Buckie and District Junior League, the Bankers beat Slipway United by four goals to two.*

**The Bankers'** team was - Dickson, Booth and Kerr; Duncan, Hector and McCallum; J. Grant, Barclay, Roy, S. Grant and Birnie.

**Slipway United** - Murray, Sinclair and Gowie; Esslemont, Murray and Farquhar; Newlands, Calder, Leanord, Smith and Gray.

**Sutherlands Furnishing Store was now open.** Mr Sutherland came from Wick and opened his shop on High Street at number 17.

**First new building in Findochty** - The first signs of renewal of building operations in Findochty since the end of the war in 1918 were seen with a bungalow in the process of being built on Station Road for Mr Wm. Flett who had only recently returned from Australia. In addition to the bungalow another building to be completed is the Masonic Hall, which, when finished, will be asset to the village.

**Shift for Enzie Headmaster** - Mr J. C. Johnston who has been headmaster at Enzie Public School for a number of years is to move to Portsoy. It is understood that he is to be replaced by Mr J. W. Olson, presently PT of English at Macduff School. (For some reason Mr Olson failed to move to Clochan but went instead to Portknockie.) It was Mr P. Urquhart who became the next headmaster at Clochan.

Oct 29 **An air- gun competition** is to take place in both the Arradoul and Drybridge smiddies. This has been organised by the Rathven, Enzie and Bellie Ploughing Association.

**Football** - Buckie and District Junior League - Wanderers 10, Star 2

**Wanderers** - Fowler, Johnston and Geddes; Brookman, Esslemont and Smith; Hendry, Lawson, Coull, Reid and Gray.

**Star** - Pirie, Marshall and Hay; Campbell, Newlands and Dawson; Duthie, Gordon, Legg, Goodall and Scott.

**Advertisement** - Wreaths for Armistice Day can be had from Alex Dallas, 68 West Church Street and from L. Gordon, West Church Street.

**Poem by 'Rob Roy'** - "Jean Bobs Her Hair". This is found on page 7, column 3.

Nov 12 **Proposed mausoleum for St Ninian's Cemetery** - A special meeting of the managers of St Ninian's Churchyard took place in Enzie Public School, Clochan, when Monsignor McIntosh presided. Plans for the erection of a mausoleum in the ancient and historic graveyard were submitted. Members agreed to adopt the plans, gothic in design, with the hope that they would be in a financial position to have the work completed at an early date. (Records would show *that this did not occur until 1950/51 when it was built by A. Milne and Son, Builders, Buckie.*)

**Need to upgrade the surface of Robert Street** - Brothers, James and John Barrie appealed to the town council to have the surface of Robert Street properly finished. The request was turned down.

**The Rathven Burn** - During the year, 1925, various snippets in the Banffshire Advertiser had told of the problems being faced at the sea outfall on the Rathven Burn. (The burn was still giving problems in 1998 which still had to be fully rectified.)

**Coast road improvements planned-** Moves were afoot to up-grade the coast road from Buckie and through Portgordon.

**Armistice Sunday** - The Buckie Boy Scout Pipe Band played at the ceremony held at the War Memorial.

**Football** - The teams playing in the Buckie and District Junior League were: - Garmouth, Slipway United, Bankers, Wanderers, and Star. Fochabers joined the league later.

Nov 19 **Funds for extension to Findochty Harbour** - A bazaar is planned to take place in the village to help raise funds for the extension to the harbour. Work is due to start in December.

**Boats home from Yarmouth** - Some of the local boats returned this week from Yarmouth. The season had not proved to have been as successful, all over, as had been expected.

**Poem written by 'Rob Roy'** - The title is "Jean's Niece's Visit". It is found on page 7, column 2.

Nov 26 **Store bought** - John McKenzie bought the property of Davidson's Stores at 29 Mid Street.

**Butcher expands** - Dickson, Butcher, East Church Street, Buckie opened branch shops at 48 Portessie and also at Crown Street, Iainstown.

**Webster's Garage, 18 High Street** has been appointed agent for the following cars - Standard, Clyno, Morris, Singer, Jowett, Cleveland, Chevrolet and Bean and Galloway.

**We can paint motors, coaches and lorries** - Adam Robertson, Painter, Baron Street.

**Youths in trouble** - Young people were causing a nuisance of themselves on West Church Street during the evening with their noise and acts of vandalism. (The more things change the more they remain the same, one could say. The close circuit television cameras, erected in 1998 have appeared to have reduced the number of incidents. Written in April 2001)

**Enzie Tennis Club** held a dance in the school with music being played by A. I. Morrison, Portgordon. The MC's were John Bonnyman, J. H. Duncan and E. B. Sim.

**Advertisers** - A. Dallas, 68 West Church Street, Dinner and Tea sets  
Dallas - Tea rooms - Christmas and New Year Novelties  
Charles Forbes, Central Bakery, Baron Street.  
Valentine's Bakery, New Catering Department.

James Green Drapers, Now agents for Clydebank Dyeworks, Glasgow. "Make your coat as good as new, have it expertly dyed any colour you would wish"  
Sloan' Liniment kills pain (My father had lots of faith in this stuff, as I remember.)

Dec 17 **Advertisers -** J. Stewart, MPS, Chemist, Stationer and Tobacconist, Ianstown.

Gray, Fishmonger, Mackay's Buildings, East Church Street.  
Greenlees and Sons (Easiphit Footwear) Ltd are to open a new branch at 17A, High Street on 23 December.  
Rome Innes, Chemist, Cluny Square. He included a poem in his advert.  
R. Tindall and Sons "the China Shop"  
J. P. Pozzi, Bookseller and Stationer, High Street  
D. G. McGregor, Watchmaker and Jeweller, High Street  
A. Paterson, Chemist, Virginia Buildings, High Street.  
James Green, Draper, Virginia Buildings, High Street  
Sutherland, Furniture Stores, 17 High Street.

**Provost welcomes the new councillors** - Provost Shearer welcomed the three new Town Council members to their first meeting: - Dr George Hendry, Mr John Milton and Mr John Innes.

**New Headmaster at Enzie Public School** - Mr Patrick Urquhart has been appointed Headteacher at Clochan. He is a native of Craigellachie and received his education in Aberdeen. He served with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Gordons in South Africa from 1899 to 1900. Following the University he taught at Alyth and Innerleithen before going to Jamacia as an Inspector of Schools. In 1915 he returned to Britain to enlist as a private, ending the war as a captain, when he again returned to Jamacia. He returned to this country in 1924, teaching first at Kinbuck, then Perth and Whitehills from May up until now.

**Ploughing Association** - Rathven, Enzie and Bellie Ploughing Association are to hold a concert in the Arradoul Rural hall to raise funds.

**A poem is found on page 2 column 3** called the "Fisherman's Tale and Adventure", written by Rumilty Thump. **It is good and worthwhile taking a copy.**

**Town Council elections** - New candidate, Dr George Hendry came top with another new candidate, Mr John Milton, Carter, second.

**Buckie top sharpshooter** - Sergeant James Reid, former regular soldier and master joiner is probably the best rifle shot that Buckie has ever produced, being a regular winner at Bisley. Page 6 and column 1 gives an account of his achievements.

**Smokers may care to be reminded that in 1925 you could buy ten Player's Cigarettes for 11d.**

**Plans for houses on Wallace Avenue** - The Town Council passed plans for four blocks of houses on Wallace Avenue. The houses are to be built of cement blocks with flat roofs. And cost £400 each. The houses are for F. Reid, G. Fordyce, A. Gunn and Wm. Thomson.

Dec 24 **Advertiser** - George Watt, Wood Merchant, c/o Cowie's Hotel.

Dec 31 **Palace Programme for Hogmanay and New Year -**

Buster Keaton in Sherlock Jun, on Hogmanay

Jackie Coogan in Little Robinson Crusoe on New Year's Day

Saturday The Adventures of Rin Tin Tin - the famous dog.

**For sale** The steam drifter, Tynet BCK 160 was for sale. Brown of Greenock built her in 1907.

**Appointed coxswain** - Police Judge Smith has been appointed coxswain of the lifeboat.

**Expensive slip** - A man slipped on the grating outside the shop of Shearer's Drapers, on East Church Street, breaking the large plate glass window as his arm fell against it.

**A poem is found on page 7, column 3 written by 'Rob Roy'.** This is titled "The Passing Year.