

1928

Jan 5 **Scott's Laundry to roup out** - The plant and furniture belonging to the Trust Estate of Scott's Laundry at Gollachy was being advertised.

The Good Templar's Hall on West Church Street, that was used for a great variety of things, was to be the venue for a massive sale of china, glass and earthenware. The auctioneer to be J. W. McGowan, Elgin.

Sale of timber products - There was to be a sale of manufactured timber and fencing posts at the Muir of Holmie sawmill and also at the Letterfourie House Policies belonging to James Jones and Sons Ltd.

Cabinetmakers showroom opened - McKenzie and Geddes, Cabinetmakers, 28 East Church Street, were advising that they now had a showroom for furniture at 1 Shanks Lane.

A neat quip - T. Paterson, General Grocer, High Street had the following motto - "Walk in Please and Walk out Pleased"

Mair o the 'Auld Ha' his fa'n doon - A big gale the previous Sunday blew down a portion of the ruins in Buckpool known as the 'Auld 'Ha'. Other widespread damage was done with lanterns blown off the lamps and many fences flattened.

Former Thistle player transferred - Sandy Middleton, the former Thistle player who left them for Hearts then later with Charlton Athletic was transferred to Bo'ness.

Jan 12 **Thistle try to raise money** - Buckie Thistle were making efforts to raise funds with a whist drive raising £5.16.2

***** **A train on the 'Heilan Line'** - A train arrived from Keith this week consisting of an engine and saloon carriage carrying a number of railway officials. Provost Merson went to meet the party and pressed for an opening of the line and also the need for a footbridge between the new houses of Mill Crescent etc and High Street. He said that he expected wicket fences to be erected soon.

Advert - Ingram's - 'The House of Value' 38 East Church Street.

Jan 19 **For sale Porter and Ale licenced premises** at 5-7 Great Western Road, belonging to the representatives of the late Miss Elsie Gibb.

Advert - E. Duncan 60 East Church Street, Children's Outfitter.

Jan 26 **Portgordon and Enzie Quiting Club** held a whist drive and dance in Enzie Public School. J. McQueen's Band supplied music. John Symon, Broadley, secretary, was the M.C. at the dance.

Winter sales - Almost every draper shop in the town was advertising a 'Winter Sale', among these being - James, Mackay, John Sandison, John Green, G.Geddes, Robert Grant, G. Smith, Cluny Square, The Little Wonder, John Munro, Ingram's, P.Geddes and Sons, Alex Hay. In addition Mr Sevi was advertising a three-day sale of all kinds of clothing in the Fishermen's Hall.

Poem on page 5 column 4 by 'Shielburn Loon, Aberdeen, titled, "Skweeldays at Shielburn" (**Worth reading**)

The washing powder Rinso was continuing with big adverts - 'Rinso may be used in water, cold, hot or boiling'.

Feb 1 **Birth of Frank Macleod OBE** in Edinburgh. Served as Treasurer of Buckie District Fishing Heritage Museum from 1992.

Feb 2 **The death took place of Earl Haig – KT. O.M.** with a memorial service advertised to take place in Cullen Parish Church.

Enzie Rural held a Burns Supper in the Clochan School. This was their first open event. The Rev. George Birnie, Speymouth, gave the Immortal Memory and sang a number of Burns' songs. A competition for oatcakes took place with the prize winners being – Mrs J.Hutcheson, Cowfurrich, Miss M.Duncan, Preshome and Mrs Symon, Broadley. In a whistling competition Allan Hutcheson came first with 'The Road to the Isles with W.Hutcheson second with, 'Cock of the North'. Both contestants were from Cowfurrich.

Feb 9 **Advert** – George Sutherland, Boot Warehouse, 21 West Church Street was advertising his 45th annual sale.

Opening announcement – M.G. Innes, 56 West Church Street, Confectioner and Fruiterer.

Scottish Cup Tie draws crowds - A crowd of 5,800 at Kynoch Park, Keith, saw Glasgow Celtic beat Keith F.C. by 6 goals to one in the Scottish Cup. Some consolation was that gate receipts totalled £236.

The Celtic team had at least two legendary figures in the line –up – Goalkeeper Johnny Thomson, later to die of injuries sustained when in collision with Sam English, of Glasgow Rangers and Jimmy McGrory whose goal-scoring feats have been passed down in history.

The team was –J. Thomson, W.McStay and McGonigle; Wilson, J.McStay and McFarlane; Connolly, A.Thomson, J.McGrory, McInally and McLean.

Advert – H.Fraser McKay, Portgordon, and agent for Aerial Motor cycles. Prices of the bikes ranged from a basic model with side valve at £43.10 up to a super Sports Model E with overhead valve at £52.10. The models ranged in hip. from 5.0 to 5.5.

Millers, Motors and Cycles who now had their business on Cluny Square next to L.T.McGarth were advertising themselves this week as the Ford Depot. A later advert would see them described as the Morris Depot.

Feb 16 **There is a limit to the number you carry** - Conductors on two separate buses, Matthew Guthrie, Buckie and William Paterson, Portgordon were fined £1 each for allowing too many passengers on to their buses. This was quite a common 'crime' for which a number of people came to be fined.

Improvements to be made - After negotiations with the Buckpool estates it was agreed that James Street, would be made up

Feb 13 **Fares to increase . No forget about that.** Millers' Buses were to increase the price of their fares but took second thoughts for some reason – perhaps competition.

Have you any relatives out there? If friends or relatives nominated you, you can go to Australia or New Zealand for £11. Children travel free.

Former Buckie saddler dies - Keir, who had a saddler's business at the corner of West Cathcart Street/ High Street, died this week. Later this shop was taken over by Charles Milne.

Export of whisky - The SS Elgin Coast sailed from Buckie with 130 tons of whisky brought from distilleries in the local area and forwarded to Keith.

Buckie baker wins awards - D.L.Fowler, Baker, won a silver medal and a diploma at a baking competition held in Glasgow. He had won a number of prizes over the years.

Mar 1 **To mark an anniversary** - John Calder, Shoe Shop on Cluny Terrace was holding a Jubilee Sale.

The Buckie Thistle team to play on Saturday was to be chosen from – Wood, Geddes, J. Newlands, Nicol, Knowles, Ross, G. Newlands, Murray, Cowie, McIntosh, McKenzie, Bain, Donald.

It may pay you to buy Carter's seeds - R.Tindall and Sons Ltd had as part of their advert this week a piece about Carter's Flower and Vegetable seeds. It was stated that if anyone won a prize at the local Flower Show with their seeds Carters would double the prize money which had been received. Full particulars to be had in the shop.

Mar 8 **Enzie minister on the move** - Rev. Charles Macdonald the E.C. minister was to leave the Enzie for Ardaille Parish near Mintlaw.

House later to become the 'Sailors' Home' for sale - The house belonging to the late Dr Duguid on Cluny Square, together with property at 3 Cluny Lane, was up for sale but with only £1,000 being offered this was not accepted.

Mar 15 **Poem on page 2 column 5** 'McDuff versus Clume' by Beuch Bach

From collector's office to butcher's shop - Plans were submitted to change part of Cluny House from the former collector's office, facing out on to High Street, into a butcher's shop for C.W.Thomson.

Advert - Miller Morris Depot Morris Light six saloon 4 door at £350. This was the top of the range model.

Mar 29 **Drinks licenses sought** - Wm. Donald, vanman of this address, sought A licence for a Porter and Ale house at 17 Findlater Street, Portessie. A licence was also sought for a Public House at 24-27 Rannas Place by Adam Macdonald, Carter, Aberdeen John Grant Wilson, Innkeeper, Marine Place was in for a licence for 13 Cluny Square (Dr Duguid's)

April 5 **Buckie beat Elgin City by two goals to one** 'with no difficulty' Wood, Geddes and J, Newlands; Nicol, Knowles and Ross; G. Newlands, Murray, Bain, McIntosh, and McKenzie

Apr 12 **The LNER reduced fares on the railway locally.** The third class fare from Cullen to Buckie was 6d for a single with 9d for return and from Portgordon to Buckie, 2d single and 4d return.

Advert - James Duncan, Painter and Decorator, 51 West Church Street, was advertising a cheap sale of wallpaper.

The Cluny changes hands - The Cluny Temperance Hotel on High Street carried on for the past five years by Mrs Murray was let to Mrs Campbell, Keith.

He rented the tennis court off the Council - Mr Kinnaird, Low Street, was granted the tenancy of the tennis courts at £20, the same as for the previous year.

Advert - Tom Paterson, Grocer, High Street was advertising tins of fruit at the following prices – Peaches – tenpence ha'peny per large tin; Bartlett's Pears 1/1 for a large tin; Jaffa oranges, superb quality, 2/- to 2/6 per dozen. 'This is the time to cure eggs, booking orders now', said his advert.

Apr 19 **Advert** - Thistle Shoe Shop, 26 East Church Street (Mackay's Buildings), owner now J .F.Cruickshank is advertising a 'Great Clearance Sale'.

Opening announcement – Mrs McDougal whose son of just 6 years was drowned in the Buckie Burn and whose husband died only a short time after was to start up in business at 3 St Andrew's Square selling Fresh Groceries and Confectionery. (This was the first time that the area had been known as such; previously it had always been St Peter's Place.)

Notice - Vancouver and Prince Rupert offer good opportunities for fishermen with capital apply to L.T.McGarth.

Advert - Final clear out at 38 East Church Street - the shop of Wm. Ingram who was going out of business.

***** **You must slow down, you're going far too fast** - Three bus drivers, all from Elgin, were fined 20/- for driving their buses between Banff and Portsoy at speeds of between 20 and 30 m.p.h. when the top speed for such vehicles was 12 m.p.h.

***** Two conductors employed by the Northern Omnibus Service, Elgin, were fined 20/- for overcrowding

Apr 26 **Buckie Thistle won the Highland League for the second year in succession**, an excellent performance considering that they had played all season as amateurs. In the final game at Victoria Park they beat Inverness Thistle by 5 goals to one. The team was - Wood, Geddes and J.Newlands; Ross, Knowles and Nicol; D.Newlands, Murray, Bain, McIntosh and McKenzie.
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George McKay, Portgordon had an advert for a car the Erskine six 16/40-h.p saloon on sale at £295.

The Enzie Women's Rural Institute held a fancy dress dance in the Clochan School in aid of Aberdeen Joint Hospitals Scheme. The winners came from as far afield as Buckie, Portgordon, Fochabers and Garmouth. Mrs W.A. Grant, Cowfurrich, however, won the prize for the 'Most Original' dressed up as a Turkish Delight. Music was supplied by J.McQueen's Band.

May 3 **Opening announcement** - Charles Stewart, Butcher, was to commence in business at Cluny Buildings, High Street,

A' thing tae be sold at the Cluny - All the furniture and two hiring cars belonging to Mrs Murray, Cluny House to be sold. She was to leave for Edinburgh where she was to run a private boarding house.

Teams forward for the Junior Football Cup, formerly the Sunlight and then named Brown Cup, are Buckie Wednesday, Portsoy United, Portknockie Seafield, Strathlene, Buckie Rovers, Portgordon Ramblers, St Andrews Athletic, Bankers. (Both Garmouth and Fochabers were missing)

The Juvenile teams to play for the Thomson Cup are - Findochty Celtic, Gordon 'A', Buckpool Celtic, Strathlene Juniors, Buckie Corinthians, and Portknockie Corinthians.

Advert - The Scot Shoe House (A.Duncan Co. Ltd) 25A West Church Street.

May 17 **Draper to go out of men's and boys** - G.Smith, Outfitter who moved to Cluny Square from North High Street, was advertising that he intended giving up the gentlemen's side of the trade and aimed to concentrate on ladies and children. As a consequence he was to hold a big sale.

Lipton's, 17 High Street, had an advert in the paper - Cooked Ham, sliced, 2/- per lb.

Disease causes school to close - The Portgordon School was closed for a fortnight because of a major outbreak of scarlet fever.

Farmer suffers from a sore head - George Grant, farmer at Easter Bogs suffered extensive injuries to his head when a horse he was holding reared up and came down with its foot on his head rendering him unconscious.

Death of former St Peter's parish priest - The death took place this week in Elgin of the Right Rev. Monsignor John Canon McIntosh, formerly parish priest at St Peter's in Buckie.

May 24 **Local draper buys stock of doomed other drapers** - James Mackay was still in the business of buying up the stock of firms that went to the wall. In this case it was two shops, one in Nairn the other in Elgin. The whole stock amounting to £1,428.8.0. The firms had only been in business less than a year.

Strathlene won the Junior Cup in 1928. There was no write up.

An increase in the price of bread - A 4lb loaf was to be increased in price from 10d to 11d.

Motor bike accident claims life of local youth - Alex Smith, a banker home on leave from London was killed in a motor bicycle accident. Accidents involving motor bicycles were very common at this time.

May 31 **For sale** - The Music Sellers business at 28 East Church Street, formerly owned by the late Charles McHardy was up for sale.

Enzie Postmistress to retire - The paper of this date carried an article on the retirement of Miss Taylor, Enzie Postmistress. (See page 2 column 1)

Enzie was the postal centre for Buckie and Portgordon districts.

The Enzie P.O, house and shop, was built by her father, John Taylor, in 1805 (the date on which the road past was first made) stood on the site occupied by a new bungalow, to the east of the road leading to Oran, in the late 1990's

**** Previous to the P.O. being built here it had been at Burnside ,a croft on the banks of the Buckie Burn occupied by James Reid.

John Taylor had been a teacher in Aberdeen, but returned from there after becoming ill.

Miss Taylor recounted how the stage coach, Duke of Fife had ran past the P.O. on its journey from Fochabers to Cullen while the mail gig driven by 'Old Clark' a crofter from near Cullen, had of course been a regular caller. Her father had often spoken of how busy a place Portgordon had been as a port with goods being shipped in and out. Long lines of horse carts carried things like corn from far inland to the harbour before being shipped to other places.

June 7 **A money-making event, it was hoped.** - Buckie Thistle are to hold a Grand Fete in the Victoria Park on Saturday 7 July as a means of trying to raise much needed money.

Opening announcement - Ian Hector had taken over the property vacated by Alex Dallas at 68 West Church Street and was setting himself up in business as a Grocer and Provision Merchant.

Circuses were a common event at this time trading under a variety of names. Barrett's Canadian Circus were to be making their first visit to Buckie the following week according to the advert.

Adverts - Sutherland's Furniture Store were advertising Hygena Kitchen Cabinets.
John Green - Consulate Shirts "The shirts that laugh at the laundry "

The Cluny House Hotel, under new management, was offering board residence. It also had dining and tea room facilities available for wedding parties etc.

June 14 **Millers Motor Bus Service began a Buckie to Peterhead service that was to run twice daily.** Cost of ticket was - 5/6 single and 8/- return.

Enzie Public School received a banner from a former pupil given after the school had received the highest marks in the rural school choir competition at the Banffshire Music Festival.

June 21 **Sale of shop fittings etc at 38 East Church Street**, formerly the shop of Wm. Ingram Draper and Outfitter.

Advert - McHardy's, Shanks Lane, for Cycles and Cycle Accessories.

Footballer suffers injuries in road accident - John Cowie 'Dyles' (25) Falkirk F.C. player was injured in a motor accident the previous Thursday while riding his motor bike between Eskbank and Newtongrange, coming in collision with a motor car. He suffered a fracture of his right wrist and an injury to his left thigh. And left suffering from shock. He was taken to the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh.

Former Thistle again on the move - Sandy Middleton, like John Cowie named above, a former Thistle player signed for Clyde from Bo'ness.

Poem on page 8 column 3 - "A Grate Affair"

June 28 **Opening announcement** - G. Urquhart Watt took over the late Charles P. McHardy's Music business at 28 East Church Street.

Former Buckie Thistle, later Glasgow Ranger's player, left for Canada - Alex 'Eck' Johnston ex. Buckie Thistle player who was also with Glasgow Rangers went to America to try his luck playing football there.

New Enzie Postmistress - Miss Jean Geddes, daughter of Wm. Geddes, shipbuilder, was appointed postmistress at Enzie in succession to Miss Taylor.

July 5 **The 'Advertiser' scores for tatties** - A bilin of early tatties was received from Alex Goodall, Yardsman, from the garden belonging to Frank B. Simpson, Bank Street. They were of the Duke of York variety and were lifted on 30 June.

Another Buckie draper at the buying up game - Munro, Draper, 30 West Church Street bought the stock of an Aberdeen shop, Alex Cran, Draper.

July 12 **A hoeing match is to take place at the farm of the Broom, Cairnfield** by kind permission of Mr John Allan, farmer. There will be classes for champions, locals and boys.

Lavatories and steps are to be built - The Town Council were inviting offers to build 3 public conveniences and two flights of steps.

Dumbarton Prize Town Band are to pay a visit to Buckie.

More whisky exported from Buckie - A weekly consignment of 100 hogsheads of whisky from Speyside was taken by motor lorry to the quayside then by Coast Lines to Leith.

The water from here wasn't good - The Minduff/Whitestripe water scheme was seen to be something of a failure. Dr Hendry who had previously resigned over members going for water extraction from Minduff rather than from Cairnfield advocated going back to look at the Cairnfield supply. The Minduff water was said to be undrinkable even when filtered.

Council members agree - Agreement was reached between members of the Council regarding the design of the conveniences to be built on North High Street also the material for the steps and surrounds including the Rev. Shanks Memorial plaque and Councillor Davidson fountain. Freestone is to be used instead of concrete with their being little difference in the price.

Dux of Buckie High School - Miss Annabel Smith, daughter of James S. Smith, Portessie was Dux of Buckie High School. She also won the medal for Maths.

Jul 19 **LNER are to run a Day Excursion to Aberdeen at a cost of 6/6 return fare.** This is to take place on Thursday and Friday leaving Buckie at 7.20 a.m.

A house was for sale at Gollachy Village , ? Gordon Street. (The expression, Gollachy Village, was till being used)

Only some of the circuses to pay a visit this year - Moxon's Imperial Circus, Sangers and Henley's.

A note about whisky - At a presentation given for an employee who had worked for 50 years at Inchgower Distillery it was said that the firm of Wilson had been then distilling whisky for 100 years and in this time had never needed to resort to using foreign barley. This was quite different from today, 70 years later, when foreign barley was being regularly imported through Buckie harbour for malting purposes.

Aug 2 **Peter Fair was wet yet still managed to attract a big crowd.** The report said that there was now a tendency to open up amusements on a Thursday evening and this year tried to remain open until Saturday evening without a great deal of success. Probably too far from the town it being thought. Horse sales were poor with horses changing hands at the low figure of £25-£35. Ponies were making from £12 to £16.

Aug 9 **A Grand Swimming Gala and Aquatic Sports is to take place in Cluny Harbour.**

Gordon Castle Games will take place on Saturday August 25.

Aug 16 **Buckie and District Horticultural Society's Annual Show** is to take place in the Fishermen's .
Tea and music to be served – admission 1/-

Opening announcement –John Smith proposes to open a dairy at 12 Mid Street. "A cart will deliver through the town"

Aug 23 **Music teachers** - There are a number of music teachers offering tuition on both voice and instruments including – Misses Flora Gunn, Jean Johnston, Margaret Slater, Portknockie, Ina Thomson, Portgordon and others.

Jack Sevi was back in the Fishermen's Hall with Ladies, Gents and Children's clothes for a three-day sale.

Aug 30 **The Sheriff opens Flower Show** , As he does he quotes Kipling thus –
"Now England is a garden
Such garden was not made
By singing 'Oh how beautiful'
And sitting in the shade.

He spoke of the hard work that is required to produce show specimens of whatever kind.

Lipton's the grocers - were advertising their Finest Red Alaskan Salmon at 1/- a tin Venice biscuits at 10 per lb. and cocker- nut Squares also at 10 per lb.

Sept 6 **Combined choirs will entertain** - A concert is advertised in which the Buckie Ladies Choir were to combine with the Hall Russell Male Voice Choir

Property for sale - The block known to many today as 'Ritchie's Corner', Harbour Street with East Church Street was up for sale. (72-74 East .Church .Street and 1 Harbour Street)

Buckpool woman has green fingers - Miss Chrissie Smith Land Street, Buckpool, won a medal for most points in the Horticultural Section at the Buckie Flower show.

***** **A rare event likely never to be repeated** - Perhaps for the only time ever a circus took place at **Broadley** on Wednesday and Thursday of last week. It took place in front of the cottages, once a former school, directly opposite the Established Church. The

circus was initially to be held on the farmyard of the manse at Kirkland, unoccupied at the time, but was cancelled after bills had been printed. A dispute took place among some of the members of the kirk session who felt that it was unseemly to hold such an event adjacent to the manse. Whatever, despite the small room, the circus and amusement stalls managed to cope with a big crowd which guaranteed financial success, so much so that the owner promised to make a return visit in July on next year.

Sept 13 **Dance-band open for engagements** - Ross Dance Orchestra, A. P. Ross, Cluny Terrace, was advertising that he was open for engagements.

I winna see you stuck - Will Earne, Violinist, 2 St Peter's Road was also offering his services for weddings etc.

Opening announcement - George McKenzie, Butcher, was making customers aware that he was to open branch shops at Yarmouth and Gorleston for the fishing season. The B.A. carried pictures of the two shops.

It pays to advertise - Alex Esson, Draper, has a regular advert in the B.A. complete with a relevant sketch.

Buckie Thistle lost to Elgin City at Victoria Park by the only goal of the game. The Thistle team was - Wood, Geddes and Morrison; G. Ross, Knowles and J. Ross; Newlands, Murray, McIntosh, Glass and McKenzie. (Glass was Peter Glass, Plasterer, Fochabers, who played most of his football with Elgin City, where he became a committee man later)

Sept 20 **Dance Advert** - A dance is to take place at Inchgower Distillery with music supplied by the Royal Artillery Band, Banff. Admission ladies 3/- and Gents also 3/- (This was the first time that equality was noticed) The dance to start at 8 p.m. prompt.

Another dance band offers services - Burns Popular Dance Band was advertising that they were open for engagements. Apply to 10 Rannas Place.

I.L. McKenzie 'The Club' 19 West Church Street was advertising 'Wix' cigarettes. 'A new flavour and new taste.'

Sept 27 **'Billy' McGarth, Ironmonger, to move** - L.T.McGarth intimates his removal to premises on the west side of Cluny Square and West Church Street, formerly the home of the late Dr Duguid, where he will be carrying on the business of hardware merchant and shipping agent as before.

He had an advert in addition which read L.T.McGarth - Ironmonger and shipping Agent. 'May the industries of fishing and farming again flourish in our time and bring prosperity to all concerned'. Canadian, American, South American, Australian and New Zealand papers please copy.

Miss Lexy Wilson to commence teaching Dancing and Deportment, to all age groups, in Wright's Saloon. West Church Street.

*** **(Article) Midnight football or football under the lights** - may turn out to be a new craze! It is quite possible to play football in the evening with artificial light. This was proved in America when a crowd of 10,000 watched a game. A dozen searchlights lighted up the ground and every detail of play could be followed. I wonder (said the writer in 1928) if this style of football will ever become popular over here. He would never have guessed just how much football **was** being played under lights by the end of the century.

A report read - A start has been made with improvements to Cluny Square. Lavatories and shelters are to be constructed on North High Street and the place beautified by Shanks Memorial and the Davidson fountain.

Oct 4 **L.T.McGarth submitted plans for alterations to his new property** on Cluny Square. (the former home of the late Dr Duguid)

James Mackay's advert took up almost one whole page while the following also had large adverts – John Green, T.M Jack, Sutherlands, High Street, Millers Motors, Lipton, Munro, Drapers, Robertson, Chemist.

Oct 11 **Fancy a n outing to Yarmouth?** - One had the opportunity to go on a three-day excursion to Yarmouth by train for 45/- return fare.

The area could become a refuse depot - Some members of the Town Council paid a visit to a piece of rough land to the west of the farms of Badrockleys and Seafield near the Gollachy Burn and recommended that it might be used as refuse depot for part of the refuse collected weekly in Buckie. The party said how there were two large holes that could accommodate material for from 20 to 30 years.

Stroup Brae is in a bad state - The Town Council discussed the poor state of the roadway leading from Low Street to Cluny Square. The surface was such that it put a terrific strain on horses pulling carts up it with one dying due to strained heart only weeks previous to the meeting. Different suggestions were made as to how the situation might be improved with, rails, sets and even reverting back to the old water-bound surface.

Oct 18 **Bus service to be extended** - The Northern Bus Service that operates from Inverness via Elgin to Macduff is to be extended to Aberdeen,

Buckie Thistle can't find a goal-scorer - Buckie Thistle have lost the services of Tom Cowie, who came from Keith, also Frank Gowie who had gone south and are struggling with no recognised goal-scorer. No less than five different centre forwards have been tried out with any great success.

No minister in the Enzie - Enzie Established Church was still without a minister and was having difficulty in getting one.

Former heads at Clochan - William F. Johnston (known to many as Sykie) Park View Pringle Street graduated M.A. in English, from Aberdeen University. (He was later to become headmaster at Clochan for good many years. He and his wife, Margaret nee Smith, also an MA who became headmistress of the school after her husband moved to Portgordon, are both buried in St Ninian's Cemetery.)

A resident didn't like the bangs - The B.A. received a letter from a resident who complained of the annoyance and nuisance due to the setting off of squibs, on page 5 column 4. (They were still seen as a b..... nuisance by many in 2005.)

Nov 1 **R. Duncan and Sons Painters and Glaziers, Bridge End granted a Trust Deed.**

***** **A whole page was taken up with advertising a new daily newspaper – The Scottish Daily Express that was to start on November 8 1928.**

She took a dislike to the mannie - A woman was charged with striking the Burgh Collector, Rome Tocher, with a chair and a piece of lime. She also attacked the Sheriff Officer, striking him and throwing a knife at him. **She was admonished and dismissed.**

Nov 8 **The money he left** - Monsignor McIntosh, whose death was reported recently left £4,801

The Thistle team to play Forres Mechanics was – Wood, Geddes and McIntosh; Reid, Knowles and J. Ross; G. Newlands, Esslemont, G. Ross, Murray and Milne. Reserves. Morrison and J.Newlands.

Nov 22 **Opening announcement** - Miss Barbara Wood, late of Cluny Terrace, is to open for business at 13 Baron Street selling Babies and Children's Goods also Ladies' Sanitary Needs.

Careers for Boys in Canada – Free transport from Buckie and practical training in agriculture followed by a £500 loan at the age of 21. This applies to boys presently between the ages of 14 and 18. Alex McGowan, Colonization Superintendent, Canadian National Railways.

The St Andrew's Hall - The St Andrews Hall was now open for engagements. It had been closed for a long time. apply R. S.Taylor.

Alex 'Eck' Johnston, the former Thistle and Glasgow Rangers' player who recently went to America to play football had his leg broken during a game.

Nov 29 **Open billiards and snooker championships** were to take place in the Masonic Institute during January and February. Entry money 1/6

You can call on me - Margaret McBoyle, State Registered Nurse of Trowel Cottage, Portknockie had a note in the 'Advertiser' informing the public that she had now passed the examination to become a Certified Midwife. She said how she also had qualifications in other fields and was offering her services as a private nurse or for maternity cases.

Lipton's advert spoke of prunes at 6d per lb.; fruit salad at 8d and Empire rice at 7d for 3lbs.

Advert – Nicol Bros, Cabinetmakers, established in 1889, had an advert telling of the extensive selection of bedroom, and dining room, and parlour and kitchen furniture they had on display. In addition they were still acting as valuers and auctioneers.

Dec 6 **Ladies, come get your hair done** - Miss Ivy Mitchell who had been on a hairdressing course in England was again advertising her services at 1 Bank Street.

The 'Bellman' has his photograph taken – This edition of the B. A. has a photograph of the town Bellman, James Bowie, dressed up as a jester, on page 2 column 3

Advert – R.Tindall and Sons Ltd, 1 High Street, ironmongers, China Merchants, and Complete House Furnishers.

Former Thistle player moves on - James Dickie the former Buckie Thistle player who left for Preston North End was lately transferred from New Brighton to Bristol City for a four-figure fee.

Both the Enzie churches were minus ministers and held meetings to discuss the matter. The Broadley kirk was presently using lay preachers under the moderatorship of Rev. John Greenlaw.

**** **The Town Council was required to move from the Town House**, 1 Queen Street at 28 May. They had been sitting there under a lease. They had taken this on a five-year lease with a break at three. G.G.Dawson, factor for the Building belonging to the U.F. Church told that the clients were not in a position to quote a price.

Dec 13 **They will entertain** - Buckie Town Band are to provide a programme of Sacred Music and lead Community Singing in the Palace Cinema, Buckie on Sunday 23 December.

We have the premises and can do your work - James Duncan and Sons, Painters, 53 West Church Street, were advertising the fact that they had acquired premises which allowed them to both paint and varnish commercial vehicles and motor cars.

In the 1928 Town Council Elections votes were cast as follows –

* Bailie Hendry	1,501	John Cowie, Fish Salesman	1,111
* Co. Milton	812	W.J.B. Macdonald	787
A.E. Anton	785		

George Garden, Fish Salesman was unsuccessful. * indicates retiring councillors .

Home game in the 'Scottish' - Buckie Thistle was drawn at home against Queen's Park in the first round of the Scottish Cup.

Prestigious post for native of Buckie - George C. Birnie, a native of Buckie was elected President of Ottawa Scottish Football Club, in Canada.

Dec 27 **The Hogmanay programme** - The Palace Cinema on Monday, Hogmanay, will be showing **Adam and The Evil** starring Lew Cody and Aileen Pringle. There will be three houses, - at 6.45, 9 and 10.45
On New Year's Day there is to be a change of programme with 2 big pictures - **Tellie the Toiler** starring Marcel Davies and **On Your Toes** starring Reginald Denny.

Come down to Bank Street - *William Wright will be opening his large fancy winter Carnival where there are all the latest up-to-date amusements also a Dance Board made to hold 200 couples. 'The finest spring floor ever put before the public'*

Not only a chemist but a radio dealer - George Slater, Chemist, Findochty, was advertising an Aeonix 5 valve portable Wireless Receiver for 16 guineas with, 'better reception than some far dearer in price'.