

## 1930

Jan 2 **George is ha'ing a spring clean** - George Webster, Garage, 18 High Street, is to hold a stock-taking sale of push bikes, also a clearing sale of motor bikes, and second hand cars and commercial vehicles.

Jan 9 **The Storm Fund for Fishermen stood at £218.10. 6**

**Birth announcement** - A daughter for Mr and Mrs Robert McBeath, 1 Pringle Street. Betty?

**Big game for the Jags** - Buckie Thistle are to play Falkirk on Saturday, January 18 in the 1<sup>st</sup> Round of the Scottish Cup.

**Dance in aid of hot school dinners** - Enzie First Aid Class to hold a dance in the Clochan School on Friday 17 January, to raise funds for hot dinners for school pupils. Music by Eddy Innes's band from Keith.

**Sorry we cwidna dee that** - Buckie Thistle committee asked the Traders Association if they would agree to shops closing between 2 and 5 on Saturday 18 January to allow staff to attend the Falkirk game. A spokesperson said that though they sympathised with the request they could not agree.

Jan 16 **First annual sale** - Nicol Brothers, Cabinetmakers and Auctioneers, 13 High Street, were to hold their first ever Annual Sale since commencing in business in 1884. There was to be a 3/6 reduction in all furniture etc bought at the sale.

**The Shore of Buckie Burns Club was to be revived this year** with a supper to be held in the St Andrews Hall.

**The Buckie 'Dooct'** which had been spoken of some time before as being in a sad state of disrepair (in a letter to the paper) was now said to have disappeared. In the book "Epitaphs "of the North east" by Jervise he spoke of the Nether Buckie doocot, "being worthy of mention". Now that the Auld 'Ha has been demolished together with the Dooct we are seeing the loss of traditional things of the past. The doocot was a local landmark, familiar and picturesque. (Could there have been two doocots, one on both estates?)

**Enzie Church Union.** During the past 2 years there had been no permanent appointment of a minister made to the Established Church while the United Free Church had also been without a minister due to the Rev. Archie. Macleod having to retire through ill health. The first steps were to be taken to consider the union of the two congregations with separate meetings to take place.

It was unanimously agreed at both that they should unite. It was also agreed that both buildings would continue to be used with morning services taking place in the two churches on alternate Sundays with the evening service in Portgordon.

**A good report is given of the 'Burning of the Clavie' at Burghead on page 6 column 1**

Jan 23 **The Countess of Seafeld became engaged** to Derek Herbert Studley Dudley.

**Buckie Catholic Dramatic Society was to put on a production of the play** - 'The Glen is Mine'. The cast - Chas. Hepburn, Amy Morrison, Geo. Paterson, Dolly Webster, Alex Newlands, Geo. Smith, Vincent McWilliam, Jas. Nicol, Wm. Flett, Alex Garden, Mary Hepburn, Cathie Flett.

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**Thistle 0 Falkirk 2 Scottish Cup 1<sup>st</sup> Round**  
**Wood, Geddes and Knowles; Middleton, Bowie and J.Ross; Newlands, Murray, McLennan, McIntosh and Milne. There was a gate of close on 5,000**

**Not nearly so common now** - The keel of a new drifter was laid this week at the shipyard of Herd & McKenzie.

**Leith Esson still in business** - Though it had been a long time since he had had his advert in the B.A. Leith Esson was still in business as a draper on High Street. This was learnt from a news snippet. A horse being driven by Forbes Howie, Whitegate, Drybridge took fright when passing Esson's shop and collided with the window through which it stuck its head.

**A second horse ran off along East Church Street** before coming to a halt when it ran into Cliff House.

Jan 30 **Houses to be built on Linn Crescent** - Tenders were accepted for the construction of 20 houses on Linn Crescent at a cost of £331.3 per house and £392.9.3 for the eight houses with lofts.

**The 'Immortal Memory'** at the anniversary Burns supper by the Shore of Buckie Club in the St Andrew's Hall was given by Provost Merson.

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A toast to 'Local Poets' was proposed by Mr J. W. Gordon who began his discourse by stating that there was a need for someone to write a history of the area. He spoke first of some notable people who had been born in the Enzie mentioning Gordon Bennett of the 'New York Herald' who was a native as was the R.C. priest, Alex Geddes who was both a brilliant scholar and a poet.

Principal Innes of the Scottish College of Paris was born at Walkerdale.

The priest Alex Geddes was born at Pathhead in 1737 and became the first Catholic since the Reformation to receive the LLD from Aberdeen University. He wrote the poem "The Wee Wifukie" a ballad, formerly well known before the turn of the century. The song was sung by James Slater. Geddes also wrote 'Oh Send My Lewis Gordon Home' and 'The Lad I Daurna Name' These were Jacobite songs still to be found in books of Scottish song in 1930.

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Another poet was William Knight born at Porttanchie in 1825. He was said to have waged war with fortune and died aged only 42. His poetry was not unlike that of Burns by which he had been clearly influenced. His chief poem was, "Auld Yule" written after the style of the "Jolly Beggars" but without the same imagination, humour and jollity. It was a very realistic poem, however, descriptive of pastoral scenes and characters true to life. His former friends would have appreciated the description of a herd laddie of olden days.

Mr Gordon spoke of the Buckie magazine, published in 1880/81, which contained poems from numerous contributors. "The Buckie Lilt" composed and set to music by Mrs Coutts.

Other poets spoken of who came from the area were - Matthew Carruthers, John Gerrie and Dr Simpson who wrote the poem "The Loss of the fishing boat Gypsy" Oglivie Murray who wrote, "To A Robin" and "Youth".

Worthy poets from the present time (1930) mentioned were - Miss Winnifred Simpson, living in Elgin, Jas. Archibald, Alex Johnston, George McGregor, Jock Coup and G.R. Coutts.

Feb 6 **Fined for trespassing in the daytime** on land at Slackend, Portgordon, George Guthrie, 40 Mill Crescent, Buckie, was fined 20/- and ordered to pay £2.13 expenses after being found guilty after proof. (The fine surely didn't match the crime.)

**Nor did it here** - A Clochan man was fined 7/6 for throwing stones on to a house roof.

**A new Church Officer** - Adam Stewart, 17 Mill Crescent, was appointed Church Officer of the South Church in succession to John D. Knowles.

**A special train to the match** - The LNER was to run a special train to Huntly, starting from Portgordon, so that people could attend the football match between the two teams. Fare at Portgordon and Buckpool, 3/- Buckie and all other stops to Portsoy, 2/6. **Worth walking to Buckie!**

The train was to leave Portgordon at 1.21p.m to arrive in Huntly at 2.34 p.m. Leaving again at 5.25 p.m.

**Is your name Milne by any chance?** The search was on for heirs to Milne the native of Fochabers who made a fortune in the southern States of America and gave £20,000 to build the school in his native village – Milne's Institution.

**Cut prices at the Co-op** - The Co-op had the following piece in their advert – "To meet the hard times" our prices will be cut for 14 days, this includes teas, soaps, and drapery.

Feb 13 **Some good landings of cod were reported at Buckie** with prices per head reaching 3/6 to 4/-

**Improvements to other roads in the burgh were reported at the T.C. meeting.** St Helena Brae was among the latest to be tar coated and rolled. They were still busy with the culvert on the road to Rathven.

The 'killers' were busy - During the month of January 1930 166 animals had been slaughtered at the local 'Shambles'

**Chemist can big his garage** - Rome Innes had his plans for a garage on Cluny Lane passed.

**If ye canna buy a car or bike buy a gramophone** - Miller's Garage on West Church Street had a big advert in the B.A. for gramophones.

**We're train fowk and are to stop rinnin buses** - A notice read that LNER were to stop running buses from Elgin to Macduff had come to an agreement with the Northern Omnibus Service.

**Thistle 'free gift sale'** - Buckie Thistle in order to raise funds had organised a 'free gift sale' (a raffle) with the first prize being a motor car and the second herring nets. Five books had been sent to Canada to Mr Birnie, a native of Buckie, who was president of the Ottawa Football Association. He had written requesting 15 more books.

**The Thistle 'A' team of this date was** – G. Cowie, H.McKenzie and J.Newlands; Milton, Green and Reid; G.Newlands, Coull, W.J.Cowie, Hay, Grant. Reserves. J.Murray, W.Hillocks.

**The first XI was** – Wood, Geddes and Bowie; Middleton, Cowie and Ross; Milne, Knowles, Gordon, Murray and Logie.

**Fochabers in the past** - The paper carried an article by Mr J.Tully, who when addressing the local M.I.A. club, spoke of Fochabers as it was around 1880 or fifty years before. This is given on page 7 column 2

**A poem is found on page 8 column 2** – 'McCullen's Lament' by MacC.

**New teacher of English** - Mr Low came from Inch to Fochabers as English teacher.

Feb 27 **Clearance Sale** - George Smith, Ladies and Children's Outfitter, Cluny Square was selling out

**Opening announcement** – Wm. Innes, 20 Stewart Street, Portgordon, was starting up in business as a Coal Merchant, operating from the station.

**More on the Fochabers M.I.A.** The B.A. carried a second short piece on the M.I.A. at Fochabers. George Donaldson, who was moving to Portree as an English and History teacher had been the secretary of the M.I.A. for some time and was largely responsible for its resurrection in 1929 after it had ceased to function from the years of the war. He received a gift of seven volumes of Handbooks of English Literature. The evening had been titled a 'Nicht Wi' Jacobites' and James Burr, headmaster at

Balnacoul sang no less than 15 Jacobite songs and told the story of Prince Charlie clearly and instructively. Many enjoyed "O Send Lewis Gordon Home" for its connection with Gordon Castle and with Father Alex Geddes, Tynet of Strathspey fame who composed the music. Mrs Burr accompanied her husband on the piano.

Mar 6 **Roads to be closed for improvements** – The Stroup Brae, Bank Street, Low Street and Cluny Square were to be closed for 3 months to allow repairs to be done.

**The Storm Fund for Fishermen was now standing at £451.7.1**

**Another cabinet-making firm holding a sale** - McKenzie and Geddes Cabinetmakers and Upholsterers were holding their first ever sale.

**The Enzie Church Union was consummated on Sunday** when Rev. Mr Park occupied the pulpit of the South Church and the North Church Hall in the evening. Both services were well attended. "Union is Strength" was the message. **This was the first union of the two churches in the Fordyce Presbytery.**

**A Fancy Dress Dance was held at Sheilburn**, which was well attended with contestants from Fochabers, and further afield.

**A whist and dance was also held at Clochan.**

\*\*\*\*\* **Was this proved to be correct?** A spokesman for local fishermen tendered a complaint to the Town Council regarding the dumping of waste material in a place which was causing them a lot of bother. The letter spoke of fishermen having the right by act of Parliament to use any waste, uncultivated ground within 300 feet of the sea for the erection of huts, carrying on fishing operations including storage, drying and preparation of their fishing gear. Waste material was being dumped on the foreshore at Strathlene at Muckle Sands.

**Another draper to clear his feet** - Edward Hillocks, Draper, 8 Cluny Terrace was advertising a Great Clearing Sale.

Mar 13 **Arradoul W.R.I. Dramatic Society** was to put on a production of the play – **The Honeymoon.**

\*\*\* **Opening announcement** – George Sandison, Butcher, 1 South Land Street was advertising that he had taken over the butchers business formerly carried on by John Stewart.

**The Danish Dairy was the interesting part** - A van belonging to the Danish Dairy Company, Shanks Lane, Buckie was destroyed by fire on the road near Fochabers.

**An amateur cap for Buckie footballer** - G. D. McKenzie, Queens Park was capped in the Amateur International against England. George McKenzie, Jun., the former Thistle player had only been playing this season in first league football. He played at outside left and gave a good account of himself.

**Buckie baker wins further awards** - D.L.Fowler, Baker, was again among the prizewinners at a recent competition in Glasgow, winning a gold medal for a Plain loaf and silver for a Youma. He also received a money prize.

**The West Kirk has a new minister** - Rev. A. K Reid.

\*\*\*\*\* **A new Social Club was formed in Portgordon this week.** The Rev.T.Sargent, Methodist Church, was appointed president, secretary, R.Webster, Chemist and treasurer, A.R.Wilson, Shoemaker.

**Work and contractor on the Stroup Brae** - The contractor for the work on the Stroup Brae was to be Wm. Briggs and Sons Dundee. They were to lay 1,200 tons of whinstone sets measuring 4" by 5" by 10" at a cost of 37/6 per ton.

- \*\*\*\* **What will we call the Park?** The T.C. held discussions on what to call the new park off Newlands Lane. Cathcart Park and Thomson Park were mentioned but it was decided to leave it as Central Park. Why then did we know it as Cowie Park? Was this because Cowie the Carter used the ground for grazing his horses?
- Mar 20 **He lost a bit of his grun** - Co. Milton was asked if the wall at his parent's house might be moved back a little to allow the road through the Yardie to be widened. This had been done now with work progressing. The retaining wall on the Seatown side was all but completed. A number of unemployed men had been working on the road and also on the culvert at Freuchny Burn.
- Mar 27 **Opening announcement** - Alex Imlah was to open the new premises on High Street as a family grocer.
- Dump rubbish there at your peril** - Buckpool Estates had a warning in the B.A. that people found to be dumping waste on the banks of the Buckie Burn near South Land Street and Elsley Place would be persecuted.
- Two people, one a girl of 17, were fined 10/- at Banff for loitering.** The girl was in a door way while the man was on some path. (Jist fit harm wid they been deein.)
- Apr. 3 **Turning the clock back** - A woman in Banff had forward an application for a licence to sell Porter and Ale. This must have been a rare event by this time.
- Buckie Quoiting Club** were to hold their Annual General Meeting
- Buckie Thistle are still running the Junior and Juvenile Cup competitions** and are once again inviting teams to enter.
- It is time to buy both farm and garden seeds** and the following shops had adverts of this nature - A.Smith, Low Street, R.Tindall and Sons and A.Imlah, both High Street.
- Fines are lighter now** - The going rates for cycling without a full set of lights was now 5/-.
- \*\*\*\*\* **The Buckie cod boat, Virtue, landed an odd fish, skipper, W.Bruce. It was 55" long by 31" at its widest part. Its top part resembles a flat fish while its tail part was more like a round fish. It had a mouth like a monk and wings like a skate with a dogfish tail and two dorsal fins. It had a skin like a shark and had two blow holes behind a pair of very small eyes. What was it? We are not told if it was landed on the first of April or not.**
- The Thistle 'A' team to play Macduff in the Banffshire League** was to be - Thomson, Reid and Logie; Milton, Green and Murray; Black, Coull, Cowie, Hay and Menzies. Three reserves - Grant, Newlands and Geddes with only one asked to travel.
- Apr 10 **Teams entered for the Junior Cup**, formerly known as the Sunlight Cup then the Brown Cup, were - Seafield Portknockie, Rovers, Ramblers, Portgordon, Findochty United, Black Squad, Strathlene, Challengers (Portgordon), Buckie Wednesday, Wanderers, Celtic and Hotspurs.
- Am nae seeking it noo!** - The application for the Porter and Ale licence for 5 Great Western Road by a man Barclay has been dropped.
- \*\*\*\*\* **Note the name of the boat** - While a consignment of whisky was being loaded on to the Blarney a mishap by the crane caused two barrels to be broken open with 180 gallons being lost. 'A sad day and no story despite the name of the boat'.

**Apart from the Gas Company who could object?** The Town Council was having discussions regarding the introduction of electricity into the town but there were objections lodged by the Gas Company and also certain property owners.

**Just what were the Council members thinking ?** The Town Council was asked if accommodation could be provided for seaplanes in an emergency so that this could be included in a publication. (Was this the first inkling of a possible war in the future?)

Apr 17 **The T.C. are to prepare a map of the town to the scale of 6" to one mile as a Town Plan.**

**Two local singers won medals at a recent music festival** – Miss Nan Taylor and Miss Mary C.Reid.

**Cobham says: "I hope that you will provide a landing space."** - The T.C. received a letter from Sir Alan Cobham expressing the hope that the T.C. would set aside a piece of land for a municipal aerodrome since air transport was going to be the development in the future. Cobham was a flying ace who gave exhibitions all round the country at this time.

Later the T.C. suggested that such an area could be made available on what is now the 14<sup>th</sup> hole of Buckpool Golf Course near to the croft of Badrockleys.

Apr 24 **No less than 8 local carters offered to do the carting for the T.C. at a rate of 1/9 per hour.** Brodie Taylor, Cunningholes, price was 1/6, being accepted. Later Brodie Taylor was to use a motor lorry and tried to charge more but this was not accepted.

May 1 **Get your garden seeds** from George Geddes 9 Cluny Terrace (Wm. Lobban proprietor)

**Buckie Thistle won the Banffshire Cup** after beating Keith F.C. by two goals to one – The team was – Wood, Knowles and Bowie; Newlands, Cowie and Middleton; Milne, Murray, Gordon, McLennan and Menzies.

**A telephone call office opened at Buckpool P.O. on Main Street.** Trunk and local calls could be made from there as of this date.

**Teams entered for the Juvenile Cup were** – Hearts, Bluebells(Findochty), Seafield (Portknockie), Rovers, Gordons(Portgordon), St Andrew's Athletic, Scouts(Cullen), Scouts(Buckie), Ramblers(Portgordon), Ranters(Findochty), Corinthians, Thistle.

**Officials of the Quoiting Club** – Hon. President – W.L.Chalmers, Fishcurer, president, Wm. Hamilton, vice president, George Black, Copt. J.Anderson, vice Copt. George Taylor, secretary, W.Clark, groundsman, M.Grieve. To commence play on May 5.

May 8 **The final of the Junior Cup was between the Rovers and Portgordon.**

May 15 **One way of drumming up trade** - Smith, 10 Cluny Square, Ladies and Children's Outfitter, was advertising a Special Clearance Sale.

\*\*\*\*\* **The new named Seafield Cottage Hospital had been extended and is to be open for inspection by the public on Thursday May 15**  
**Write up on page 7 columns 1,2,3.**

**Road work in the town** - Work was continuing with widening the road through the Yardie and also the Stroup Brae where walls were being built and sets laid on the road. A number of unemployed men were being given work.

**On Saturday a new steam drifter, the Lizzie West** was launched from the shipyard of Herd and McKenzie for Gardenstown owners.

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**On Wednesday 14 May a fifie motor boat was launched from the Buckie yard of Stewart and Thomson for Jas. Murray and Sons Pringle Street, named the Frugality. This was described as being a new type of vessel for the district.**

May 22

**Portgordon beat the Rovers by two goals to nil to take the Junior Cup.**

Representing the Rovers were – Thomson, Buchan and Murray; J.Cowie, W.J.Cowie and Hay; Lobban, W.J.Cowie, Coull, Ross and Murray.

Portgordon team was – Bowie, C.Coull and Morrison; W.Green, J.Green, Murray, W.Innes, C.Innes, E.Innes, N.Coull and J.Innes.

**A Circus and Menagerie are to pay a visit to Buckie** with two shows to be given in the Commercial Park.

**Two long standing organisations to end.** The Rathven Parish Council is to give way to the District Council while Banffshire Education Authority also is to disappear.

**Miss Evangeline 'Eva' Reid was appointed a teacher at Buckie Secondary School.**

May 29

**A big Unionist meeting was to take place in Aberdeen to be addressed by the Right Hon. Stanley Baldwin, MP A special train was to run from Buckie with the fare being 5/- return. Admission to the meeting in the Seaton Park was 6d for adults and 3d for juveniles. Reserved seats 2/- .**

**Advert** – Robert Sim, Draper and Outfitter, Clochan.

**Primus stoves get them from Sutherland on High Street** who were advertising primus and oil burning stoves. My mother had a small primus stove which burnt paraffin, first lit by meths, used it and liked it a lot in the late 1940s and early 1950s while staying at Burnside of Enzie. Then there was no electricity nor did she then have calor gas.

**Mrs W.Scott, Burns Square, had obtained a diploma in Pitmans Shorthand at an exam in Glasgow.** She went on to teach commercial subjects at Evening Classes. My eldest sister, Mary, was one of her pupils in the mid 1940s.

**R.Tindall and Sons Ltd, Ironmongers, China Merchants, Complete House Furnishers, 1 High Street,** had a big advert regarding the opening of a large furniture showroom, with 3 model rooms on display. (They had no more adverts during the remainder of the year)

**Buckie Thistle won the Aberdeenshire Cup. They had now won it three times.**

June 5

**Advert** – W.Lawson, Boot and Shoe Repairer, 20 Land Street.

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**The winner of the Jowett, four-seater saloon, in the Buckie Thistle 'free gift scheme' came from Aberdeen. Someone from Inverness won the five herring nets.**

**Pinders Circus paid a visit to Buckie.**

**Not a home for such people** - A vagrant was fined 5/- for taking up residence at Linn House, a disused former mansion, without permission. Linn House, formerly the home of the dowager of Letterfourie lay south west of Drybridge. (It was completely destroyed on the orders of the farmer of Greenbank around 1994 when his men pushed the remaining stones into the valley of the burn nearby.)

**Motorcyclists were taken to task for speeding on the roads of Morayshire** after there had been a number of collisions resulting in death.

June 12

**Some adverts** – John Symon, Painter, Gordon Street. Geo. Geddes, Outfitter, 14 East Church Street; Murray, Tobacconist, East Church Street; I.L. McKenzie, 'The Club' 19

West Church Street; Geo. Geddes (Wm. Lobban), Grocer, 9 Cluny Terrace; Geo. Webster, Garage, 18 High Street; J.McCann, Grocer etc, 68 West Church Street; Banffshire Advertiser, 13 -15 West Church Street , Samaritan Toilet Roll, 3d a roll. 13 -15 West Church

**Letterfourie relics for sale at Christie's, London by Patrick Gordon Schee** - A Raeburn showing a full length picture of Sir James Gordon of Letterfourie standing by his horse and which had hung on the wall of the house for a long time, unexhibited, unknown even unrecorded. Sir James was the eldest son of staunch Jacobite, Alex Gordon who had to leave Scotland after Culloden. For the services given Prince Charlie gave him a portrait ring which together with family armorial china and some antique furniture will be sold.

**The Channel Tunnel** - A report said that the government had turned down the latest Channel Tunnel Scheme and it was felt now unlikely that a tunnel would be built during this generation. It had long been a dream to link Britain to Europe by means of a tunnel but it was thought that this would not be good from a military point of view. It was questionable whether a tunnel would be an improvement on the present means of transport for trade. It was probable that there would be an increase in tourism were it to be constructed especially among those who suffered from sea sickness. Regarding the movement of trade or even tourism the writer could not have foreseen how busy the tunnel would become once completed in the mid 1990s

**A link between the Yardie and Seatown** - Provost Merson suggested that steps should be constructed linking the Yardie with the Seatown similar to those in Portessie. Made of concrete they were to cost £82. Canon McDonald thought that railway sleepers might do the job and be cheaper. It was agreed however that concrete steps would last forever.

**Book - 'Days of Yore'- A reprint of Geo. Hutchison's book - "Days of Yore" can be had from the 'Banffshire Advertiser' office at a cost of 1/6 each. Postage 2d.**

June 19 **Opening announcement** - Edward Hillocks Jun. Motor and Electrical Engineer, Wireless a Speciality, 50 West Church Street, opposite the public school.

**Note** - A Kleen-E- Zee representative now stays in Buckie - W.C. Darling, c/o West, 4 Main Street.

**Advert** - Hairdressing - Ivy Mitchell, 1 Bank Street.

**Items for the school museum-** Dr P. Reid, Kimbrace, East Church Street, home on holiday from Peru presented Buckie High School museum with a humming bird's nest with eggs. as small as a pill box, also a shark's paws.

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**The inhabitants of St Kilda, who number only 25 now with only 8 men, are to be moved from the island. There were now too few men to do all the work that was needed to be done.**  
**A report given by a minister who served on the island from 1829 until 1843 - Neil McKenzie, found on page 7 column 1 makes interesting reading.**

June 26 **Advert** - James Galloway, 40 East Church Street (opposite the station gate) "The famed Banffshire Candy Shop".

**Maternity Nurse** - Nurse Flett, Springbank, Cliff Terrace, now a certified Maternity Nurse, was offering her services.

**A memoriam to Charles Gordon**, 2 Union Terrace; who died 20 June 1916. My great grandfather in law.

**The pupils from Clochan School held their annual picnic at Cairnfield.** They were transported there by Millers' buses.

July 3 **The Unionist Party** are to hold a fete in the Victoria Park.

**Advert** – Prime fruit from Cairnfield Gardens at The Salon, 37 West Church Street, (Wright's) Strawberries, Rasps, Blackcurrants, Red Currants and Gooseberries.

**Arradoul Flower Show** - Arradoul Rural was to be holding their annual show of fruit and vegetables.

**The pupils of St Peter's R.C. School held their picnic at Cuttlebrae, Clochan.**

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**Three men in a boat. During the weekend 3 Portessie fishermen whose total ages came to 231 years went to Findhorn for mussels in a small boat. The veteran's ages were 82, 77 and 72 and their journey at such ages was quite a remarkable feat. (Local and District News column)**

**Miss Anne D. Gordon, Domestic Science teacher,** left Portgordon for Buckie Secondary School.

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**Further to the sale of relicts from Letterfourie Alex Gordon, late of Letterfourie, claimed successfully the baronetcy of Gordon of Gordonston. He was the premier baronet in Scotland. The picture of Sir James Gordon sold for 540 guineas The ring give by Prince Charlie to Sir Alex had mounted on it a finely executed cameo of the Prince surrounded by diamonds together with two miniatures of Alex Gordon. This only fetched 62 guineas. There was keen competition for the beautiful dinner; tea and dessert services, which were enamelled with the arms of Gordon, Badenoch and Gordon, the first of which, fetched 460 guineas.**

**Miss Rose died in Portgordon at the age of 102.** She was a staunch Jacobite and could tell of how her great grandfather was an escapee from Culloden.

July 10 **The author of Sherlock Holmes dies** - The death took place this week of Conan Doyle the creator of Sherlock Holmes.

July 17 **A poet too** - The secretary of Craigenroan Swimming Club was Mrs Sharman of 8 Craigenroan.

**Big sale at Clochan** - Robert Sim, Draper and Outfitter, Clochan was advertising a Clearance Sale of his whole stock.

**Opening announcement** – A.Pirie, Coal Merchant at Portgordon Station.

**Singer Sewing Machines** were advertising that a new machine had been installed at 28 East Church Street that could do hemstitching and picot edging.

**Hewson's Great Fair and Carnival was open at Cathcart Park** (Central or Cowie Park off Newland's Lane)

**The T.C. were discussing the provision of a bowling green,** with a number of different sites being spoken of. Cluny Park, Queen Street Park, off St Peter's Road. A boating loch at Cunningholes was also mentioned.

Jul 24 **A train trip to Elgin hid been on the cards** - Monday was the Buckie holiday and the programme in the Palace for this date was Hoot Gibson in "King of the Rodeo"

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**An article on Peter Fair is found on page 3 columns 1,2 and 3 written by J.A. \*\*\*\***

**Two bands were to pay a visit to Buckie on Peter Fair week.** The Clydebank Concertina Band on Thursday and the Dumbarton Town Prize Brass Band on Friday. Both were to play in the Cluny Square.

Along with the Dumbarton Band several vocal solos and instrumental solos would be given.

**Ted Lawson the Buckie born runner** was still being successful in the United States. His time for 10 miles was 50 minutes and 5 seconds.

\*\*\*\*\* **An article titled "Banffshire's Old Castles " the Boyne and Findlater was given on page 7 column 6**

**Appointed Lord Lieutenant** - Former provost, James Archibald, Solicitor and Bank Agent was appointed Lord Lieutenant of Banffshire.

Jul 31 **Adam's wine is precious stuff** - Water or the scarcity of it was still a problem in Buckie and people were being warned that they would be prosecuted were they known to have wasted it.

\*\*\*\*\* **The book "Church and Churchyard of Rathven" written by William Cramond, MA Schoolmaster, Cullen, was to be printed in the B.A. over a period of time. The first part was found on page 3 columns 1,2,3 and 4.**

**Peter Fair day (Friday) 1930 was dull but dry.** There was a smaller crowd than the previous year. There is now very little business done and more of a gala day. There were a few horses forward though trade was stiff. Good quality horses made from £36 to £40 with ponies from £15 to £16. There were fewer sweetie stalls than had been common in the past but there were ample swings, shooting galleries and other such like amusements and also music from Dumbarton Brass Band.

Aug 7 **Gordon Castle Games** are to take place on August 23 in the castle grounds.

\*\*\*\*\* **The Palace Cinema planned to install 'Talkies' by Western Electric - the best there was, with only two other cinemas in the north having this system.**

**The Thistle are just in the red** - At their A.G.M. Buckie Thistle showed a small loss of £50 on the year's working but this was covered by the interest. The profit off the free gift sale of which a car and herring nets were the prizes came to £145. The retiring directors were - Wm. Smith, Ships Chandler, James Wood, Fish Salesman, Glasgow, David Reid, Portgordon and John L. McNaughton. All were re-elected.

**Railways finding ways to save money** As an economy measure all Sunday trains through the north east were cancelled. A number of railway workers were likely to lose their jobs.

\*\*\* **Tulips from Amsterdam** The B.A. carried a big advert from a firm in Holland advertising their bulbs. This was the first time that this had been seen.

Aug 14 **What are Buckie Thistle's chances for the coming year?** During the past season the Thistle had won the Banffshire Cup and also the Aberdeenshire League. The captain, L. Knowles, had left for Canada but his place was to be taken by Frank Smith who had been lost to the game for some time. The half-backs were - G. S. Reid, J. Ross, J. Hay and J. Green. Goalkeeper Wood would be in Yarmouth for 8 weeks but R., Masson an experienced keeper had been fixed up from Portsoy. Full-backs were - Geddes, Logie, Bowie, J. R. Reid. Four new forwards had been signed - Stewart, Menzies, A. Smith and J. Black while Newlands, Murray and McIntosh had again put pen to paper.

Aug 21 **Poem on page 6 column 5 "The Broken Promise "** relates to the unemployed - by C. Marshall.

**The Council had to pay for the damage done by rats** - The Stripeside farmer, whose corn was eaten by rats from the refuse dump on the Freuchny Burn, won his case against the Town Council and was awarded the figure he had asked for. The T.C. also had to pay the expenses of the case.

Aug 28 **Offers were invited for the construction of the caretaker's house** to the rear of the Townhouse off Cluny Lane.

**Poem on page 2 column 4 "A Rainy Day"** by Grace M Sharman

**Poem on page 3 column 4 "A Conversation on Song Titles"** by C.Marshall

**Wick Academy are to pay a friendly against Buckie Thistle** on the forthcoming Monday, the Wick holiday. A party of around 400 are to be travelling to Buckie aboard the St Clair. Wick was drawn against Forres mechanics in the Scottish Qualifying Cup and this was to give the team some practice. In the days before the war Buckie Thistle played Wick Academy in Wick and travelled there by drifter. The journey didn't suit everybody apparently since they lost to the 'Wickers' by three goals to two.

**The new Speybay hall** which was to be opened on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September by the Duchess of Richmond and Gordon with a grand bazaar cost £1,600 and was completed in 3 months.

The contractors were – Builders – A.Milne and Sons, Buckie; Carpenters, A and J. Slorach, Fochabers; Plumbers and Slaters, J.Barclay and Son, Buckie; **Plasterer, George Packman, Buckie;** Painters, R.Duncan and Son, Buckie; Heating, J and T.Campbell, Buckie.

Sept 4 **The Quines have lost all interest** – "Football clubs for girls which numbered about 70 only a few years ago have now ceased to exist in this country"

**Poem by C.Marshall – "The Hame O' My Childhood"** on page 3 column 2 (quite good)

**The Co-op were offering 10/- worth of free groceries in exchange for 125 coupons** taken from Shipmate Navy Cut cigarettes. These were only sold in the Co-op stores.

Sept 11\*\*\*\* **A new type of drifter fishing boat – driven by diesel power** – was launched at Sandhaven.

**Horses dinna like tarred braes-** The Town Council discussed the problem of the steep braes in Portessie and some were not on for having them tarred as it made it very difficult for horses since they couldn't get a grip. **Mr Grant, Carter, then a councillor, said they would never be without horses and had to plan accordingly.** Mr Sim said that there was a need to make roads to suit both horses and motors.

**'Mr Grant was not the first, and probably will not be the last, to make statements which time has a habit of causing to become untrue or incorrect.'**

Sept 18 **Another football cap** - G.D. McKenzie, the former Thistle player now with Queens Park, gained his second amateur football cap in the International against Ireland at Pittodrie.

Sept 25 **Two poems are to be found on page 3** the first by Telegraph titled – "The Cricketers' Lament " on column 3 and the second by J.M.Sinclair, USA, titled "Sunset on the Moray Firth"

Oct 2 **A poem called "Buckie Thistle" by the Rooks** on page 7 column 2. This arose after a marathon tussle between the Thistle and Huntly that ended finally with Buckie coming out on top. The Thistle team was - Wood, Geddes and F.Smith; Middleton, Cowie and Ross; Milne, Murray, McLennan, Hay and McIntosh.

**Poem "Swimming" on page 8 column 2** by Grace Sharman.

\*\*\*\*\* **The 'Talkies' come to Buckie** – Starting on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October in the Palace Cinema Western Electric Sound System with the first 'Talkies' film "Broadway Scandals", featuring Sally O'Neill and Jack Egan. Catchy tunes, fine singing and clever dances.

**The last silent films** - during the week – "Behind The Curtain" a drama featuring Loes Warner and Warner Baxter and on Saturday "The Flying Few" a glamorous romance of the air featuring Ramon Novario and a squadron of intrepid fliers who joke with death among the clouds.

Oct 9 **Poem on page 8 column 2 "The Last R 101"** by Grace Sharman  
The R 101 airship crashed in France shortly before. There were only 8 survivors out of 54 passengers and crew being carried at the time.

Oct 16 **Opening announcement** – John Taylor, Butcher, 57 Main Street, Buckpool.

**Big firms were still visiting Buckie with their sales in the halls.** The latest was Talbots Ltd of Aberdeen who were selling clothing, furs, footwear and gramophones.

**Hairy Corner – how did it get its name?** The name 'Hairy Corner' had come up in a discussion by the Town Council the week before. A resident there had written to the Department of Health about the condition of the housing at this place, they in turn writing the T.C. on the matter, using the same nomenclature. A number of councillors including Baillie Hendry had raised objections to the name being used by an official body.

The burgh surveyor said how the area had got this name it was because of a hairdresser who was in business there for a long time and who dumped the hair cut into the burn.

The B.A. received a letter from a John Geddes who said that he had lived at Bridgend for 74 years and wished to put the matter straight. "Hairy Corner is of very recent origin and was brought before the public by a music hall artiste performing in Buckie who raised a laugh by saying that he had been at "Hairy Corner" over night otherwise known as Bridgend.

I must thank Baillie Hendry for objecting to the nickname being used officially and insisting upon Bridgend getting its proper name

**A new minister was appointed to the joint charge in the Enzie.** He was Rev. Alex Nicoll who came from Inversnaid. He had been unanimously elected. The Rev Karl Greenlaw had been acting as locum tenens, but he was moving to Cardross, in Dumbartonshire.

**New Guide Hut opened** - Mrs Cosmo Gordon, Buchrumb, County Commissioner on Saturday 18 October 1930, opened a new Guide hut on Newlands Lane. The Guides I/C was Miss Davidson, captain; in charge of the Brownies were- Miss Jean Fowler and Miss Mary Bunyan.

The hut measuring 40 feet by 20 feet was made of wood with walls of cellotex and a roof of rubberoid. The architect was – John Cormack, Keith; mason, Wm. Douglas and Sons; joiners, Arthur Campbell and Sons; plumbers, J.Barclay and Son; painter, R.Johnston.

**New man in goal for the Thistle** - The Buckie Thistle team had Lobban in goal in place of the absent Wood and Masson. Lobban, a native of Buckie had formerly played for them and also Nairn, Elgin City, Huntly and Inverness Thistle.

**Poem on page 8 column 2 "A Story With A Moral "** Grace Sharman.

Oct 30 **Opening announcement** – George Munro (late of Gordon's Stores) opened for business at 68 West Church Street, formerly occupied by James McCann, as a High Class Confectioner, Fruiterer and Greengrocer.

**Poem on page 6 column 2 "A La Danse (Et Apres) "** Grace Sharman

Nov 6 **E. Smith Burnside Stores, Findochty Drapery, and Hardware also Fancy Goods.**  
(This advert had been in all this year)

**No less than 80 couples attended a Hallowe'en dance at Clochan last Friday.**

\*\*\*\*\* **First mention of a possible Buckpool Golf Course** The T.C. were discussing the proposal to construct a golf course at Buckpool between the farm of Seafield and the Gollachy Burn. Mr John Milton Councillor spoke of Buckie being an industrial town with the bulk of the workforce being manual workers. He said they would never get the working classes to take an interest in golf. It was a heady game and not a game for manual workers.

**'Once again a case of speaking without the benefit of foresight'**

**Poem on page 6 column 5 "Armistice"** by Grace Sharman

Nov 13 **Advert** – John McKenzie, Family Grocer, Seatown Stores. 'The new van is out and bring our stores to your doors'

**What can be done about the Sandy Road to Clochan?** A meeting was to take place in the Clochan School to discuss the condition of the Sandy Road that was then in a deplorable mess.

At the meeting it was agreed to removed the hedge on the west side and make a walkway in this place. To do this many loads of gravel would have to be transported and spread.

**Doing well in Canada** - Leslie Knowles the ex Thistle captain who moved to Canada during the summer was now starring with Ottawa Scottish F.C.

\*\*\*\*\* **Council accept the Estate's terms for three land area** - The T.C. learnt that the Cluny Estates were prepared to feu the Queen Street Park for pleasure purposes at a feu duty of £20 per annum and at the same time the vacant land behind the Cluny Cottages at £6 per annum. The strip of land connecting Queen Street Park with the Public Park at a rent of £4 exclusive of any rights to water or fishing in the Burn. The T.C. agreed to accept all of the offers.

It was agreed to go ahead with making the land on West Church Street into a Bowling Green and also to have built a shelter with conveniences, tool-shed and seats.

Nov 20 **Opening announcement** – Miss Bessie Robertson was to commence in business as a Ladies' Hairdresser at 11 Baron Street. The advert said how she had undergone a period of training and was now capable of all kinds of hairdressing.

**Opening announcement** - Louis' new billiard saloon , with five tables, to open on Saturday first. Charges for snooker and billiards 6d per hour; pool, pyramids and skittle, 1d each game.

**The farm of Baremuir presently tenanted by Alex Forbes is to be let.** The name was to be changed to Muirton some time later but why and when is not known.

**Poem on page 5 column 2 "Idle Dreams"** by Grace M Sharman

Nov 26 **No great rush of buyers** - Number 6 West Street was still up for sale.

**Advert-** Hear Jock Troup sing Gospel songs on Beltona records at Millers, West Church Street.

**Poem on page 5 column 2 "Rules"** by G.M.Sharman

Dec 4 **Advert** – J.J. Menzies were advertising that they had moved into more commodious premises on Cluny Square, formerly occupied by L.T.McGarth, Ironmonger where they

were to continue as Ladies and Gentlemen's hairdressers. There was a ladies waiting room.

Dec 11 **Opening announcement** - James Black, Hairdresser and Perfumer 5 Cluny Square. This was a branch shop from Elgin.

**The long-lived Farquhar family** - In the *Local News* a piece is written on the long-lived family of Farquhar from the Bauds, Findochty. Alex Farquhar and his wife had 13 of a family all who lived to amazing ages.

\*\*\*\*\* **More 'fun' at this game than normal - Bathgate 3 Buckie Thistle 1 Qualifying Cup, Semi-Final.**

This was quite an interesting encounter as can be read. Buckie had to travel to Bathgate twice. Wood the Buckie keeper also pointed out how the height of the crossbar was 4" lower than it ought to have been. This had apparently taken place over time as sawdust and ashes were kept being put on top of the mud in the goalmouth. The score-line however still stood.

In 1998 Hearts (Edinburgh) played a team in Malta in a European game when they were beaten. They protested that the crossbar had been well off the level. They lost their appeal for the game to be replayed.

Dec 18 **The Catholic Dramatic Society was to put on a performance of the play - "Bauldy"**. The producer was - Hugh M. Campbell; Stage Manager, John Esson with Wm. Lobban, Director of the Orchestra.

The cast was - Vincent McWilliam, George Paterson, Alex Garden, Charles Hepburn, Alex Newlands, Helen Stuart, Dolly Webster, Mary Gordon, Cathie Flett and Molly Garden.

**Opening announcement** - Peter F.Cormack (Painter and Dancing Teacher) was advertising that he had been appointed by an old established British Manufacturer to sell drapery goods in the local area. Only British labour was used in the manufacture of the goods. "Small profits - quick returns". A trial was solicited.

**Opening announcement - George McKenzie, Butcher, High Street, transferred his business to Alexander 'Sandy' Middleton (Thistle player)**

**Provost Merson re-elected Provost following the election of the 'new' Town Council.** Dr Paterson was a new member.

**Poem on page 6 column 3 "Christmas Thoughts"** by Grace Sharman.

Dec 25 **Poem on page 6 column 3 "I Want to Be"** by Grace Sharman.