

## 1931

- Jan 1            Advert – James Black Ladies and Gents Hairdresser 5 Cluny Square  
Phone Buckie 150
- Opening announcement** – John McIntosh, Boot and Shoe  
Repairer, 2 Blantyre Terrace, Iainstown.
- At the end of a match at Kynoch Park, Keith between the home  
team and Huntly F.C. a spectator, John Barnett, Huntly, assaulted  
the referee, Gavin Dykes, Civil Servant, 18 East Cathcart Street,  
Buckie, by knocking him over and kicking him with his boots. The  
sheriff said that since he had spent two nights in jail he would limit  
the fine to 20/-
- Jan. 8            The first meeting of the Dramatic Art class run under Enzie W.R.I.  
took place this week with 23 being in attendance. The class was  
run under the Carnegie Trust for WRI's. The tutor was Miss Taylor,  
Keith.
- Postmen were no to have a half-day off on Saturday afternoon.
- Poem on page 7 column 5 by G.M.S. titled "My Deary"
- Jan 15            *A new opera company was formed this week called the Lyric Opera  
Company. President, Miss Kynoch, vice presidents, Alex Anton and  
Alex B.Gerry; secretary/treasurer, John Esson.*
- A plan of the proposed golf course at Buckpool had been  
received from Messrs Hawtree & J.H.Taylor, London. The  
cost of laying out a course to the plan submitted was  
£5,000. The T.C. aimed to consult the National Playing Fields  
Association on the question of a grant and also to invite the  
proprietors of Buckpool to state terms for lease of the land.**
- The T.C. had received a complaint from the women living in the  
new houses on Mill Crescent about the grates in their houses.. One  
councillor was of the opinion that no heed should be taken of the  
letters since, he said, it was the men who were the tenants. It was  
decided that the complaints were legitimate and agreed to have the  
same grates as in the new Linn Crescent houses put in as early as  
possible.*
- Grant and Young (Arradoul) the tenants of Minduff under the T.C.  
had asked permission to plough some fields which had become  
infested with rushes and to put in crops. This was turned down on  
the grounds that in so doing the quality of the water could be  
impaired.
- Poem on p 5 column 6 "Jean's Dance Frock" (with apologies to  
Burns)
- Jan 22            Edward Hillocks, Motor and Electrical Engineer was advertising that  
he was in a position to do electrical installations.
- Sutherlands Furnishing Stores, High Street, were advertising Tilly  
lamps and radiators

A presentation took place for Rev Father Marr at Tynet. The deputation from the congregation included – Wm Geddes, Tynet, W.McWilliam, Bone Mill, Chas. Paul, Newlands, Jas. Paterson, Wellheads.

The Town Council were still debating the best site for a bowling green.

Whether this should be in the Queen Street Park, St Peter's Road or West Church Street.

The cost of providing a bowling green at West Church Street, exclusive of a dwarf wall and railings was to be of the order of £975. In the end this was the site chosen it being said, that the other use proposed for the area as a children's play area would cost £400 to lay out. It was not a good place for a play area being too near a 'busy' street. If the bowling green were to be put in the Queen Street Park this would take away a lot of its usefulness and this was a safer place for children to play.

*Mention was made of children walking along the parapet of the Victoria Bridge. Mr Hamilton suggested that railings or spikes should be set up to inhibit this dangerous practice. They never got round to this, did they?*

The T.C. were to look into the building of council houses in Buckpool.

It had been reported to the T.C. that West Church Street, St Peter's Road and Cluny Lane were in a very bad condition.

**Buckie Thistle lost by 6 goals to 2 by Third Lanark at Cathkin Park, Glasgow, on Saturday in the 1<sup>st</sup> round of the Scottish Cup.**

**Buckie were represented by – Wood, Smith and Bowie; Middleton, Cowie and Ross; Milne, Murray, Lowe, Hay and McIntosh.**

*The McKenzie Cup which had been competed for by Wednesday teams was to be resurrected. Buckie Wednesday beat Elgin Wednesday at Boroughbriggs, Elgin, in the first game.*

*The Buckie team was – T.Taylor, Geddes and McKenzie; W.Taylor, Green and Clark; Sandison, Thomson, W.J.Cowie, Grant and Hillocks.*

Slipway beat Portsoy in a friendly match.

The Slip team was – Coubrough, Sinclair and Mair; Booth, Esslemont and Smith; Leanord, Mair, Garden, Slater and Smith.

Poem on page 8 column 1 – "Disillusioned" (a masked ball) G.M.S

Jan 29 A ploughing match took place at Mains of Tannachy. In the champions class Wm McPherson was first and George 'Doddie' Shand, Chapelford, second.

Poem on page 7 column 3 by G.M.S. "To Burns"

Feb 5 A.Thomson, Seaview Place Boot and shoe Stores was advertising a cheap sale.

The T.C. held a tremendous palaver regarding the improvements to Queen Street, whether the roadway should be tarred past Cathcart Street junction or not.

The following farmers in the Enzie sent men and horse to cart shingle and help in the improvements to the Sandy Road to Clochan – F.A Thomson, Braes, John Thomson, Newbigging, Wm Forbes, Pathhead, Wm.Dean, Holmie, A.Mitchell, Auchiefow, George Grigor, Oxhill, Mrs Reid, Burside of Enzie. The farmers were thanked by Mr Forbes, Maryhill, District Council, who said that they hoped to get a grant of 60% to help pay for the other work which was needed.

Feb 12 Edward Hillocks, Draper, 20 Main Street and 8 Cluny Terrace was advertising a Clearance Sale.

The death took place this week of Andrew Hay, Tailor, at 80 years of age, at 25 East Church Street.

Buckpool Estates to feu the land at Buckpool for a golf course at an annual rate of £85.

Poem on page 7 column 3 "Oscillations and Hallucinations" by G.M.S.

Feb 19 Bonnyman's Portgordon, Grocery Department

What 5/- can buy –

1lb finest New Zealand salt butter	1/- and 4d
½ stone of sugar pure cane	1/- and 4d
½ lb tea	8d
1lb giant split peas	3d
1x2lbs Scotch marmalade	9d
1lb finest Bombay lentils	3d
1x 1¼ tin of apple chunks	<u>5d</u>
	= 5/-

**Opening announcement** James Matthew Contractors, Mill Crescent h has a cattle float which can carry four animals

The last of a series of horticultural lectures given by Mr Ames in the Clochan school saw him demonstrate the treatment given to currant bushes, apples and rose. John Bonnyman showed various slides.

Poem on page 5 column 2 "In Scented Groves" by G.M.S.

A sketch of the proposed layout of Buckpool Golf Course together with the site of a club house in the future was shown.

The men's clothing firm 'Burtons' had a special display of their wares in the Fishermen's Hall. Five guinea suits for 55/- Dinner suits 7 guineas for 75/-. Ready to wear breakwater coats normal price five guineas for 55/-

Feb 26 There was to be held an "At Home" in the Rathven Parish Church Hall.

A strange fishing craft arrived in the Cluny Harbour. This was the Clans of Grimbsy which was prosecuting the seine net in the Moray Firth. The Clans a motor boat measuring 52' had been built in Norway at a cost of £2,140. The skipper and part owner of the Clans was George Thain, late of Portgordon.

The Enzie branch of the Unionist Association held a meeting in the local school. Chairman, Alex S. McLean, Cuttlebrae, vice Pat Urquhart, Schoolhouse, Clochan, secretary/treasurer, Miss Catherine Geddes, Smithy, Arradoul.

Poem "To A Seagull" by G.M.S. was on p. 8 col. 4

Mar 5 A proposal had been mooted that a Banffshire Junior Football League on the same lines as that of Morayshire ought to be set up. It was visualised that this could involve 11 teams from the coast and inland.

Advert - McHardy's ,Cycle Agent, Mackay's Buildings.

Mar 12 The Town Council were considering the purchase of Strathlene House and estate belonging to Miss F.W.Kynoch. it was proposed that this might be done over a 25 year period paying the sum of £236 annually free of interest.

The estate covered an area of 136 acres part of which was used as a golf course, there were 9 acres arable with the remainder beach and waste.

The house was in good order, consisting of three reception rooms, 8 bedrooms, and dressing rooms, 2 servant rooms, 1 bathroom, a billiard room and a sun lounge. In addition there was a lodge, garaging and stabling.

To the front of the house the land was laid out with a tennis court and a putting green.

It was agreed to go ahead with the purchase.

The local Miniature Rifle Club asked permission to construct a range on the banks of the Buckie Burn near to the sawmill. This was turned down by the T.C. who had thought along the lines of constructing a boating pond at this point.

Poem on p.6 col. 2 "Friends" (dog) by G.M.S.

Mar 19 Mrs Mary Scott, Wallace Avenue, was advertising her services as a tutor of shorthand and typing with both evening and day classes.

Enzie Soup Kitchen held their annual meeting in the Clochan School. Gifts during the season were acknowledged from Robertson, Leitcheston, Mrs Collie, Westpark, Paterson, Wellheads, Angus, Allolath, Messrs, Gordon, McPherson and Hutchinson, Burnside, Mrs Reid, Burnside of Enzie, Mrs Milton, Tynet, Mrs Moir, Allolath, Mrs Thomson, Braes, Thomson, Newbigging, Forbes, Pathhead, Mrs Fettes, Starryhaugh, Stewart, Muir of Clochan, Mrs Walter Grant, Broadley, The treasurer reported that there was the sum of £7.18 to hand. The same committee was elected for the coming year with the addition of Mrs Collie.

One of the oldest bus companies in the land, Messrs Miller, Buckie was amalgamated with Messrs Alexanders and Sons, ltd Falkirk.

Millers were the pioneers of buses in the area running a service between Buckie and Keith when the trains stopped and then from Portgordon to Peterhead.

A. Miller was appointed local manager of the new bus company.

Miss Kynoch, late of Strathlene, bought 'Firlands', Fochabers

Poem on page 7 col. 3 "What's The Use" (of groaning and moaning etc) by G.M.S.

A new organisation - Portgordon Ladies Social Guild held a meeting in the Wesleyan Church hall.

Mar 26 Buckie Amateur Dramatic Society were presenting their production of "Mains Again". The cast included - G.R. Coutts, John Smith, Bruce Birnie, George Macrae, Alex Garden, Alex Ross, George Murray, Hamish Strachan, Vincent McWilliam, John Hamilton, Robert Coull, also the Misses - E.I. Macdonald, A Robertson, A.B. Duncan, N. Birnie, together with a chorus of haymakers, dancers and orchestra.

George Webster, Garage 18 High Street, was advertising a new singer junior 8 hp car at £150. This could be had in brown, maroon, black, or blue with a cellulose finish. A refinement was a sliding sunshine roof.

The Banffshire Advertiser was advertising their reprint of the Church and Churchyard of Rathven by William Crammond at 3/6 each postage 4 1/2 each. Bound in full cloth.

Ap 9 Poem on page 6 column 5 "Tear Drops" (onion) by G.M.S. Worth reading.

A second poem by G.M.S called "Such Is Life" on p. 7 col. 2 is also good.

Apr 16 Advert - James Fraser Upholsterer Etc, 21 Admiralty Street, (Home 3 Admiralty Street)

A benefit match was to take place for Alex 'Smacker' Murray between the Thistle and fellow H/L team KOSB's from Fort George.

Poem on p. 7 col. 2 "Jimmy's Prayer" by G.M.S.

R. Tindall and Sons Ltd. had their first advert in the B.A. since June of the previous year. They were established first in 1841 in Aberdeen before coming to Buckie.

**Opening announcement** - John Badenoch, Butcher, 25 East Church Street.

A. Adam, 'Tarwathie' Enzie had been appointed the representative for the North of Scotland for the London General Insurance Co. Ltd.

Advert - L.T. McGarh, Colonial House (formerly Dr Duguid's) was advertising Holiday Tours and Cruises. This was the first time that this had been seen.

Free passages were being offered to Canada with immediate jobs for youths under 18 and also fathers with large families, 'born to the plough'.

A letter had been received from abroad from someone who knew Buckie of the 1860s and especially Bridgend. It read - There was a real 'hairy Corner' at Bridgend in the sixties but it was torn down as it blocked the road from Buckpool over the bridge. The house was what was called a public inn. The proprietor used to come out to the corner and as he had often an unkempt tousy head of hair this caused the passing fish house lassies to cry, "Hairy Heid" at him. He then gave chase to the quines and that was what they wanted to get some fun out of him. This was why at one time Bridgend was called "Hairy Corner".

The writer of the letter had thought to write after reading a previous letter to the paper following some discussion at a Town Council meeting. The burgh surveyor then had said the name arose from a hairdresser who had shop there and swept the hair into the burn. The previous writer related it to a visiting 'funnyman' in a concert party. So we now have three versions so we can choose which we would want to believe.

Poem on page 6 column 4 "En Passant" by G.M.S. and also on p.6 col. 2 "Spring" by E.G.D.

Apr 30 The following teams entered for the Junior Cup - Buckpool Celtic, Strathlene, Rovers, Portknockie Celtic, Cullen Celtic, Hawthorn Athletic, Slipway United, Portgordon Sharpshooters, Wanderers, Hawthorn, Seatown Ramblers.

No prizes for guessing the most popular senior team in 1931.

Poem on p. 7 col. 2 "All Quiet on The Western Front" by G.M.S. Also on page 7 col. 4 "Mains Again" by E.G.D.

Buckie Thistle were R/U to Inverness Caley in the H/L

May 7 A dispenish sale was to take place at the farm of Hillhead, Drybridge, belonging to Captain James McIvor.

Roller skating was to start in the Fishermen's Hall with 2 sessions daily.

The roadway behind the buildings on Low Street on the seaward side was to be repaired it had become in a bad state.

Poem "A Nullah on the Tigris" (about soldiers in the desert) Seamus MacGaradh.

Poem on p. 7 col. 4 "This Milk Campaign" by G.M.S.

The idea of creating National Parks in Scotland was spoken of this week. In 1998 they are still thinking about it.

May 14 Violin tuition was being offered by Alexander Nicol Violinist, late of the BBC. Ruthin West Church Street.

Members of the local Temperance groups were to hold a meeting in the Fishermen's Hall to discuss protesting about the T.C. considering giving a drink's licence to Strathlene House.

Charles Coull, Gowanbrae, Portgordon, took two pigeons to a football match at Keith to send back the half-time and full-time scores. The first pigeon was home in 7 minutes with the half-time score the second took 10 minutes to do the 10 miles.  
The match between Portgordon and Keith Sports ended in a draw. Portgordon won the replay, the semi-final of the Wood Cup, at Victoria Park.

New council houses were to be built in Buckpool for the first time. Offers were invited for four blocks of 3 apartments and four blocks of four apartments.  
The lowest tenders were accepted - £648.16.10 for the blocks of three and £808 14.2 for the four.

Poem on page 8 col. 5 "The Sea Nymphs" G.M.S.

May 21 **Opening announcement** - J& T Campbell (Plumbers) were advising that they could now undertake electrical installations.

W.Alexcander And Son Ltd were advising that buses would be running to Keith Feeing Market at the following times stating at 8 a.m then 10, 2p.m, 5 and finally 9.30.

The death took place of Police Judge Alex Elder Anton, Benreay, Solicitor and Bank Agent. He was buried at St Ninians.

Poem on page 7 column 5 "Changed Days" (men or heroes) G.M.S.

May 28 Advert - John Sandison, Fancy Draper, had three ladies in his shop from a Paisley manufacturer who were prepared to give free tuition on Stichery.

Poem on page 3 column 2 "Home Rule For Scotland" by John Innes, Fisherman, Portknockie.

**Portgordon Social Club had a social evening when the medals for winning the Wood Cup and also the Buckie Junior Cup were handed over by Rev Sydney Sargent President and founder of the club.**

The death took place of James Mackay, J.P. local business man. He was a native of Deskford who came to Buckie 40 years before to open in business after training as a draper. His home was at Bayview, East Church Street. He had a daughter married to John Munro, Draper, West Church Street.

Poem on page 7 col. 2 "To a Haddock" (preferably yellow) by G.M.S.

June 4 Advert - George Smith, Draper, Cluny Square, Great Reductions Term Sale.

George Webster - "Buy the best at lowest possible price" Fifty bicycles to choose from - Sunbeam, Raleigh, BSA Humber, Royal Enfield, Rudge Whitworth, Elswick, Cluny etc. All carry makers guarantee, some for all time. Prices from £3.19 - £15-15.

Accessories - tyres, 3/6, tubes 1/6, free wheels 2/6, chains 2/2, pedals 2/6, gas lamps 4/6 etc.

Also a good display of motor cycles including, Matchless, Raleigh, Rudge Whitworth, etc. Phone number 39

Advert - "Don't forget if its anything electrical try R.T. & Sons they can supply it."

Grant and Young (Arradoul) who were refused permission to plough fields on Minduff by the T.C. were to give up the tenancy.

June 11 Strathlene House was to be opened on Wednesday 17 June 1931 as a boarding house with tea rooms for the general public. Mrs Power was appointed as manageress. There were 6 furnished rooms for boarders, either short or long stay, with a private parlour lounge. A public dining room and sun lounge.

It is proposed to develop the grass area to provide additional putting greens, a bowling green and a bathing pool. More bathing huts also to be built. An 18 hole golf course was also to be constructed.

One Strathlene became better known it was said that it would be likely to become one of the most popular summer resorts on the Moray Firth.

June 18 A note read - Residents on the lower reaches of the River Spey where flooding takes place may be advised that the only solution to the problem is evacuation to higher ground.

Poem by G.M.S. " Greater Love" found on p. 8 col. 3

June 25 **It was noticed that the Banffshire Advertiser still cost 2d. It had cost 1d fifty years before so the rise had been extremely modest.**

Enzie School Children held their picnic at Burnside of Enzie by kind permission of Mr Thomson. Around forty parents, former pupils and pre school children joined with the pupils in a hearty tea with Mr Sim doing the catering. Sports and games continued through until 6 when cakes and aerated water was served. Prizes in money and kind were handed over while each child was made the recipient of a bag of sweets, the special gift of a few parents.

**The chemists in the town decided to close earlier on a Saturday evening , at 7.15 instead of 8 p.m.**

When the former residents of St Kilda returned to the island recently with the intention of uplifting some of their goods which they had been unable to carry off initially they found that their homes had been desecrated with doors and windows knocked in and spinning wheels and such like removed. A Belgian trawler crew are believed to have been responsible.

July 2 The Craigenroan Swimming Club were to hold an opening dance in the Parish Hall Portessie.

**Poem "To Hikers" on page 3 column 5 by G.M.S. \*\*\***

Miss Unity Wilson, Aboyne Street, Ianstown, was met by members of the staff of the Post Office and presented with gifts before she left for a new position with the P.O. at Kirriemuir.

The death took place this week of Mr J Leith Esson, Draper, who formerly had a shop on High Street. He was a native of Tarland and came to Buckie around 1890 to be manager of Mr Newlands' Draper shop. He had been in business for himself for 35 years.

Among the prizewinners at St Peter's School was John Gordon who was 1<sup>st</sup> in primary 2. Richard Brown was 1<sup>st</sup> in primary three.

July 9 W.B. Robson were to hold a 'Bargain Boot Sale' in the Fishermen's Hall. They came from Edinburgh.

**The Town Council were discussing the provision of a playing field for Buckpool.**

The following shoe shops were all advertising sales - Thistle Shoe Stores, 26 East Church Street, John Simpson, Bank Street, The Scot Shoe House, West Church Street, John Calder, Cluny Terrace, George Sutherland 21 West Church Street, and the D.E. 10 West Church Street.

Poem on page 3 col. 2 "Joe's Dream" by G..M.S.

George Hendry, son of John Hendry, 11 Land Street, passed his exams as a dentist in Edinburgh. (LDS RCS)

July 23 *A number of motorists were fined in England for driving vehicles with bald tyres.*

Poem on page 5 col. 5 "To My Mother" G.M.S.

Jul 30 Tenders were being invited by the T.C. for the construction of public conveniences, men and women's (sic) at the existing harness room at Strathlene House, also a men's lavatory and convenience in the billiard room at the house.

Peter Fair report - The morning started off showery but improved in the afternoon. There were fewer stalls than normal. In the afternoon the numbers increased as cars and buses carried people to and from the fair. The Toll Bar presently being improved was opened for the occasion for one way traffic with the March Road being used for the return journey. Owing to the heavy rain a number of the heavier vehicles were unable to get off the stance and had an enforced stay over the week-end.

Poem on p.4 col. 6 "The Captive" by G.M.S.

Rome Tocher, Burgh Collector got a rise in his salary of £15 to take him to £245 per annum at a time when such as roadmen and other council workers were receiving something like £85.

**An article titled - At Peter Fair by A Humorist was found on page 5 column 5. Worth taking a copy. \*\*\*\***

The annual two day conference of Christian Brethren took place this week at Craigellachie. Among those present were - Gordon Smith, British Guinea, Samuel Chapman, Spain, Hopkins, China, Pierce and Fitzgerald, England, Kirk, Ireland, Gray and McDonald, Glasgow.

The little hall they used was a picture gallery in 1998, standing next door to my late uncle Edward Grant's house. He was the proprietor of the blacksmith and engineering business, Standfast Works.

Aug 6 James Gordon Motor Hirer had advice for funeral undertakers that he now had a motor hearse of a latest design.

**Provost Merson switched on the electric light at Cluny Harbour for the first time at 10.30 p.m on Saturday evening. As he said the lighting made a dangerous place safer for everybody. The work of lighting up the rest was ongoing.**

Poem by G.M.S. on page 5 col. 4 "A True Story About Strathlene".

Aug 13 The following were all providing music tuition of one kind or another be it singing, violin, pianoforte, organ or the theory of music -

Nen Paterson, Norwood, St Peter's Road, James Nicol, 15 High Street, Ina Thomson, 10 Gordon Street, Portgordon, Alex Nicol, High Street, J.D.Emslie, 55 East Church Street, Jean Johnston, 1 Duguid Street, Mrs A.A. Calder, Hazeldean, High Street, Mrs F.M.Gunn, Drummoyne, West Church Street.

M.L. Snell, Barrow, was to hold a three day Bankrupt Sale of Drapery in the Fishermen's Hall

Aug 20 Donegals of Aberdeen 'Famous Tailors' two day sale in the Fishermen's Hall.

Aug 27 Two new teachers had been appointed to the Buckie schools. Miss Mary J.Cowie was to come from Bracoden to Buckie Primary while Miss Elspeth Milne, M.A. was to move from Raasay to the secondary school replacing Miss Dickson.

Poem on page 7 column 4 "My Mither" G.M.S. (Not a good title)

I'm caul' an' I'm weet; I hae a gey lot tae dee  
'Ere I get tae ma bed late at nicht,  
For I've a man an' a son baith gaun tae the sea  
Sae ma burden can niver be licht.

I wis wast at the Scaup at the brak o' the sky,  
Bit the tide wisna verra far back;  
The Gang Stanes themsel's wirna even hauf dry -  
Made in difficult ma baitin' tae tak.

Caul work indeed's flaying mussels at morn'  
Only fit for fowk like masel',  
Oor han's an' oor fingers a' bleedin' an' torn,

Hackit baith wi' sprod an' wi' shell.

Oor fowk gaed tae sea jist when Sunday wis by,  
They'll be hame again jist afore dark;  
I hiv fower haufs tae bait an' a washin' forbye-  
Ye can see foo I'm up wi' the lark.

Whether sheilin' or baitin' or washin' or byakin',  
The burden is niver ower sair;  
There's a love in oor hame; its o' God's ain makin'  
Love's shinin' continually there.

Yon look fae ma man when he sees a'thing's deen-  
Is stronger than words can express,  
As he looks roun' his hame sae cosy an' clean  
Is reward for ma tyave an ma stress.

Sept 3 Advert – Mr Alex Nicol was advertising that he was to take over the draper's business previously carried on by the late J.Leith Esson at 16 High Street,

**The T.C. had a special meeting on Monday of this week when the new electric light in the council chamber, on for the first time, was much admired.**

The passenger link between Orbliston and Fochabers was to cease on the 14<sup>th</sup> September. It will still be used for goods traffic. Alves to Burghead passenger link was also to be discontinued.

A short report was given telling of the first man to 'walk' across the English Channel using water skis. He was a German called Karl Naumestruk.

Mention was made of hiking which was fast becoming a popular leisure activity.

**Poem on page 6 column 5 "The Reason Why" (the herring have disappeared) This had been copied from the Fraserburgh Herald.**

**Typhoid outbreak which was to last for ten weeks.**

"Women smokers are not unknown in Banffshire but I don't think they would continue if they realised what it did to their looks"

Sept 10 Menzies, Ladies and Gents Hairdresser, Cluny Square, was informing the public that he had doubled his staff with the increase in trade and could now guarantee that no gentleman would have to wait long to be attended to.

The firm installing electricity throughout the town was Messrs Lawrie, and Co. Falkirk

The gas company were to be allowed to put pipes into the new houses to be built on James Street, Buckpool.

The T.C. agreed to allow dances and weddings to be held at Strathlene House.

Poem on page 7 column 4 "The Late Farrier Green " (an appreciation)

John Thomson, the Glasgow Celtic goalkeeper, died on Saturday from injuries sustained during a match at Ibrox versus Glasgow Rangers. When he dived at the feet of Sam English, the Rangers centre forward, to collect the ball, English's boot came in contact with Thomson's head. Thomson died in hospital at 9 p.m that night without regaining consciousness.

He was 24 and unmarried and had been capped against England, Ireland and Wales.

He came from the Fife mining village of Cardenden.

Sept 17

The T.C had agreed a price for turf for the new bowling green at 2/4 per yard delivered by D. Cameron, Aberdeen.

The plans for the pavilion had been revised and would now cost £212.6.8 and would include lavatories. (sic)

The block of four apartment houses at James Street were moving along .

Three dozen new grates had also been put into the council houses on Mill Crescent where the tenants had lodged complaints.

**On Tuesday evening an important event took place in Buckie when the municipal electric scheme was formally inaugurated. Thomas Laurie and Co. Falkirk had invited a party of guests to a supper but before hand they met at the power station where the machines were inspected and the engineer, Mr J.E.McEwan, AMIEE, explained the technicalities. After this Provost Merson spoke the words , "Let There Be Light" before pulling the switch which flooded the town with light for the first time. The party then took to a bus to tour the main streets to see the effect of the new lighting.**

*The plant consisted of 2 semi-diesel engines , one of 100 bhp the other 160 bhp. They were directly coupled to two generators which in turn provided 500 volts for power and 250 volts for lighting. The plant at present was producing direct or continuous power was designed so that it could easily be altered to accept a.c. power from the national grid once this became established.*

The employed of Messrs Laurie had organised a dance in the Townhouse where the music was supplied by Bill Geddes's band. This must have been one of the very first dances Bill played at.

Ted Lawson, the Buckie-born marathon runner was still competing very successfully in the States.

James A.Gordon Motor Hirer now had a motor hearse of latest design.

Poem on page 5 column 6 "Music" by G.M.S.

The same lady had written a piece on the same page describing a hike taken by the new club which saw them walk from Buckie to Speybay then hence via Fochabers before returning to Portgordon

where they caught a bus. A distance of over 16 miles. Some hike!

Oct 1

R.Tindall and sons Ltd had been to an exhibition in Glasgow and returned with the newest wireless sets – 1932 style – which anyone could have for a trial in their home for three days. "Buckie Electrical Headquarters"

Because of the need to cut back the improvements seen to be necessary at the bridge over the Tynet Burn costing £2,700 were put back for two years.

Teachers were the next group of workers who were likely to be involved in a cut in their salaries. A uniform % decrease across the board was being advocated at something like 7 and a half per cent.

For sale 2 pianos, one dulcitone piano and 2 violins belonging to the late John Barrit, Music Teacher.

The property at 41 West Church Street consisting of a house and shop which had been built for R.R.George, Ironmonger etc, was for sale or let. This was built at the same time as that for Wm. Young, Baker.

The Town Council took the decision that they would see that the 'Town Clock' was lit up if the church authorities allowed them to put the necessary wires in. The clock belonged to the church having been paid for from a legacy but the T.C. had taken in hand the business of winding up the clock from 1889.

Buckie Thistle lost to Keith in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the Qual.Cup. The team was – Wood, Geddes and FS; Middleton, Bowie and Ross; Milne, Stewart, Bain, A.Smith and Menzies.

Tom Cowie the former Thistle player was in the Keith side as was Jimmy Cowie who was formerly with Raith Rovers.

D.L.Fowler won a number of prizes for cookies, a Genoa cake and batch loaf.

Hike from Fochabers to Boat O'Brig and on to Ben Aigen then back to Fochabers via Mosstodloch for the bus home. The party set off from Fochabers at 3.38 and came home in the dark. A good report is found on page 6 columns 1 and 2

Oct 15

A new 18 hole golf course had been constructed. There was also a 9 hole golf course. This information came to light after the T.C. said that no nets should be laid on the new course.

It was suggested that a recreation room might be made available in the townhouse.

Canon Macdonald had asked that the clock on St Peter's should also be lit up as had been the clock on the Church of Scotland and paid for by the T.C. He said how it served the whole of Buckpool while people in the Enzie traditionally had taken the time from it using glasses. This was agreed. Later the whole front was floodlit.

The hiking club went on a walk from Mosstodloch to Loch Nabo going via Balnacoul and Orbliston. To Lhanbryde. The report is given on page 8 column one and written up by E.S and E.T.M.H.

Oct 22 John Wilson who formerly had a draper's shop on Baron Street died in South Africa. He left Buckie in 1899

Page 5 gave a report of a hike by the hiking club. They walked to Shielburn then to Addie Hill leaving at 2.15 on Saturday from the LMS station . It was dark by the time they came home.

Poem on page 5 column 3 "A Highland Scene" S.Y.Lewis

Oct 29 The Co-op were advertising paying a 'divvie' of 2/- in the pound. They were also advertising the latest Cossor wireless set – 1932 model at £6.15. Batteries and valves could also be supplied at keenest prices.

The Inchgower herd of Aberdeen Angus cattle belonging to Walter Wilson was to be dispersed.

The Buckie Burn claims another victim. Wm. McIvor, 76, of Burnside Croft, Inchgower was killed when he fell over the bank of the burn at Mill of Buckie when returning home from visiting relatives on St Peter's Road. His body was found by his son. A Buckpool woman when setting out to sell her fish was also killed at the same spot a number of years earlier. The path was very narrow as it passed round the corner of the mill.

There was some indication that roadmen would have to take a cut in their wages. At this time they were receiving around 32/5 for a 40 hour week amounting to something like £84.8.8 per annum.

Advert – Robert Sim, Draper, Clochan was advertising a special End of Harvest Sale with a discount of 15% on all goods.

Nov 5 W.H.R.Gordon who had the auction rooms on Blairdaff Street signed the Trust Deed

Lodge Gordons were to hold a dance in the newly renovated Townhouse hall. They were the first to do so. Music to be supplied by the masons orchestra.

Hiking club left Buckie LMS station at 2.15 went across the proposed golf course to the Gollachy Burn then hence via Smerick to Enzie P.O. up the Enzie Brae over on to the Fochabers road caught the bus to Fochabers before walking home to Buckie in the dark. A distance of 18 miles.

Poem on page 5 column 2 "My Man" by J...

Nov 12 The residents of Buckie were still being warned about wasting water. The washing of pavements or using hoses to windows was not allowed. The problem of water scarcity had plagued the town for many years.

A burglary took place in Buckie. A.Middleton, Butcher, 3 High Street had a break in with £17 being stolen.

The Hikers held a dance in the Townhouse – music by Geddes's Band admission, 3/- and 2/6

Teachers were to have a reduction in their salaries of 7 and a half percent across the board.

The cost of erecting the revised pavilion and conveniences at the West Church Street Bowling Green at £450 was approved.

**The Banffshire Advertiser celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> birthday with the first edition being printed in November 1881.**

**1881 to 1931 page 5 columns 5/6 Buckie Fifty year Progress report**

**(very good.)**

**Page 8 Buckie Its Rise and Development (again good and worth getting a copy)**

**Page 8 A list given of old established Buckie firms together with a note on each**

Hike to Cullen from LMS station. Up the Heilan Line then west past Carnoch cottages before entering the Ladies' Drive opposite to 'Robbie Annand's Wallie' . From there to the lodge the past Brunton to the main road to Cullen Square. Back and along the beach to Portknockie and Findochty to Buckie. A short hike!

Alex Mavor was allowed the rent of the house at Seafield farm until May.

Nov 19 Advert – 'Saut Herrin' from James Flett and sons, Fish Mart.

Enzie Concert and Dance – The pupils of the school presented a pleasant musical programme to a crowded house. A duet 'When Shall We Be Married John' by Monica McLean, Cuttlebrae and Sandy Paterson, Cowfurrich.was sweetly and naturally delivered and by the little lady with a charming archness being particularly well received . Country dances interspersed with more songs took place helped by John Duncan. Music was supplied by Miss Bruce, Miss Keiro also Messrs, Thomson, Shand, McWilliam and Duncan. Rev. Nicoll was chairman at the concert while Ben Sim was M.C. at the dance.

There were more old established Buckie businesses listed on page 8

**It was noted that the cost of the Banffshire Advertiser had been one penny in 1881 and had only doubled in price to two pence, fifty years later.**

Nov 26 Advert – Campbell's Lunch and Tearooms in the Cluny Hotel.

Wright's Saloon on West Church Street had a similar advert.

For weddings and parties.

Sale of china at Mrs Harler's 72 East Church Street.

The typhoid epidemic was all but over with no more cases reported. During the 10 week period there were 34 cases with Campbell Hospital, Portsoy being fully taxed

Dec 3

The sewers in Buckpool were to be extended out into the sea.

**The Unity Lodge I.O.G.T. were to hold a Sale of Work in conjunction with the opening of their new hall on December 8 at Hay Street, Buckpool (The 'Pitch')**

**The Templars had previously met in the hall belonging to the South Church on Main Street. There was no room to expand there.**

**The builder of the wooden hall was Arthur Campbell.**

**The Templars had started to gather money for a hall of their own in 1912 when they made £97 off a sale of work. Their savings had amounted to £217 12 by 1931. The sale of work at the opening.**

**was to help[ pay off the debt.**

**The hall was occupied by the army from 1939 until 1945. After that it was dismantled and put up at Duncan Lane, Bridgend to act as a garage. The Star Garage. It was still standing and looking in good condition in 1998 and used by Mr G.Grant, Contractor.**

*Hike - From Fochabers to Keith going via Rothes, Craigellachie, Dufftown, Drmmuir to Keith where they caught a bus home to Buckie. A distance of 26 miles not a hike but a route march. The leader was S.S. Fowlie. The party left Fochabers at 11 a.m and caught the bus at Keith at 6 p.m.*

Dec 17

Buckie Secondary School won the Herd Cup after beating Banff Academy 5- 0 in the final. The cup had not been played for some years. The team was - Hamilton, P.Smith, J.Stewart, P.Murray, G.Smith, R.McKenzie, J.Flett, J.Hillocks, A.Gerry, J.Stephen, A.E.Flett.

Dec 24

**The management of Buckie Thistle, were inviting teams to come forward with the intention of forming a Buckie and District Junior League. Representatives of four likely teams put in an appearance and agreed on the formation of a league.**

Captain Nunn, Compass Setter and Optician had been 9 years in business at the station and wrote a little poem to celebrate this

The shop on the 'Bowling Green Brae' which had seen a number of businesses was now being used as a Radio and Electrical Stores.

Poem on page 5 column 5 "Good Old Santa " written for little ones

**A report was given of a hike to Loch Nabo from Fochabers. The language written was something else and worth reading. Short walk 6 miles.!**

Dec 31

Scottish Brotherhood Union Conference of Men to meet in the lesser Fishermen's Hall. All men young and old welcome.

Hogmanay Dance in the St Andrews Hall 9pm until 1.45 am 1/- and 1/3 – full band.

**Opening announcement** - James Geddes Watchmaker, late of Glasgow, 9 West Church Street. Repairs to all clocks and watches.

**A summing up of the past year, 1931, was that it had been a bad one all round. The herring fishing was extremely poor with cut backs in all sectors and a reduction in wages and salaries. Unemployment benefit was stopped.**

The death took place of ex Provost Shearer. He was a native of Banff came to Buckie 36 years before to start a draper's business

Many shops etc were in the business of selling wireless sets – Edward Hillocks, R.Tindall and Sons, Co-op, Geo. Webster and Wm.McHardy