

1932

Jan 7 **Advert** - A& C Mitchell, Drapers and Hairdressers, 1 Bank Street Annual Sale

Captain Nunn's advert read - Nautical Optician
Unusually moderate terms to you
Ninth year at Buckie Station
Nothing charged for sight prescription

Jan 14 **Opening announcement** - Robert Gauld was stating that he had taken over the business of the late Mr Hendry, and was now open for jobbing joiner work and funeral undertaking

Note name of competition - Buckie Rovers beat Portgordon by two goals to one in the Buckie and District Junior League
Rovers' team - Thomson, J. Newlands, Clark; J.W. Cowie, G. Cowie, Hay; G. Newlands, Murray, Marshall, W.J. Cowie, J. Thomson.
Portgordon - Herd, Geddes and A. Innes; Cowie, Green and Thain; Reid, E. Innes, A. Geddes, Coull, and J. Innes.
Scorers Marshall two and E. Innes.

Jan 28 **Advert** - W. Anderson, Funeral Undertaker, East Cathcart Street. (Workshop on the right immediately before entrance to the Burgh Yard. He was Bill Geddes, the bandleader's father-in-law.)

In the Junior League the Hawthorn (Buckie) lost to Seafield (Portknockie) by five goals to one.

The Thistle team to play Elgin was - Wood, Wood and Bowie; Clark, Smith and Ross; Bain, Middleton, McLennan, Stewart, McIntosh. Cars to leave Buckie at 1.15 p.m.

Feb 4 **Popular this year were Leap Year Dances**, those being held at Clochan on Friday and Arradoul on the Wednesday and also in Portgordon where their advert read - "Don't Look Before You Leap". Admission was now 2/6 for both men and women.

Advert - James Anderson, Shoemaker, Mackays Buildings, Shank's Lane Annual Clearance Sale with 15 to 20% off.

Feb 11 **The T.C. was to borrow £1,750** to meet the cost of making the **Bowling Green near to the Victoria Bridge.**

Like many others at the time he had cash flow problems - Winchester, farmer at Loanhead, Rathven signed the Trust Deed.

***** **The new tenants would have known a difference** - A total of 22, 3 apartment and 6 four apartment houses were to be built in Buckpool to house **those displaced by the clearances at Bridgend and elsewhere.**

Poem on page 7 column 6 'Buckie Thistle'. This appeared to be in reply to a previous poem.

Feb 25 **A mass meeting of the unemployed and uninsured to take place in the Fishermen's Hall.**

**** At this time there were many fishermen working on the road with a pick and shovel.

The Commercial Shield - James Smith, Commercial Hotel, presented a shield to be given to the winners of the Buckie and District Junior league. The shield carried the Buckie coat of arms and had 12 silver discs on which the winner's names were to be printed.

Mar 3 **Rovers and the Thistle are doing well** - - At this date Buckie Rovers were top of the league followed by Portknockie, Portgordon, Hawthorn and Wanderers (the last two teams were also from Buckie)
Buckie Thistle were also top of the Aberdeen and District League (later called the Aberdeenshire League)

Two boxers from Buckie represented Elgin at a contest in Inverness both winning their bouts. The boxers were Billy Forbes and Kid Farquhar.

Advert – Robert Sim Clochan for Shirts, Caps and Ties.

Mar 10 **The Hawthorn team beaten 9-1 by Portgordon was** – P.Cowie, Stewart, and Bowie; Ashby, Smith and Booth; Clark, Coull, J.Cowie, Cormack and Wilson.

Mar 17 **Announcement** – James Taylor, Butcher to succeed W.W.Turnbull at 42 East Church Street.

He was the first greenkeeper - Alex Anderson, Blairdaff Street, was appointed greenkeeper at the Victoria Bowling Green at £1 per week.

**** **Plans for bathing pool at Strathlene at an estimated cost of £727. Provost Merson said how the work would be done by the unemployed. Canon Macdonald was on for the bathing pool to be more central at Buckpool harbour or the Hythie, nearer the schools and likely to cost less. In the end Strathlene was carried. (The Council only paid a portion of this for as the unemployed were employed a good deal of money came from another source.)**

Mar 24 **Advert** – "Switch on to gas lighting" Lit by a switch, handier than matches. Gas lighting was recognised by both the medical and optical experts as the best form of artificial illumination.

Elgin City won the Highland League for the first time in 40 years.

Poem on page 7 column 5 'A Rhyme of the Times' by Navy

Notice – Do not waste water. The scarcity of water was still a problem

Buckie High well represented - In the Banffshire Schoolboy's team versus Inverness the following Buckie loons played – Smith, Murray, Smith, Hillocks and Gerry.

Elgin won the H/L after Huntly had beaten Keith the nearest challengers it was thought to be not in the spirit of the game for Elgin to have sent a telegram to Huntly that read, "Heartiest congratulations and many thanks".

Ap 7 **LNER were advertising a cheap day excursion to Aberdeen.** The third class fare from Buckie and all stations to Portsoy, the last stop was 6/6. From Speybay and Portgordon it was 7/-. This seemed to be a bit unfair. There were two trains one around 8am and the other at 10 am . Both trains taking between 2 hours and 16 minutes to 2 hours 20 minutes for the journey.

Buckie boxers win at Keith -Jock Gordon and Billy Forbes.

Playing for Portgordon in the Junior League were – McGregor, Duncan and Harper; Wood, McBoyle and Slater; T.Mair, Falconer, J.Mair and Wilson.

Where were the rooms ? Buckie Athletic and Sports Club held their meetings in the Buckie and District Social Club Rooms on Cluny Square.

Apr 14. **Pugilists and singers** -Johnny Leanord, Kid Farquhar and Billy Forbes boxed at Keith while after the fight songs sung by Hugh Leanord and Fordie Lawson entertained the company.

A new owner of the gramophone shop - W. A. Milne took over the shop previously ran by E.D.Geddes at 18 East Church Street. 'Buckie Leading House for Gramophones and Records'

Ye'll hae tae bide thirsty - Robert Smith was refused a license for a public house at 27 Rannas Place. Opposition led by Methodist ministers. Portessie had been dry for some time. The pussyfoots won.

Apr 21 **A & W.J Ross Painters dissolved their partnership.** W.J.Ross to continue himself at 7 New Street.

Jist anither ane finding it hard going - The skipper of the S.D. Olive signed the Trust deed

The street far I bade for a lang time - Houses were to be built on Sutherland Street with offers being invited.

The Buckie Hikers gave a report of a hike to the Culbin Sands. They took the train to Forres arriving there at 10.15 a.m
They walked in all 18 miles before catching the train for the return journey. Having an interesting walk across the sands though at one point a blizzard was raging when they took shelter in a salmon bothy.

Anton and Alexander Street were named after the late Police Judge Alexander Anton. Some members had a wish to change the name of James Street to Anton Street but this was defeated with the name Anton given to the extension of Cross Lane.

A picture was unveiled in the Fishermen's Hall showing the original trustees. The wording on the picture read - In honour and lasting memory of our forefathers in their great service to the community.
Messrs John Reaich, West Church Street, Alex Cowie 'Gullie', Yardie, John Murray 'Gyke', Seatown, James Thain, 'Thainie' Nether Buckie, Wm Murray 'Prince', Cluny Terrace, Peter Murray 'Baron' West Street, James Murray 'Burd' Cluny Terrace, Wm Reaich 'John' Seatown, Alex Reid 'Reedie', Seatown, George Murray, 'Bodge' Gordon Street, John Cowie, 'Strath', Yardie, John Black, Yardie.

Ap 28 **The Buckie Bowling Green** to open for the season on Wednesday 4 May. A.L.B. Melvin, secretary.

John 'Jackie' Wilson took over the business of A. Wilson, Slater, and Portgordon.

The Buckie Hiking Club became affiliated to the SYHA (Scottish Youth Hostelling Association)

Two members of the club Anton and Boyle said how they had identified with good measure the site of the Chapel of the Craig (St Margaret's near to the present Preshome, Chapel)

May 5 **No less than 4,000 people from Inverness, Nairn and surrounding area paid a visit to the famous wishing well at Culloden Moor on May Day.** This has been an annual event for a long time. The money collected was donated to Inverness Infirmary.

Teams entered for this year's Junior Cup were - St Andrews, Hawthorn, Corinthians, Wanderers, Rovers, West End Athletic, Nomads, West End, Hearts (all Buckie) Strathlene, Portgordon, Celtic(Portknockie), Rangers(Portknockie), Celtic(Findochty), Albion(Portknockie), Celtic 'A'(Findochty),

From 1922 until 1932 a total of 45,000 were killed on the roads of Britain.

May 12 **Just like Blackpool** - John Bruce asked for permission of the T.C. to run ponies on the sands at Strathlene during the summer months.

H.M.S. was to pay a visit to Buckie from Friday 13 to Monday 16 May. The four-day visit was to take the form of a gala with all manners of sports organised with a great number of people prepared to become involved. There was to be a dance, football match, putting, golf, cricket, bowling, tennis, and rifle shooting at the Rathven range.

May 19 **Hard times in the fishing industry** - The skipper of the Blithesome, BCK 16 signed the Trust Deed. This was the second local skipper to be forced to this since the start of the year.

The Hiking club went to Banff and had a hike through the Montcoffer Woods.

John Wesley, paid a visit to the area - On page 6 column 1 there is a report of the trips made by the Methodist preacher, John Wesley. It tells of how on one occasion he crossed the River Spey on horseback when he was over 70 years of age. On a second occasion when the river was high he was taken over by boat with his horse coming over later by ferry. His comment when he saw the new Gordon Castle all 650 feet long was - "Well might the Indians wonder why white men being no bigger than red men yet build such immensely loftier houses.

May 26 **Poem on page 3 column 2 " In Memoriam -HMS York" (quite good)**

Enzie school pupil fatal accident - Jeannie Benzie (11) pupils of Enzie Public School residing at Slackhead, Enzie received injuries, which later proved to be fatal. Whilst on the way to school with other children they had been too near to the wheels of a traction engine and trailer when she apparently tripped and fell beneath one of the wheels. She died later in Seafield Hospital.

The local hikers walked from Buckie to Berryhillock, Deskford, going via the Rathven Station, Connage, Hill of Maud, Deskford, Berryhillock, Kirkton, Braidbog, Darbreich, Saughs, Townhead, Puttingbrae, Hilton, then back to Buckie in time for the 'second hoose' at the Palace.

June 2 Opening announcement - J & G Imlach, Lintmill were advertising that they aimed to start in business as watch, clock and gramophone repairers.

******* Buckie Rovers were first to claim the Commercial Shield** - James Smith, Commercial Hotel, handed over the Commercial Shield, which he had donated, to the captain of the Rovers for winning the Buckie and District Junior League. He said how the shield had been made of oak from the Letterfourie estate and designed by a Buckie craftsman. Mr Smith wished the players of the Rovers F.C. the best of luck when they got back to sea adding, "Weel May Yer Boatie Row" (This has been the motto of Buckie Rovers ever since that day)

June 9 **A building in St Ninian's Cemetery** - Tenders were wanted for the mason, carpenter and slater work of a memorial chapel to be built in St Ninian's Churchyard, Enzie.

Cairnfield Gardens to be open to the public on Wednesday 15 June. Admission 1/- with cars parked free, Afternoon tea served in the house for 1/-. Monies to go to the Queens Institute of District Nursing.

Huntly Laundry were advertising that their van was to call at Buckie on a regular basis, starting soon,

June 16 **Seven people returned to St Kilda recently** where they intended to stay during the summer months spending the time weaving cloth and doing repairs. Stores were landed to help with this. Some tourists also paid a visit.

June 23 **Council pass plans for fish-house and housing** - Plans for a kiln for smoking fish at Harbour Head for James Stewart were passed by the T.C. as were the plans for the new houses in Buckpool.

The bathing pool at Strathlene was to be opened on Wednesday 20 July. It was intended to hold a gala with the proceeds to go to Chalmers Hospital, Banff Special Appeal.

North Church congregation to meet in the Town House - The T.C. agreed to hire out the hall in the Town House to the congregation of the North Church during the time that it was closed for decoration and the installation of electric light at a charge of 7/6 per week.

The Buckie hikers spent a weekend in the Aviemore and Tomintoul area. A big report of their 'doings' was given on page 6 columns 2/3/4.

Buckie Athletic and Sports Club were to set up for the season, tennis, golf, putting, bowling, cricket and athletics. Five committee members were associated with each leisure activity.

June 30 **A scene of changing times** - Cabinet Makers stock for sale also fittings belonging to Nicol Bros. High Street. Sale by private bargain.

This again is yet another facet - The T.C. are to sell off their 7 horses, together with carts, harness and some implements such as ploughs and harrows. They are to go over to lorry transport for the uplift of rubbish etc.

Advert - I, James Bennett Nicol am prepared to undertake orders for upholstery and funeral undertaking. Repairs of all kinds. 15 High Street.

July 7 **A change of use** - The shop at 41 West Church Street formerly occupied by R.R.George, Ironmonger. McKenzie, Groceries, Provisions and Fresh Fruit. He also had a shop in the Seatown.

Do you want your lum swept - Campbell & Niven were advertising their services as Chimney Sweepers, Baron Lane.

Maggie Fair - A short report is given on Maggie Fair, held at Garmouth. The fair had ceased to function but was revived during the war as a way of raising money for good causes.

Drivers chosen by ballot - The T.C. had five lorry drivers but they only needed four so they held a ballot to see which of the four to keep. The fortunate ones were - Rumbles, Gordon, Wright and Thomson. (Gordon was my father-in-law Jimmy Gordon)

More extensions are to take place - Plans for extensions to the hospital were passed.

The path has had a lot of attention - The District Council agreed that the pathway on the Sandy Road to Clochan be coated with 'crusher chaff'.

July 14 **Strathlene Bathing Pool Grand Opening Gala** - Aquatic Sports, Water Polo etc. Grand Marquee Dance open during the afternoon at 2d per dance and the evening 1/6 from 8 until 2 am. Ross's Dance Orchestra, refreshments on the ground or in the house.

The Ex Servicemen are to have a tent at Peter Fair where one can get dinners, teas and refreshments. Bruce and Stronach.

The fowk didn't like the Town House hall - The North Church congregation was holding their Sunday services in the Fishermen's Hall during the decoration period after it was found that the Town House hall was too close for comfort.

July 21 **Advert** - Royal Midget Circus are to visit Buckie on 28,29 and 30 July.

Fit ill he was deein we werena telt - John 'Jock' Yeats, Roads Foreman, Clochan, was fined for allowing a tractor to pull two laden trailers on the main road.

They hid been mair bonnier than iver - A short report mentioned that the bus conductresses were now wearing tartan kilts.

July 28 **Nicol Bros. Trust Estate** - whole stock to be sold off at greatly reduced prices.

Baker firm suffers second major fire - Moray Firth Bakery on Blairdaff Street belonging to Wm Young was completely destroyed by fire on Monday afternoon.. The damage was estimated to cost £1,000. Mr Young was on holiday at the time. Eight years before his former baker's premises on Low Street were completely burnt out.

Peter Fair only received a minor report - The weather was dry if not sunny with large numbers of people attending. There was no horse business done. Money seemed to be scarce at the various stalls and sideshows. Boxing booths did a good trade, continuing on till Saturday. Several local boxers had credible wins.

The Buckie hikers had a long hike across the Corryarrick Pass. A big report is given on page 5 column 1.

Advert - Bert Nicol, Upholstery and Repairs - mattresses teased and recovered, furniture stored and sold. Cabinet Maker and Upholsterer - 21 A High Street

Aug 11 **Grand Swimming Gala under Buckie Athletic Sports Club** in the Cluny Harbour on Wednesday 17 August starting at 2.30 pm. Schoolboys and ladies races- inter club competitions - involving Banff, Elgin and Buckie.. Club Championship for the President's Cup. Comic interludes. Display by a team from the KOSB's, Fort George. Their pipe band also to be in attendance. Prizes to be presented by James Archibald Esq. Lord Lieutenant of the County of Banff and Hon President of the club. Dance in the Town House in the evening with an open buffet. Music by Ross's Dance Orchestra, admission 3/6.

Lady Cathcart dies - The death took place this week of Lady Cathcart whom when married to John Gordon of Cluny used to stay in a house on Baron Street. During their stay they came to realise the difficulties faced by fishermen during times of storm when trying to make a safe anchorage. It is believed was the reason for John Gordon building the Cluny Harbour. Lady Cathcart later sold the harbour to the T.C. for a figure of £2,000 to be paid annually over a thirty-year period.

Lady Cathcart, herself, gave the town Cluny Park as a place to play football and other games. When a fund was began to help pay fishermen for nets lost during a storm at Yarmouth three years before Lady Cathcart gave the sum of £100. She also gave the sum of £20 annually to be distributed amongst the most needy widows on her two estates of Buckie and Gollachy.

She also gave the Lady Gordon Cathcart School to the Episcopal Church. She opened the bowling green on Low Street and cut the first turf on the coast railway at Buckie. Blairdaff Street was called after her estate in Aberdeenshire. Colonsay Place after her uncle Lord Colonsay and Carlton Terrace after her father. Titness Street after her home Titness Park near Reading. Her own Christian name was Emily Pringle, this giving rise to the name Pringle Street. She became Lady Cathcart after marrying a second time hence the name Cathcart Street.

Buckie Thistle and the season ahead - Bowie, the left back has been lost to Peterhead, there being no situation for him in Buckie. George McIntosh, V.C. whose term with the R.A.F. has now expired will be available to help the club as will Stewart and Milton, both at the Varsity. George Smith the clever centre half of the Secondary School would also be there to give occasional help.

The Thistle team for the opening game of the season 1932/33 to be - N.Wood, Milton and W.Wood; Middleton, G.Smith and F.Smith; Ross, Milne, Stewart, McLennan, A.Smith and Bain.

Sandy Middleton was appointed captain with Frank Smith as vice.

Buckie Thistle won the Aberdeen & District League the previous season.

Aug 18 **Music lessons have again started with the following all having adverts** - Mrs Young, Gunn, Calder, and Johnston also, Alex Nicol and J.D.Emslie.

The worst thunderstorm to hit Scotland for many a year also affected Buckie and the surrounding area. Houses were struck in Buckie with some odd occurrences taking place. Cattle were killed at two places near Keith while the railway station at Inveramsay was completely gutted after taking fire.

Aug 25 **A second cabinetmaker firm in trouble** - The partnership of the long established firm of McKenzie and Geddes, Cabinet Makers and House Furnishers on East Church Street was dissolved. Robert McKenzie advertised that he was to continue on his own account.

Sept 1 *****The North Church to reopen on Sunday September 11 after being fully redecorated and electric lighting installed.**

Have you seen a red Yo-Yo? With the yo-yo making a return during 1998 (far more sophisticated than my young days) when almost every child had one it was interesting to read a report about them in the paper of September 1932, as follows

Who invented the yo-yo? Canada has been putting forward a claim with a story of a page boy in one of the hotels who discovered when playing with an egg-cup and a piece of string that the egg-cup could be made to return up the string to his hand. But Canadians were too busy pioneering to bother much about toys when the first yo-yo appeared either in Britain or France. In Britain it was called the bandalone and had a very long run of popularity from about 1780 to 1830 or a little later. In France, during the Reign of Terror as the emigrette. Tonbridge in Kent seems to have been the home of the yo-yo with some of those produced there being very elaborate affairs inlaid with Tonbridge ware, which has now changed, now known as Rye Mosaics. They weighed about 1/2 LB and were worked by cat-gut. So the yo-yo is probably a British invention although we had forgotten all about it for about 100 years.

Sept 8 **Large scale demolition and clearance took place at Bridgend** of the buildings known as 'Flann's Properties which had become unfit for human occupation and injurious to health. **All together 16 houses and five shops were demolished.**

Several aeroplanes made a visit to Buckie. Quite a number of people took the opportunity to see Buckie from the air with the planes taking off and landing again from a field near to Inchgower Distillery.

Did you know(a note said) that one ostrich egg can make an omelette larger than one made from 3 dozen hen's eggs. Also that an ostrich chick grows at the rate of 1 foot per month during its first six months.

Yes you can build them - Plans for two semi-detached houses on Cathcart Street by A.Milne and Son were passed. The application for a grant for these was deferred.

Sept 15 **Advert** - Clearance Sale - the last of stock of Nicol Bros. At greatly reduced prices.

First hike of the season by the Buckie Hiking Club on Saturday- Portgordon to Fochabers returning by the high road. On Monday another party hiked again from Portgordon to Fochabers but this time went via Spey Bay and the River Spey before returning.

Not a staircase to the stars, perhaps, but will be welcomed - The T.C. agreed to go ahead with the concrete steps leading from the Yardie to the Seatown, at a cost of £20. Sleepers were to cost £10. There would be 90 steps, 4' wide and five platforms.

Notes on Buckie North Church - see page 5 column 2/3.

The first presbyterian church in Buckie was built in 1835 on the same site as the present church but this stood east to west. It lasted up until 1878 when the present church was built.

The old church was lit by penny candles and saw the schism of 1843 that lasted until the reunion of 1929.

From 1843 until 1850 the faithful remnant walked on the Sabbath to Rathven until the church was restored to the Church of Scotland. In 1843 the church was split three ways giving rise to the West Church and the South Church and the North Church.

The present church was opened in 1879 largely due to Rev Stuart Brown and Dr D.W.R.Duguid, said to be men of great vision.

The redecoration was done by the Buckie painting firm of James Duncan and Sons with the scaffolding being put up by John Hendry and Sons, Joiners.

The church had been last decorated in 1896

Buckie Thistle team for Saturday - Wood, J.McIntosh and Bowie; Middleton, F.Smith and Ross; Milne, A, Smith, McLennan, G,McIntosh and Bain. (They lost to the Broch in the Qualifying Cup)

Sept 22 **H.M.S. Furious, an aircraft carrier is to pay a visit to Buckie on the 1st October.** The usual series of things are to be laid on, a football match, tug of war, relay race and a shooting match.

He burned down Elgin Cathedral - An article on the Wolf of Badenoch is given on page 3 column 5 - **worth reading**

Notes on the Rathven Parish Church - page 5 column 1/2

The present church was built in 1794 to replace a much earlier church that stood further to the west in the old churchyard. Alterations were made both in 1874 and again in 1909 when it was redecorated and memorial windows to Mr and Mrs Bryson, Strathlene were installed, also a new pipe organ and new pulpit. A war memorial of a chaste design was set on the south wall in 1921.

In 1909 the church was refloored with 2/3 of the gallery removed and the pulpit and organ removed to the east end. And all the pews changed to face east. The memorial windows were set into the formerly blank north wall.

The old timbered ceiling and support pillars were removed with the roof now being supported by concealed steel girders while the top of the former pillars support the gallery.

There is now seating for 500.

The work was carried out by R.M.Fulton, architect; James Grant, Drybridge, carpenter; A.Milne and Son, Mason; P. Glass, Plasterer, Fochabers; John Marshall. Buckie Painter; Donald, Aberdeen, Windows; J&T.Campbell, Plumbers and Heating Engineers; Bissett, Aberdeen, Girders.

The Rovers won the Junior Cup (Formerly called the Sunlight Cup then the Brown Cup now simply Junior Cup) They beat the Wanderers by 4 goals to 3.

Wm.Smith presided at the Thistle A.G.M. when a loss of £85.5.6 on the year's working was declared. This was due largely to junior competitions, it was said. Retiring directors but re-appointed were - George Mckenzie, Douglas Marshall, Invergordon, James Mellis, Cumnock and Dr Geddes Smith, Buckie.

The destroyer, H.M.S. Wolfhound was to join H.M.S. Furious on the visit to Buckie

Oct 6 **This one runs off the mains** - George Webster, the Garage, High Street was advertising an all electric wireless set, a Lotus, which could run off D.C. mains. The cost was £16 guineas or on easy terms.

The Victoria Bridge needs to be seen to - Canon Macdonald said at the T.C.meeting that the pavement on the north side of the Victoria Bridge was sinking and should be seen to. In 1997 and again in 1998 the Community Council had reason to complain about the state of the pavement and also the parapet.

Oct 13 **The 6th Gordons Territorials** are mounting a recruitment campaign . A worthwhile bounty and 14 days paid holidays at camp are two factors being stressed.

The hiking club went to Lochnagar

Freuchny Burn is causing flooding - The shipyard of Herd and McKenzie were complaining of being flooded due to the mouth of the Freuchny Burn being choked.

Oct 20 **Local bobby gets chosen** - Tom Forbes, son of Mr Tom Forbes, farmer at Maryhill, Drybridge joined the Metropolitan Police. He was one of only four successful applicants out of 120 who applied. (A member of the aircrew he was killed during the war.)

It's far too stormy up here - Adverse weather conditions put paid to the visit by the two ships of the Royal Navy.

Nov 3 **The Lyric Opera Company are to present 'Miss Hook of Holland'**
The cast include the following - Robert Lobban, Ronald McBeath, John Shearer, Bruce Birnie, Alex Garden, James Smith, James H.Cowie, Vincent McWilliam, Marie Birnie, Betty Smith, Connie Dean, Etta Bain, Eliz. Gerry, Nan Birnie,
Musical director - Wm R.Smith; Assistant Flora Gunn; Leader of orchestra, Alex Nicol; Piano, James Nicol; Producer, Eliz. Gerry, Stage Manager, Ronald McBeath; Assistant James Smith.; Business Manager, John Esson.
Seats reserved at G.Urquhart Watt, Music Seller, East Church Street. Card - G.P.Hendry L.D.S. Ed. Cluny House.

***** **Unfortunate accident leads to loss of life** - Mrs Donald Mayne, Wallace Avenue) was fatally injured on Saturday afternoon within the North Church when she mistook the door of the furnace room for that going outside. She stumbled down almost perpendicular steps on to the concrete floor 12 feet below. She had been in the church organising flowers for the Communion Table and had occasion to go to the rear of the building. She was found by the wife of the minister, Mrs Greenlaw who found her seriously injured and unconscious. She was taken to Seafield hospital but never recovered consciousness and died on Monday.

The yo-yo craze was strong during the summer of 1932 with one being found hanging from the outstretched arm of William Wallace on Union Terrace, Aberdeen.

Nov 17 **Opening announcement** - James Reid, General Merchant, Ianstown, was advertising his re-opening following a fire.

Advert - R.Tindall and Sons, Ltd. Leading Ironmongers, Hardware, China, Furniture, Radio and everything electrical- 1 High Street. Est. over 90 years.

Up to 10 at least tailors and drapers in the town is nae enough - *The Fifty Shilling Tailors, St Nicholas Street, Aberdeen are to visit Buckie.*

My in-law's house later - 6 West Street was still for sale – offers to John Jappy, Stornoway.

A note in the passing - The new Northern Ireland Parliament Building (Stormont) was opened this week.

Dec 8 **Advert** – Galloways, 40 East Church Street – “The Famed Buckie Candy”

Advert for the first time - Coull's Dance Band were advertising being open for engagements.

Dec 15 **The farm of Braes changes hands** - The farm of Braes of Enzie for a long time farmed by Frank Thomson, associated with the Department of Agriculture as a stock buyer, was let to R.D.Christie. Blackhills, Elgin.

Some of those with adverts in the local paper -- Edward Fraser, Chemist, 5 High Street, C. McHardy, Cycle and Wireless Agent, Mackay's Buildings, W.Smith, Outfitter, 38 East Church Street, John Munro, Draper and Milliner, 30-32 West Church Street, Tom Paterson, Grocer, 27 High Street, Leith Esson (Alex Nicol) Draper etc, 16 High Street, Little Wonder, Central Drapery Stores, 37 East Church Street, Alex Esson, Draper, Cluny Square, John McKenzie, Grocer, 41 West Church Street, and Seatown Stores, W.A.Milne, Newsagent etc, 18 East Church Street.

Dec 22 **Shoe Shops** – Dundee Equitable, 10 West Church Street, John Calder's Cluny Terrace, George Sutherland, 21 West Church Street.

Grocers etc – Robert Gillan, 9 East Church Street, George Geddes(WmLobban) 9 Cluny Terrace, Tom Paterson, High Street, Alex Imlach, High Street, Globe Supply Stores, East Church Street, Co-op, East Church Street.

Old coin found - A George III sixpence, dated 1816, in new condition, was found at Victoria Park. It is believed to have been carried there from Cluny Square when excavations were done some time before. Though it was 116 years old by its conditions one knew it had not been in circulation for long.

Dec 29 **Advert** – Thomas W.Lang F.C.O. Sight Testing Optician, 29 West Church Street.

A report on the year 1932 in the B.A. made grim reading. It spoke of undiminishing levels of unemployment, with fishermen especially facing hard times, this being related to conditions both at home and abroad. There was no movement made in disarmament although countries paid lip service to this. Flying was increasing greatly. The King is to give a speech on the wireless for the first time.

The death took place of Mrs Reaper of the Reaper's Hotel on West Church Street. (The building is now called the Highlander Hotel, named as such by Mrs Currie the first person to hold a licence.)

Advert - J. Marshall, Jubilee Terrace, Findochty was a Ship's Chandler.