

## 1933

- Jan 5 **Buckie Thistle lost their first game of the New Year** by 3-2 to Ross County at Dingwall  
The team was – Pickard, W.Wood and Milton; Middleton, F. Smith and Ross; G.McIntosh (V.C.), A.Smith, McLennan, Stewart and Milne.  
**Advert** – Reid and Slater, Grocers, Seaview Road, Buckpool.
- Jan 12 **'The Ideal Home is the All Electric Home'** Particulars from Buckie Electricity Dept. Baron Street.  
**Keeper loses his place** - There was to be a change of 'keeper by Thistle in their next game, this was to be either N.Wood or Glennie.  
**Poem on page 5 column 5 'Resolutions' by G. M. Sharman.** Macduff. (This lady had many poems printed in the B.A. in earlier times when she lived in Portessie)  
**Poem on page 6 column 3 'Oor Herrin' Yard'** - copied from the Fraserburgh Herald.  
**Buckie 'Terriers' drew with Portsoy in the Banffshire League.** Their team was – McGregor, Lyon and Nicol; Booth, Anderson and Leask; Thomson, Murray, Newlands, G.K.Cormack and G.H.Cormack. Referee- M.Harrower, Keith.  
**The Scottish Party makes its voice heard** - Sir Alexander MacEwan, Inverness, one of the leaders of the Scottish Party, making a plea in Glasgow for a Scottish Parliament, contended that the burden of taxation would not be reduced until Scotland had charge of its own affairs. (With a Scottish Parliament about to become a reality in May 1999 one would hope that his prophecy will then come true.)  
**He obviously believed in the maxim – it pays to advertise** - James Mackay, Draper etc, East Church Street, had an advert in the paper of this date, which took up the complete page.
- Jan 19 **Do you want to know your future? You can for a bob or two** - A notice read – Consult Madam Bowes, Palmist, at the gypsy caravan, 18 Main Street, between the hours of 5 and 10pm, daily. Madam Bowes has fulfilled engagements at fetes at Darnaway Castle and Dunrobin Castle where she gave every satisfaction.  
**Advert** – 'The Greatest Boot Sale in the History of the Town' – Baltic Boot Store, 14 High Street.  
**They still haven't found the answer** (2005) Different ideas were being put forward to keep spectators warm at football matches, including giant fire-burning heaters.  
**The Depression is having an effect in all spheres, locally, nationally and internationally.** The Seafield Estates, because of the crises in agricultural affairs, has resolved to postpone the Martimas rent collections in Cullen, Boyne and Keith areas until the beginning of March.  
**Two men with different ideas** - John Moar and Charles Thomson, rector of Buckie Secondary School and a noted Templar, had several letters printed concerning issues arising from prohibition as it had affected an island in Orkney.
- Jan 26 **A dance had been scheduled to take place in the Speybay Hall in aid of St Ninian (Tynet) Church Building Fund.** Music to be supplied by Bill Geddes' Band with a bus from Buckie at a fare of 1/-. The hall, which had only been

opened three years before however was burned down this week to leave only a shell standing.

**Masonic whist** - Lodge Gordons are to hold a whist drive and dance in the Town House on Wednesday 15 February. Admittance 1/6

Feb 2 **The proprietor of the Harbour Bar, James Nicol, died this week.**

**Two bairns were drowned in a dam at Glassaugh Distillery, Portsoy.** They were Douglas (9) and Betty (7) children of F.McIntosh, a roadman living in one of the distillery cottages. They had been playing on ice, which had given way letting them fall into water 5' deep. At least half an hour had gone by before their whereabouts was discovered and brought out, by this time both were dead. (Their father was a Buckie man.)

**Mr and Mrs Manson were to take over the running of Strathlene House.**

**A great number of shops were advertising sales - Shoe Shops** - A.Wilson, Portgordon, J.Calder, Cluny Terrace, John Anderson, Shank's Lane, A.Thomson, Seaview Place, John Simpson, Bank Street. **Drapers** - E.Hillocks, 8 Cluny Terrace, J.Munro, 30-32 West Church Street, A.Hay, West Church Street, Little Wonder, 37 East Church Street, Alex Esson, Cluny Square, Leith Esson (A.Nicol) 16 High Street, J.Mackays, 5 East Church Street, C.I.Shearer East Church Street, J.Sandison, 22 East Church Street, W.Smith, 38 East Church Street.

The following **grocers had adverts** - Gillan 9 East Church Street, Tom Paterson, 23 High Street, A.Imlah, 10 High Street, Co-op, East Church Street, McKenzie, 41 West Church Street and Seatown Stores, E.Smith Burnside Stores, Findochty.

**Chemist** - Gibson, 12 West Church Street.

Feb 16 **The burgh of Portknockie was given a hall gifted by the Fishermen's Coal Society. It was still to be known as the Fishermen's Hall.**

**The motor boat Celerity was launched on Thursday from the shipyard of Herd & McKenzie** for A. Bruce, Findochty and Joseph Clark, Portessie. The Celerity was 56' long, 16' broad and 8' deep. She was powered by a Gardner engine. H& M were to build a similar one for Lossiemouth owners.

**The Thistle team that lost to KOSB (Fort George) read** - Jappy, Middleton and Geddes; G.Smith, F.Smith and Ross; Thomson, A.Smith, Gerry, McLennan and Milne.

**A talk by Miss Milne M.A. teacher at Buckie High School** - - A paper giving an appreciation of the poet, Robert Burns, was given by Miss E.Milne, M.A. to the women of the Townswomen Guild. (page 6 col. 5)

Feb 23 **The seat letting committee of the North Church are to meet** for the purpose of collecting seat rents on the Monday from 7.30 p.m. until 9 p.m.

**Advert** - Menzies - Hairdresser - permanent waving - Eugene System - 20/- The J.M. 15/- and 17/6 Whole Head.

**Get your Bogey Roll . from I.L. McKenzie,** 'The Club' High class Tobacconist and Stationer, 19 West Church Street.

**Mrs Harler was holding a Grand Clearance Sale at** 72 East Church Street.

**A decree nisi was granted to Mrs Grace M. Sharman** 63 Buchan Road, Macduff, formerly of Middlesborough, more recently Portessie. This was made absolute with her getting custody of the two children. **(She wrote a lot of poetry, much of which was printed in the B.A.)**

**The death took place of James Paterson (72) Grocer, Norwood, St Peter's Road.** He was a son of Alex Paterson, Shoemaker. He was unmarried and an R.C. He served his time as a grocer with W.Wright on Baron Street and had been in business for 32 years.

**Keith man with Buckie connections writes a book** - A book called **the 'Recollections of Keith, Fife Keith and Newmill was written by John W.Cowie, Keith.** An engineer he came to Buckie where he had an engineering and sawmilling business. He saw an opportunity to use steam engines to pull the fishing boats up on to the beach before the harbours were built.

Mar 2 **Bus service to be restored** - Alexander's' (bus company) were given permission to restore the Buckie to Keith bus service on a daily basis also that leaving Buckie at 10.20pm for Cullen to tie in with the picture house.

Mar 9 **Advert** - Grays' - The food value of fish bought at Gray's, Shanks Lane (near Labour Exchange) is great. Orders can be delivered. A trial is solicited. Phone 53.

**Opening announcement** - Adam Gowie, 1 Gordonsburgh, Buckie, Newsagent and Tobacconist.

**Opening announcement** - Express Goods Service **Aberdeen** to Buckie via the coast. Orders may be left with P.Murray, Tobacconist, and East Church Street. E.Hain, prop.

**Advert** - Rummage sale - John Sandison, 22 East Church Street.

**Poem on page 6 column 3 'Ode To Huntly F.C.'** written after the Thistle had beaten Huntly by 7 goals to nil in the Aberdeenshire County Cup at Christie Park.

Mar 16 **Tenders were being invited to rebuild Spey Bay hall** also for big alterations to the property of John Sutherland, House Furnisher who now had taken over the part of the building once occupied by Nicol Bros. Cabinetmakers etc. at number 13 High Street.

**It would take a superman** - Some members of the T.C. were of the opinion that Mr Andrew Berrie would be able to look after the new bowling green, Queen Street Park and the tennis courts on Baron Street. Other said that an assistant was required which was the final decision.

**The T.C. were considering the calls for a football field in Buckpool.** One councillor suggested the field behind the slaughterhouse before he was told that it had been ploughed up. It was decided to give part of the land meantime being turned into a golf course on a temporary basis.

**Now president** - Mr C.W.Thomson, rector of Buckie Secondary School was appointed president elect of the EIS.

Mar 23 **Advert** - R.Johnston, Painter, 4 Low Street

**Buckie baker again wins medals for his baking** - D.L.Fowler, Baker, won a gold medal for a plain loaf at the Baker's Exhibition in Glasgow. He also came first with a youma loaf.

Mar 30 **come on and take part** - A.L.B. Melvin was asking for teams to enter for the Buckie Junior League and the Cup Competitions.

**She wanted the licence in her name** - Mary Kindness or Nicol, 16 Sutherland Street, was applying for the transfer of the public house license at 83 Main Street, (Harbour Bar).

**Portnockie lost to Buckie Wanderers in the Lyon Cup (Banffshire League)**

The team was – Phimister, W.Mair and Rose; Donaldson, A.Wood and Innes; Flett, Humphrey, J.R.Mair, D.F.Wood, and Imlach.

Wanderers – Taylor, Stewart and Geddes; Cowie, Steven and W.Hay; J.Hay, Bowie, Craig, Falconer, and Hillocks.

**First advert of A .Robertson and Sons, Fordyce-** Grocers, Drapers, Furniture, Boot and Shoe factors, Wine, Spirit Provision and General Merchants.

Apr 6

**Hike to Craigmin Bridge spoke of Doddie's Roadie between Victoria Park and the farm of Mill of Buckie.** They had no problem then of going past Letterfourie House. This was a 'no-go' area in the late 1990s. **E.T.M.H. wrote a first class report of their hike.**

**For sale as going concern the premises,** plant and stock of Bain, Hemming and Co. Ltd, Engineers and Blacksmiths who had gone into voluntary liquidation

**There was talk of large-scale changes to the Highland League** becoming more a north league with Fraserburgh and Peterhead left out. This didn't come to pass. **The first major changes had to wait until the 1990's when the Caley, Inverness Thistle and Ross County became members of the Third Division. Elgin City and Peterhead both joined later.**

**Six teams entered for the local junior cup and the league competitions.**

**The T.C. were to buy a horse for £30 to help with grass cutting in the parks** with a clause that it would be sold back for £25 at the end of the season.

**Plans were passed for improvements to the Wilson Parish Home, Buckpool.** Plans were also passed for the three apartment houses to be built by the T.C. A loan was to be given to A.Milne and Son, Builder for the two houses to be built on Cathcart Street.

**Teams playing in the Banffshire League were** – Buckie 'Terriers', Buckie Wanderers, Turriff, Portknockie, Portgordon, Macduff, Portsoy and Banff.

Apr 20

**A long-standing advert** - George Robertson, Draper, Cullen, had had an advert in the B.A., constantly, for a long time.

**Frank Smith the Thistle C/half was to have a benefit match.**

**The Thistle beat Caley 5-1 at Inverness, the team being** – Wood, Anderson and Bowie; Middleton, F.Smith and Geo Smith; A.Smith, Clark, McLennan, Murray and Hillocks.

**Farmer now mine host** - Jim Maitland, the celebrated athlete in the heavy weight arena and also a farmer at Raemore, Deskford, was granted the license of the Seafield Arms, Whitehills.

Apr 27

**We are advertising ourselves** - W. F. Johnston , Printers and Stationers also printers of the Banffshire Advertiser, had themselves a big advert in this week's edition where they were listing all the forms of stationery they could supply.

**Portgordon won the Lyon Cup when they beat Portsoy by six goals to two.**

**Teams were loathe to lose the Blue Mogganers and the Broch** - When the proposals to change the Highland League were discussed there was considerable opposition to the proposal to exclude both Peterhead and Fraserburgh .

**Keith won the Commercial Cup when they beat Peterhead by 4 goals to 2.**

**A most rare event** - Donald McGregor Jeweller and Optician, High Street, was advertising a Great Clearance Sale with 4/- in the pound off all goods. This was the first of his adverts seen.

May 4 **A furniture sale was to take place at the old Enzie Post Office** the property of the late Miss Taylor. Her father had built the property, which once stood, where the bungalow of Dennis Scott, Moray Micros, stood in 1999, near to the Oran road junction.

**Advert** - Dallas, East Church Street, was advertising pot plants, artificial and cut flowers.

**Some farm changes in the area.** R.D.Christie, Elgin was to take over Braes of Enzie, Mrs Thomson was to retain, Burnside of Tynet, W.Cumming from Upper Blairrock, Deskford was to move to Thorneybank, R. Cameron, Braehead, Keith was to move to Slackend, J.McKay from King Edward was to take over Auchenhalrig while D.Allan was to move to Puttingbrae from Newton, Drybridge which was to be taken over by Mr Taylor from Boharm.

**The following teams entered for the junior league and cups** - Buckie Wanderers, Gordons (Portgordon), Thistle (Portgordon), Rovers(Buckie), Rangers(Buckpool), Celtic (Buckpool), Seaweeds (Ianstown), Cullen Royal, Portgordon and Portknockie Albion.

May 11 \*\* **The Victoria Bowling Green was officially opened on the evening of May 4 1932** when a competition took place between some members of the T.C. and guests versus a team from Buckie Bowling Club. Mrs Hendry, wife of Bailie Hendry, threw the first jack.

The event didn't pass without controversy with some councillors being less than happy that they hadn't been asked to play.

**An interesting lecture** - This is found on page 7 column one and was given by given by Canon Grant on St Mary's Well at Orton.

May 18 **The death took place this week of Wm. Robertson, Chemist, Struan, Cluny Square at the age of 59.** He was a native of Fyvie who had his first shop in Buckie on Main Street, later on Bank Street before moving to East Church Street. In addition to the chemist's business he also practised as a dentist.

**One of the most popular of pastimes** - A note spoke of hiking becoming one of the most popular pastimes of recent years with a million people going hiking each week-end.

**Advert - Junior Cup Final** - Buckie Wanderers v Buckpool Celtic in the Victoria Park on Thursday evening. Admission 4d boys of school age 2d

May 25 **Advert** - Geddes' Dance Orchestra 'Better Than Ever' Any Distance - Any Time Wm. Geddes, Lower Tynet, Clochan.

**Junior Cup Final - Buckpool Celtic 2 Wanderers 1**

**Wanderers** - T.Taylor, W.Taylor and Stewart; Smith, Stephen and W.Hay; J.Hay, Falconer, Marshall, Hillocks and Menzies

**Buckpool Celtic** - Hay, Geddes and Leslie; Nicol, Simpson and Reid; Stewart, C. Leslie, Newlands, Grant and Smith.

**The Celtic had a number of Dufftown players in their side.** This had the effect of encouraging a number of people to write letters to the B.A. against and in support.

**A large number of people wanted the job** - Mr Conchie C.A. Dumfries was appointed Burgh Chamberlain out of **87 applicants**.

**Yes, a guide book would be a good thing.** The T.C. gave their approval to the proposal to compile a guide book for the district and also agreed to take up advertising space.

**Poem on page 8 column 2 "Memories of Findochty" by Asenath Jean Smith, Auckland, N.Z.**

June 1 **Advert** - Great Zoo Circus and Horse Show is to pay a visit to the Commercial Park, Buckie on 6<sup>th</sup> June. 20 star acts. Admission - adults 1/3, 2/- and 3/-(inc. tax) children, 6d, 1/- and 1/6. Two complete shows. The circus will also visit both Cullen and Portsoy.

**Dallas 'Flower Shop' was at 27 East Church Street.**

**The Black Squad won the Commercial Shield when they beat the Wanderers by 1 goal to nil**

June 8 **Advert** - Harry Niven, Chimney Sweep, Baron Lane has removed to 11 Blantyre Terrace, Ianstown. Orders can be left with Geo. Davidson, Merchant, Bridgend.

**Cairnfield Gardens are to be open to the public** in aid of the Nursing Association. Buses to run from Buckie.

**Wood Cup Final Banff 2 Portgordon 1**

**The 'Early Tatties' were early** - The B.A. got a 'bilin' of new tatties from Bennett Nicol 21 High Street.

**The T.C. have been asked to fly the Scottish flag on Bannockburn Day.** This they have agreed to do on the understanding that they can borrow a flag.

**They've stolen oor attire and dinna look weel in them** - The B.A. received a letter from a man who was complaining of 'mannish women' wearing troosers or 'breeks'.

**Cairnfield House a short write-up-** A note in the B.A. in connection with the opening of the Cairnfield Gardens gave a good description of all there was to see and also something about the house itself.

On the south west wall it spoke of there being the date 1666 and the letters A.G, this had been taken from the former house of Cairnfield, which stood near the sawmill to the south. The date of the present Cairnfield House, 1804, is to be found on the lead covering to the top of the pipe leading down the centre of the wall. (I looked for it in 2005 and could not see it as the wall was covered with ivy at that point.) From the well-written report it would seem that at that time the gardens and surroundings to the house had been worth seeing. Alas this is not the case in 1999 with little evidence now of the former glory of the latter. Cairnfield House was occupied by German P.O.W's during WWII. The laird moved out of the big house in the 1970s and took up residence in the former factor's house, Inchappie Lodge. The big house has had different owners since that time and in 1999 was occupied by a Welsh fishing skipper and his family. The owners in 2005 came north from Cambridgeshire after Mr and Mrs Crane had moved to Spain.

June 15 **The first A.G.M. of the Banffshire Junior Football League took place at Portsoy.** The teams that took place during the season were as follows together with their final positions in the league. Portgordon, Turriff, Banff, Buckie Wanderers, Keith Sports, Portsoy, Buckie 'Terriers', Macduff, Portknockie.

**Poem on page 3 column 2 by W.S. , Buffalo - "The Fishing Fleet"**

June 22 **Hiking Club took the bus to Cullen then on to Crannoch Hill** before returning to Cullen and walking back to Buckie. **Good report in the paper.**

\*\*\*\*\* **An air display took place at the opening of the first municipal aerodrome in Scotland at the Longman, Inverness.** The Duke of Sutherland conducted the opening ceremony.

June 29 **"Own Your Own House and Save Rent"** This was the advert of A. Auchinachie, Manager, Royal Bank Buildings, Keith.

**Poem on page 3 column 5 "Tackety Beets" by G.S.B.** copied from the Aberdeen Bon Accord, newspaper.

**The Enzie were again without a minister when the Rev Nicoll left for Foss and Tunnel.**

Jul 13 \*\*\* **A new type of vessel** - The keel was laid of a new type of drifter at the shipyard of Thomson and Stewart. **The machinery was to be entirely controlled from the wheelhouse.** To be built for Findochty owners.

**The death took place of Birnie Rhind, Edinburgh.** He was the sculptor of the Buckie War Memorial the plaque to Rev, Shanks and fountain to Councillor Davidson found on the Stroup Brae or North High Street. He also designed the equestrian statue to the Royal Scots Greys in Princess Street Gardens following the South African War and the statue to the Black Watch on the Mound.

**Still buying up those who go under** - James Mackay, Draper, was still in the business of buying up bankrupt stock, advertising that he had recently acquired that of an Edinburgh firm.

**The Dux of Buckie Secondary School was Peter Murray, 5 Commerce Street,** who also won medals for Maths, French and German. (He was in the RAF during WW II and failed to return from a sortie over Germany.)

**Fishermen have good compass sense** - A note read that a number of fishermen had taken up the bowls at Victoria Bowling Green where they showed an uncanny knack of guiding their bowls towards the jack.

**The Municipal Tennis Courts were opened at Portknockie on Wednesday 19 July 1933**

July 27 **Your bus fares are too dear – we'll walk!** - In 1932 the bus fares to and from Peter Fare had been 6d which many people had considered to be too dear. This year bus proprietors had been forced to reduce this to 3d.

**Gas company bought over** - A notice told of the gas company in Buckie having been bought over by Buckie Gas-Light Company.

**An open-air dance at Strathlene had proved to be a big success** attracting a large crowd. The new re-constituted Town Band supplied music.

**Houses on Robert Street** - The T.C. agreed to go ahead with the construction of 14 houses to be built on Robert Street, Buckpool.

**Dinner given for the Cluny aristocracy** - The new laird of Cluny, C.A. Linzee Gordon Esq., Cluny Castle, Aberdeenshire, together with his wife attended a formal dinner given in their honour by the Town Council.

\*\*\*\*\* The laird speaking of the connection between his family and the town mentioned that in 1797 when his ancestor, Mr Baron Gordon had spent some time in Buckie residing at Cluny Lodge (Baron Street ) there were only 72 fishermen in the town.

There were – 32, Cowies, 17 Murrays, 11 Thomsons with one or two Coulls, Cormacks, Hay, Reaich and Scotts.

Speaking of the quality of the people in the area he mentioned that at a time of real danger a petition had been signed by all of them offering their services in defence of the area bordering the Moray Firth from Aberdeen to Moray against French invaders. The next year the same ancestor had inspected the Enzie Volunteers, many of whom were tenants of the Baron and their sons.

He mentioned how Baron Gordon had been much taken with the industry of the fisher people and felt that a harbour might be built.. He had also said how he was willing to grant feuing **rights and** tenements to persons of good character who intended to settle and build there

(It was an uncle of C.A. Linzee Gordon, Mr John Gordon, Cluny Castle, who was responsible for the construction of the first Cluny Harbour)

Aug 3 **The death took place of Andrew Morrison, a local builder.** He had been responsible for the construction of a number of buildings in the town.

**The death also took place in Portgordon of Dick Campbell, shoemaker,** A native of Edinburgh he came to Buckie in the 1890s as manager of the Maybole Shoe shop. He later had his own business in Findochty and Portgordon. He was 69.

**Peter Fair** A short paragraph spoke of Peter Fair not being up to its former size with stalls, and refreshment tents being considerably fewer. A decline in this respect had been seen for several years. There were a few horses forward though trade was stiff. Those that did change hands did so for fair prices. The forenoon was very quiet though there were more people in the afternoon from Buckie and the local area.

**Swimming Gala** - In comparison to the above, a swimming gala held at Strathlene under the auspices of the T.C. received maximum publicity.

Aug 10 **Motor bike accident claims the lives of two** - Two youths with local connections, now both living in Aberdeen, were killed in a motor bike accident on the Dramlachs, near Fochabers when in collision with a van. One was Mercer Hendry, stepson of a Mr Flann while the home address of the other, John Innes (19) was at 43 Gordon Street, Portgordon.

**Poem on page 8 column 5 "Café In the Wood"** referred to the 'Oakwood Motel' it was first written in the Elgin Courant by H.I.S.

Aug 17 **Advert for the Gordon Castle Gathering on 26 August.**

**We have two 'Candy Shops' now** - James Galloway 'Galloway's Candy' opened a branch shop on High Street, Buckie in 'Sutherland 's Building'. (This would have been from number 13 to number 17)

**Telegraph business was to be extended to Clochan P.O. as from 1<sup>st</sup> September 1933.** Telegrams could be handed in or delivered from 9-2 and from 3.30 until 5.30 on each weekday and from 9-1 on Wednesdays.

**The Thistle have begun well** - In the first game of season 1933-1934 Buckie beat Inverness Caley in Inverness by three goals to one. N.Wood, W.Wood and Milton; Middleton, Smith and Ross; Milne, Gowie, McLennan, Stewart and Hillocks.

**Abby Gowie was a new player having been signed from Keith.**

**Advert** – Chapman's Gigantic London Zoo and Circus to visit Buckie on 22 August. Animals included – tigers, lions, polar bears, black bears, elephants, and boxing kangaroos.

Aug 24 **The Spey Bay hall**, which had been burned down only three years after being opened, is to be re-opened on Wednesday 30 August with a Sale of Work followed by a dance. It contains a maple dance floor. (The hall was extended and other improvements done in 1998)

**Funeral of former master butcher and footballer** - One of the largest and most impressive funerals ever seen in Buckie took place this week of George McKenzie, Lilybank, South Land Street, Buckie. At the time of his death on board an aeroplane between Wick and Orkney, he was a traveller in meat products but at one time had butcher shops in three places throughout Buckie as well as during the fishing season in Yarmouth.

He was well known in north football circles being a former Buckie Thistle football player and a long time official and share holder.

He received a tremendous obituary as well as an appreciation as can be read in the B.A. of this date. He was only 49 when he died.

Aug 31 **John Duncan and Co. bought over the business of Bain, Hemming and Co. Ltd. at Cluny Harbour.** John Duncan was manager of the old firm.

**A big drop in the attendance** - For some reason not accounted for, the numbers attending the Gordon Castle Games in 1933 was only around 4,000. Not so long before this 10,000 was a common attendance. The drawings were £70 down from the previous year.

The games still attracted the best of athletes and 6 records were broken, George Clark broke two, throwing the 56lb weight over a bar set at 13'11" and throwing the heavy hammer a distance of 99' 6½"

John Masson, Aberdeen cleared 6' in the high jump only a fraction under the Scottish record at the time.

Sept 7 **Advert** - "For Shoes That Satisfy try Rhynas, 17 West Church Street.

**For the best beef money can buy try** - - James Mair, Butcher, 22 West Church Street

**No water problems this year** - The summer of 1933 had been remarkable dry but for the first time there had been no shortage of water in the town. Some places were still talking about taking water from the River Avon.

The weather broke that week with heavy thunder and a steady downpour of rain, which was welcomed by the parched, grass parks.

**Former ironmonger dies** - The death took place of George Downie who formerly had an ironmonger's shop on Main Street.

**Houses to be built on Merson Street** - The T.C. agreed to build 14 houses on Merson Street at a cost of £536 per block.

The contractors were - Mason - Wm. Douglas and Sons; Plasterer, George Packman, Painter, P. F.Cormack; Plumber, J. Barclay and Son; Slater, Simon Fraser, Keith.

**Findochty F.C. made an application for a football pitch at Strathlene** with permission to erect goal-posts and a pavilion. (This was somewhat odd since Strathlene United, when in the Banffshire League in 1910-1912, played on the ground at Strathlene)

They were given the ground at a rent of 10/- per month. Some councillors had voted for half this amount. (I remember refereeing a High School team against an Inverness side around 1975/76)

**The T.C agreed to advertise grazing on the golf course at Strathlene.** (The effect on the greens would have been good to see.)

**It continued to be hard times for some people**, salmon fishermen were refused dole during the close season.

**The Thistle are the only undefeated team in the H/L up to now.**

At the Saturday game a minute's silence was observed for the late George McKenzie. His son, Dr McKenzie was in the Thistle line-up, he had played the previous week, too, against Fraserburgh where he had two goals.

Sept 14 **He got a rise when others were having to take a cut in their salary or wages** - Mr Black, Engineer and Manager of the Town Electricity Company with an annual salary £ 350 got a rise of £25. (My father, a farm servant at this time, was getting £1 per week with perquisites of milk, meal and tatties plus a free, tied, house.)

**The T.C. spoke of demolishing a housing area on Main Street, Buckpool known as the 'Barracks'.**

This was located on the grass area to the west of where Billy Mair, Joiner and Funeral Undertaker had his premises.

**I can now do a re-bore on your engine** - George Webster, Garage, 16 High Street, had an advert in the paper telling that he had installed a machine which could re-bore engines - a Buma Cyclinder Boring Machine that could make engines as good as new.

**A poem is found on page 7 column 2 called "Highland Names"** from the magazine Punch.

**Buckie were knocked out of the Qualifying Cup by Huntly at home.** They had a Mutch at R/B and Neish at O/R

Sept 21 **St Andrews Hotel changes hands** - The St Andrews Hotel owned previously by the late Robert Taylor, once of the Union Bar, was sold to James Clelland, Archieston Hotel, Aberlour.

**Good with tatties and tomatoes** - Wm. Smith, Baddockleys, a croft place which once stood near the 14<sup>th</sup> green on Buckpool Golf Course, who was a good gardener and often had very early tatties, lifted 100 tomatoes from 15 plants grown in the open. This was believed to be a record in Banffshire. He must have been greatly helped by the good summer weather. He also had an apple tree in blossom.

**Templar had a poem on page 8 column 5 'The Templar'**

Sept 28 He was downright honest about things - John Munro Draper, 30 West Church Street was advertising doing dry cleaning but he was quite straightforward in saying that the job would not be first class with some of the stains unlikely to be removed.

**Advert** - A. Imlach 10 High Street, Grocer, Seedsman, Hyacinths, tulips and Daffodils.

Oct 5 **H.M.S. Renown is to pay a visit to the town on 12 October** - There will be a dance for P.O's and Ratings in the St Andrew's Hall commencing at 7.30 p.m. Admission 1/-, with ladies free. Music by Bill Geddes. Under the convenorship of Councillors Sutherland and Milton.

Oct 12 **H.M.S. Renown to be open to visitors on 14 and 15 October from 1.30 until 5.30 p.m.**

**The 'Barracks' on Main street were to be treated as slum clearance.** It was suggested that the area be made into a children's play area but this was 'shot-down' being too near a busy road.

**Possibility of a Bowling Green in the Sloch** - There was a suggestion made for a Bowling Green at the east end of Great Eastern Road Portessie.

**Plans were forward for an extension to Strathlene House** involving 8 bedrooms, bathrooms and lavatory accommodation.

Oct 19 **Still buying over those that couldn't continue** –James Mackay was still in the business of buying up the stock of firms that had gone broke and selling this off at bargain prices as was said in his advert this week. He also spoke of being an agent for Thomson, Perth Dry Cleaners.

**The B.A. carried a letter about dogs and fireworks on page 7 column 1.** (People were saying the same in 2005 but to date they haven't been banned as many would say they should be.

**Poem on page 8 column 3 "Wullie the Dealer" (cattle)** from the Huntly Express by F.Hendry.

**Robertson, Chemist, had two shops,** one at 2 Main Street and one at 26 East Church Street.

Oct 26 **Spey Bay Junior Agricultural Club** is to hold a dance in Spey Bay Public hall on Friday 3 November.  
Admission, 3/- and 2/6 with music by Geddes' Band.

**Not once but twice times lucky** - James Watt, 25 James Street, Buckpool had amazing luck in the Irish Hospital Sweepstake, winning money on two occasions. In 1932 he made £8,000 having sold a half share for £2,000 out of a £10,000 prize. The horse drawn was Sandwich in the Ceasarwich. This year (1933) he drew Stalky in the Cambridgeshire that came in third. He again sold a half share but still lifted £15,00 in one year.

He was in partnership with his brother George as general dealers in Glasgow.

**Buckie 'Terriers' beat Portsoy by 5 goals to one in the Usher Cup.** Their team was - McGregor, Penwright and Nicol; Ashby, Anderson and Campbell; Booth, G.K.Cormack, Thomson, Murray and Legge.

**Buckie Thistle created a H/L record (for the time) by winning for the ninth successive game. They went on to achieve 11 successive wins.**

Nov 2 **Rev G.W. Ewart, Gateshead and Tyne was unanimously elected minister of the charge of Enzie.**

**Advert** - "Of Vital Importance to Health and Economy - Second to None" - Gray's Oatmeal - Corn Mills, Buckie

Nov 9 **Opening announcement** - J. G. Barron, Hairdresser. Serve you in your own home.

Nov 16 \*\*\* **Two odd and rare fish were landed at Aberdeen - a garfish and a scabbard or frost fish.**

The garfish was washed on board the trawler, Loch Maree some three miles off Orkney. It was 1 foot long with a body like a mackerel. The head was small while the lower jaw protruded like a fine sword for about 5" in length.

The scabbard was caught in the trawl net of the Ann Melville 45 ENE of Aberdeen. A long thin fish 3 foot in length with a scaleless grey body resembling in some respects a ribbon fish. Very little is known of its habits and developments it being seldom brought into Aberdeen.

**Buckie Thistle lost at last after 11 wins on the trot** to Inverness Thistle by the close margin of 3-2.

**George Sutherland was advertising a Great Jubilee Sale with an advert taking up almost a full page.** This to mark fifty years in business from 1883 to 1933. They had the same if even larger advert in the next edition.

**Templar had a poem on page 6 column 6 - "For Good Templars".**

Dec 7 **Opening announcement** - Note the name - James Dean to open Broadway Café at 17 High Street. (James Dean, a film star of post WWII became a cult figure when as a young man he was killed in a motor bike accident)

**Cake and Candy Sales are all the rage** - (As Coffee Mornings are common Saturday events in the 1990s and into the new millennium so it was Cake and Candy sales back in 1933 with the Guides, Guilds and other organisations trying to raise funds.)

**Advert** - Thistle Shoe Stores , 26 East Church Street. This was their first advert for a long time.

**Advert** - The Little Wonder was advertising A Grand Christmas and New Year Bazaar. They had done this for many years.

**"We Hold the Remedy"** - The Co-op advert read **"We Hold The Remedy"** 'In times of acute distress it pays you to be a co-operator' The expression was one which was commonly shouted at football matches in the years after WWII.

Dec 14 **I will try this too** - John Green, Draper was also advertising a Christmas Bazaar. This had not been noted before.

**The death took place of James A. Gordon, Motor Hirer, East Church Street.** He operated from the Cluny Hotel for a some time before building the garage on Newlands Lane/Harbour Street. He was a native of Birnie, Morayshire.

**A Cullen farmworker was fined 5/- for throwing a firework in the street.**

**Two hat-tricks for Sandy** - Sandy McLennan the Thistle forward scored a hat-trick on Saturday his second in successive weeks. They beat Keith by 5 goals to two. The team was - Wood, Mutch and Bowie; Middleton, Smith and Ross; Milton, Gowie, McLennan, Clark, and McIntosh.

The Thistle was top of the league with 28 points from 15 games .

Dec 21 **Buckie Oratorio and Operatic Society were to present H.M.S. Pinafore in the Fishermen's Hall.**

**New advert** - Gordon Brothers, Motor Hirers, 74 East Church Street. They had taken over from their father.

**Plans passed for alterations at 31-33 East Church Street** for Wm. McHardy, Cycle Agent.

**Top of the Herd League** - Buckie Secondary School were top of the Herd League having won all four games played. They had scored 27 goals with only 1 scored against. Next came Mortlach with 7 goals forward and 5 against.

Dec 28 **Football Trades League proposed** - A notice read that there was a proposal put forward to start a Buckie and District Trades league under the auspices of Buckie Thistle and A.L.B. Melvin , manager. All teams who intended to take part were invited to send a representative to the first meeting.

**A Junior Select team to play Buckie Thistle** had the following players - Coubrough(Find),C.Lobban(Rovs),J.Murray(Wan),J,Bowie(Wan),G.Cowie(Rovs),W.Cowie(Pg),J Hay(Wan),W.J.Cowie(Rovs),J.Johnston(Pg),N.Coull(Pg),Newman(Fin). Reserve Simpson(Garmouth).

The Thistle won 5-2.

Colin Harrower, Keith was referee. A J.Harrower of Keith also was a referee at this time, probably a brother.

**In his summing up of 1933 the editor of the B.A.** mentioned the importance of Germany leaving the League of Nations. Unemployment was showing little signs of getting better. In the U.S.A. there had been a repeal of the Prohibition Act. Extensive advances had been made in the fields of flying and also wireless.

It had not been a good year for the fishing industry neither during the summer nor at East Anglia. One or two drifters had been lost at Yarmouth and on the way home.

The shipbuilding industry in Buckie was showing signs of a revival with 6 motor boats being launched.

The building industry was relatively busy with both council and some private housing being built the latter at Cathcart Street and St Peter's Terrace. The council housing being built on Sutherland Street and Alexander Street.