

1934

Jan 4 **Portgordon were champions of the Banffshire League.**

Jan 11 **Winter sales** - As usual many of the shops, drapers and shoe shops were holding sales among them being the Baltic Boot Stores at 14 High Street also the D.E. at 10 West Church Street. W. Smith, Draper, on East Church Street had also a big advert.

The Buckie 'Terriers' beat Portgordon in the Usher Cup (Banffshire League) their team being - McGregor, Penwright and Burgess; Campbell, Nicol and G. Cormack; Booth, G.K.Cormack, Lawson, Murray and Gray. (Note the name G. K. Cormack . He later played for Buckie and was killed at Anzio.)

Other teams in the Banffshire League were - Findochty, Keith Sports, Portknockie, Turriff, Banff and Portsoy.

Well known tailor dies - The death took place this week of Thomas McPherson who had been a tailor, in business, for a long time. He lived on Land Street and was a member of the English Church.

Ca canny wi oor fleer - The T.C. stressed that no one would be admitted to a dance in the Townhouse without having slippers. People wearing tackety beets had damaged the floor.

A poem is found on page 5 column 2 "Portknockie Affairs" by Mast Head.

The James Mackay advert took up a whole page. Men's suits were selling for from 25/- to 50/-.

Jan 18 **The Thistle lose their marksman-** Sandy McLennan, Lhanbryd, who had been a prolific goal-scorer at c/f with Buckie Thistle signed for Partick Thistle, this week. He scored 56 goals in his first year with the Thistle and with this season only half done had already scored 36. He offered his services to Buckie for better or for worse , as he said, with this turning out very much for the better. (Note the spelling of the word Lhanbryd. There was no letter 'e' at the end then.)

Six teams joined the new Buckie District Trades League, those being, Buckpool Celtic, Seatown (Buckie) Rovers, Buckie 'Terriers' Cullen Seaweeds, Gordon(Portgordon) and Wanderers.

The 'Terriers' had withdrawn from the Banffshire League on account of travelling expenses and also because some of their players had joined the regular army.

A poem on page 5 column 2 "A Guid New Year" by A.S.

A man was fined for driving his car while under the influence of drink. (An all too common offence in 1999 but a rare crime at this time, in fact the first time that I had noticed it.)

Some of the local boats were to try their luck at the Fife fishing out of Anstruther with the winter and west coast prospects poor.

Jan 25 **The Shore of Buckie Burns Club was to hold a dinner in the Commercial Hotel.**

'Buckie' Rovers (as it was printed) beat Cullen Seaweeds by 7 goals to one. J.Cowie had 3, W.Cowie, 2, with G.Cowie and P.Cowie having one apiece.

In the Scottish Cup Galston (Ayrshire) beat Keith by 8 goals to 2

Feb 1 **A Grand Concert will take in the Fishermen's Hall by the Aberdeen Fishergirls Choir.** Admittance - 2/-, 1/- with children 6d

Buckie North Church Girls Association were to present the play 'Jennie' in the Fishermen's Hall. Admittance - 1/-, 1/6 and 6d (including tax)

The Immortal Memory - On page 5 columns 2 and 3 one can read an account of the 'Immortal Memory' given at the Shore of Buckie Burns' Club dinner.

Feb 8 **A poem is found on page 8 column 2 "The Corporation Cart" by P.F.**

Nigger Minstrel Troupe Concert in the Fishermen's Hall on 9th February.
(This term would never be accepted in 1999)

Feb 15 **Saddler's shop to close** -The saddlers business ran by Colville at 22 High Street (corner of West Cathcart Street) was to close down with the sale of all the stock-in-trade.

Well kent names - The referees operating in the Trade's League were - W.Knowles, Ianstown, P.Cormack and Geo. McIntosh, V.C.

The alterations to Strathlene House were to cost £850.

The following put forward their names for two posts as pilots at the harbour John Bruce, 2 Linn Crescent; Geo.. Cowie, 5 Hall Street; Geo. Murray, 23 Hall Street; Alex Reid, Westerlea St Peter's Road, Geo. Thomson, Jun. 4 East Carlton Terrace. Those appointed were Geo. Cowie and Geo. Murray.

It wisna lang afore it got in a sotter - It was reported that the Victoria Bowling Green was in a deplorable state and would need a lot of work to be done before it could be made ready for play. Needed was grass seed, manure and work of a man.

'Dickie' Grant to start up a garage - Richard Grant, Westlea, West Church Street, asked the T.C. to let him the shed on Baron Street formerly occupied by Messrs Reid Bros. As a garage and for hiring purposes. They agreed to this at a rent of £15 annually. (He was a son of Robbie Grant the Draper and actually a watchmaker to trade.)

***** **Buckie Thistle won their fourth Highland League flag at this early stage, with no other teams being able to overtake them.**
The team which beat Peterhead in this game was - Wood, Mutch and Bowie; Middleton, Smith and Ross; Milne, Clark, Gowie, Neish, and McIntosh.

An unfortunate accident claims the life of a toddler - Jean Murray, a bairn of 16 months living at 21 New Street, died of shock after pulling a kettle of boiling water down on top of her. He father was George Murray.

A poem is found on page 8 column 5 by P.F. " Findochty Ranters"

Feb 22 **R.Tindall & Sons Ltd , Buckie's Leading Ironmonger, 1 High Street, - Stock-taking sale**

***** **Business Amalgamation** - John S.Munro 30 West Church Street with James Mackay, 5 East Church Street, Drapers Outfitters, etc. are to join forces. The whole stock to be removed to East Church Street. The two were related through marriage.

Another accident took place at the Tollbar, Buckie. This was between a pedal cycle and a motor car driven by Mr Rattray, farmer Hilton. This was the second time in which he had been involved.

The Buckpool estate in 1934 belonged to George Alexander Cumming and Mrs Catherine Simpson, Craigen or Anton or Levie. This came out in the case of Mr Smith, farmer of Baddockcleys versus Buckie Town Council regarding land taken in for the new golf course.

Mar 1 **Teams entered for the Brown Cup (Junior Cup) were** - Buckie 'Terriers', Cullen Seaweeds, Buckie Wanderers, Buckpool Celtic, Gordon (Portgordon), Seatown Rovers. Referees for the games - M. Grieve and Wm. Knowles.

Deskford M.I.A. still going strong. There had been no mention of the organisation in Buckie for a long time. The speaker at the Deskford meeting this week was Mr McKenzie, Rector of Banff Academy, whose topic was Modern Adventurers.

A note spoke of Buckie Thistle players who had went on to play at a higher level. W.Milne 'Stir' Arsenal; A Johnston, Glasgow Rangers; J.Cowie, Falkirk; James Dickie, Preston North End, G.Esslemont, Third Lanark; A Middleton, Hearts; J.Stewart, Raith Rovers; G.D.McKenzie, Queens Park and Hull City (amateur internationalist). Sandy McLennan, Partick Thistle; J.Neish, Greenock Morton and P.Bain, Partick Thistle;

***** **In season 1933/34 Buckie Thistle were on line to set up a number of records.** They had won 11 consecutive games; they had won the H/L 4 times; won the league in record time by 10 February; were not beaten at home. Seen to be the top team in the Highland League.

Mar 8 **The Club (tobacconist shop at 19 West Church Street) had the following advert** - 'Try Wavy Stripe' cigarettes - 10 for 3d- Try a packet.

Advert - Richard 'Dicky' Grant now open for hiring and repairs. Dicky was a watchmaker to trade having served his time with D. G. McGregor, Watchmaker and Jeweller, High Street but he didn't like the job. He was still going strong in 1999 (and later) and an avid follower of junior football. At one time he was a committee man with Buckie Thistle.

***** **The 'Girl Helen', BCK 152, the largest powered motor drifter afloat was launched from the shipyard of Thomson and Stewart for Findochty owners.** She cost £3,500 at a time when steam drifters were costing £5,000. She was fitted both for the persecution of both seine net and herring fishing.

Mar 15 **Opening announcement - Wm.Reid, 12 Harbour Street - chimney sweep.**

George Webster, 16 High Street, was advertising a new Singer Nine - Popular Saloon car at £162.10 ex works. The deluxe model for £185. A Ford 2 door could be had for £120 or a Saloon de luxe, 4 door, for £145.

New name - The Globe Supply Store now went under the name of Grant and Co. previously John Grant.

Site for Findochty school chosen - After much deliberation, when different sites came in for consideration, a site for the Findochty new School had at last been agreed upon. **There was poem about this on page 8 column 5 titles - "The Battle of The Sites" by P.F.**

Move for Radio and Cycle shop - Wm. McHardy, Radio, Electrical and Cycle Agent, formerly of Mackay' Buildings on Shanks Lane had removed to 31 East Church Street. Bikes could be had from £3 £3.19.09 upwards. Makes - Raleigh, Royal Enfield, BSA, Hercules, Elswick, New Hudson.

Mar 22 **She had a lucky ticket** - Mrs Raffan, Cemetery Lodge, drew a horse, Kilbuck in the Irish Sweepstake. She was to buy a house with her winnings.

Apr 5 **He was a good friend to many people** - The death took place this week of Mr John McWilliam, Baker, Eskdale, Cathcart Street.

Apr 12 **Are ye needin a hoose?** - Applications were sought for the new houses built at Freuchny and Buckpool.

This it what you will pay - The golf charges at both Buckpool and Strathlene were to be - Men 20/-, women, 12/6; girls and boys, 7/6. To play bowls the annual fee was 21/-. One councillor said that the charge to play golf was too low but Provost Merson said that the courses were not yet up to a satisfactory standard.

Charges to swim at Strathlene pool, children 1d per occasion, others 3d. A season ticket to cost 10/- with a monthly one 5/-.

A nice wee story - A circus was on its way to Huntly when a valuable bear died. The handler was in a bit of a fix since a big act was the bear performing in the same cage as a lion. A Buckie cooper on the road looking for work asked the circus if they had any job to give him. The showman said yes if he would impersonate the bear. The cooper agreed but on being told that he had to go into the lion's cage he changed his mind. Then to his amazement up spoke the lion, "Tak the job Jimmy Cowie, there's naething tae be frighten't at, am a Buckie man masel"

Poem on page 6 column 4 "The Findochty Fisher Lad" W.J.A.

A further Findochty poem is found on page 7 column 2 "Findochty School" by Kenny Wall.

The minister of the South Church, Rev L.C. Phillips was to leave for Galashiels.

Apr 19 **Advert - "Have Your Goods Delivered by a local Carrier.** McDonald's Transport Service - Aberdeen - Buckie & Coast Daily - depots at Arradoul and Aberdeen.

As a way of saying thank you - Sandy Middleton was to have a Benefit Match-Buckie versus the Broch

***** **Buckie Thistle set up a record when they won the H/L by four points better than the previous record held by the Broch - this at a time when only two points were given for a win, not three.** They had 47 points from 26 games. They scored 95 goals with only 36 scored against. Forres Mechanics, the R/U were 14 points behind Buckie - a record. Buckie were undefeated at home with 9 double wins. No team had a preponderance of points or goals over the Thistle.

***** Team in the last game of the season was Wood, Mutch and Bowie; Middleton, F.Smith and Ross; Milne, Gowie, Johnston, Clark and Neish.

Apr 26 **The T.C. agreed that 9 blocks of houses should be built on Merson Street.**

The LNER was advertising a special trip to Aberdeen, starting at Speybay and picking up until Portsoy. The fare to be 6/6.

The grounds of Cullen House were to be closed to the public after the privilege had been abused by two Cullen women who pulled over 100 daffodils between them near the place known as the 'Punch Bowl' In 1999 the grounds were only open on Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

May 3 **A Benefit Match was to take place for J.Murray,** the Rovers' keeper who had his leg broken against Buckpool Celtic. The match featured the Rovers versus a

Junior Select. **The Rovers won by five goals to one. They hadn't lost all season.**

Advert - the first for a long time - Greenlees and Sons, 17A High Street, Boot and Shoe Shop - nearly 300 branches.

May 10 **Advert - J.A. Irving, Radio Stores, North High Street now stocked everything for the golfer** - clubs, bags, umbrellas and jackets.

May 17 **Advert - A Thomson, Seaview Place - 'Selling off whole stock of footwear'** He didn't close though.

The end of the Baddockleys battle between Wm. Smith, farmer and B.T.C. came with Smith to be ejected from the lands and also awarded expenses.

The Rovers won the Trades' League and the Thomson Cup when they beat the Wanderers by 7-2.

The referees - Middleton, Gowie and P.Scott agreed to referee the Brown Cup ties.

May 24 **Opening announcement** - Charles Milne, Shoemaker, was to open at 22 High Street in the shop formerly occupied by Colville, the Saddler. He was to continue with doing saddler's work having engaged a Mr Flett.

May 31 **Alex Smith, Seedsman and Grocer, moved from 22 Low Street to 56 West Church Street.**

The Methodist Church is to build a hall - Estimates were being invited for the construction of a hall on Titness Street for the Methodist Church.

The first annual dance of Buckie and District Welfare F.A. (formerly the Trades League) took place in the St Andrew's Hall. The Rovers (Buckie or Seatown) won the Commercial Shield as league champs having lost only one point out of a possible 20. Twelve players received watches. Portgordon were R/U. Rovers also won the Thomson and Brown Cup with the Wanderers and Findochty being R/U respectively.

June 7 **The new Singer Agent in Buckie was Mrs Thomson, 2 Yardie.**

E.Ianetta had a shop at 19 High Street. A fire did much damage this week.

The new tennis courts are to be opened at Portgordon on Friday 15 June at 7 p.m. by Dr Hendry, Buckie. A dance in the Masonic Hall to follow.

The Cairnfield Gardens were open to the public on Wednesday when the flowers, fruit etc were much admired.

The new minister for the South Church is Rev Sydney H.R.Wares, Glasgow.

June 21 **Seven bus loads of day-trippers from Aberdeen - Wordie's Annual Outing - paid a visit to Buckie** They had lunch in the St Andrew's Hall and were very well pleased both with the meal and the service.

Two 'Heidies' to retire - Mr C.W. Thomson MA, Rector at Buckie Secondary School and Mr John Yuill MA, Headmaster at Portknockie were both to retire in September 15. Their jobs were not to be advertised with the positions filled from present staff.

They lost a lot to gain nothing -Two thousand plasterers who had been on strike for 15 weeks over an increase of 1/2d (ha'penny) per hour returned to work on Monday with the dispute settled.

June 28 **Dyker, Buckpool, was advertising strawberries for sale** - orders taken. Later in the month he was advertising blackcurrants.

July 5 **Advert** - Alexanders' Royal Blue Motor Tours - Evening Tours - SpeyBay, Elgin, Huntly, Dufftown,

Opening announcement - Miss M.J .Anderson, lately assistant to Mr Menzie, was to open on her own account on Shank's Lane. All branches of ladies hairdressing also manicuring

The front page was almost covered with draper's adverts - Wm. Smith, East Church Street, C.I.Sherarer, same, Leith Esson, High Street, Alex Hay, West Church Street, Little Wonder, East Church Street. James Mackay's advert almost filled page 3.

In the black for a change - Buckie Thistle at their A.G.M. declared a profit of £30 on the year's working.

The 'Mackay Cup' (Was it names as such?) - James Mackay, Draper, put up a cup to be competed for annually on the Municipal Bowling Green.

Note - Trains pulled by diesel power were to used in the U.S.A.

July 12 **E.Duncan, Children's Outfitter 60 East Church Street was advertising a sale.**

July 19 **A new head teacher at Buckie High** - It was decided not to advertise for a rector but to make the appointment from within existing staff . George J.Milne is to move from Keith Grammar where he is presently rector to Buckie Secondary School at an annual salary of £800, less cut. Thomas Laing from Mortlach to be PT of Classics at Buckie at a salary of £340, less cuts.

Jul 26 **Thistle Shoe Shop, East Church Street were advertising a Peter Fair Sale.**

Galloways 'Candy' "Come and see us at Peter Fair"

Advert - First visit to Peter Fair by Madame Boswell.

Advert - Wrestling at Keith - Special Attraction - All in wrestling Championship of Scotland - John Bell. Tyrie Mains, Fraserburgh at 22 stone the heavyweight of Scotland versus George Clark, Grange, Heavyweight Champ of Scotland.

Admission adults 2/- children under 12 1/-

Tenders invited for the construction of new housing in Findochty

Grieve given a prize for long service - Mr John Cowie, who worked for Mr John Reid and Mrs Reid at Burnside of Enzie from 1904 until 1934, ultimately as grieve, a time of 30 years and 1 month was awarded the prize of £12 given from the Trustees of Dr Taylor for long service to an agricultural labourer who was both a native and resident of the county. Mr Cowie retired and lived in the first house past the W.R.I. hall at Arradoul in the 1940s.

Aug 2 **I have a big selection** - A.Thomson, Seaview Place was advertising a summer sale of cotton shoes.

Did the punishment fit the crime? Two Portgordon lads (no names given) were each given nine strokes of the birch rod for stealing 10 packets of cigarettes,

worth 10/-, from an automatic cigarette vending machine. They had filed down a half-penny until it fitted.

Peter Fair -A short passage on Peter Fair said that there were very few horses forward for sale with top prices given being between £10 and £35. There were 2 boxing booths, a number of shooting galleries, round-about, Aunt Sallies, coconut shies and games of chance. Among the sideshows were a giantess, reptiles, troupe of daring dancers, palmists, crystal gazers. There were toy stalls, fruit and chocolate stalls, also ice cream vendors. Various tents were serving dinners, teas and drinks of all kinds, among those being Arradoul W.R.I. Cheap Jacks were present while in the evening the open air dance boards were well patronised. There was no mention of the weather so we can assume it had been glorious as it always was in days of yore!

Compared to the report on Peter Fair that on a swimming gala at Strathlene was huge. There was a large attendance at this Wednesday event while 120 couples attended an open air dance in the evening to music by Ross's Band. The event was run by the T.C. with Rome Tocher being present as convenor.

Dyce aerodrome opened - The aerodrome at Dyce, 7 miles from Aberdeen and covering an area of 130 acres was opened by Viscount Arbuthnott this week. Mr Gandar Dower and Captain A.C.S. Irwin, two well-known airmen are the joint free holders of the site. The aerodrome is licensed for private, air lines and for teaching flying.

Aug 9 **Rosaire's Circus and Hippodrome were to pay a visit to Buckie on the 13th August** with the 'Big Top' set up in the Commercial Park. it was also to be in the Glebe Park, Cullen , on Saturday 11th August.

"Take your partners for a 'Flannel Dance' at Strathlene on Friday 10 August"

Buckie Thistle signed George Calder a right winger from Lossiemouth, though they intended to convert him to a centre forward to take over from the departed Sandy McLennan.

Aug 16 **Ceylon was to have a new aerodrome at a cost of £15,000**

They are to try to attract fish by light - An innovation at Lossiemouth designed to increase the amount of fish caught. The idea being that they are attracted by light. An extremely powerful light enclosed within a floating buoy was directed over a wide area of the sea bottom. The light is of the intensity of 16,00 to 2,000 candle power and burns 8 hours on one gallon of kerosene gas. It was a Yugoslav invention. The boat on which the experiments were carried out was the Argosy.

Cluny Park to be given to the town - Cluny Park has been offered to the town as a gift by Charles A.Linzee Gordon, laird of Cluny, and been gladly accepted by the T.C. Mr Gordon had said in his letter that over 25 years before Lady Cathcart had given the use of the land to the town for recreational purposes , this only being during the proprietor's pleasure and could have been reclaimed for building purposes. The T.C. having no title to the land. Now he and his daughter, Mrs Burkinyoung were now offering the park to the town as a gift to be known as the Linzee Gordon Park.

First such gift Buckie has had -Provost Merson spoke of Cluny Park being the first such gift that Buckie had ever received and had been far less fortunate in this respect than either, Keith, Elgin or Huntly.

The death took place of J.P Clark, Photographer at the early age of 48. Mr Clark was a former Thistle and Falkirk footballer and was for a spell Manager of Buckie Thistle. He was president of the Buckie and District Welfare League.

Buckie Thistle won their first game of the season when they beat Fraserburgh by two goals to nil.

The team was – Wood, Stewart and Bowie; G. Smith, F. Smith and Ross; J. Hay, Gowie, Calder, W. Hay and Milne.

Aug 23 **Advert for the Gordon Castle Gathering** – The Great Highland Games and Gala Day
Admission – adults 1/3 children 6d. John Moir and John Clark, joint secretaries.

We again have a ladies' hairdresser - Menzies the barber on Cluny Square was advertising that he had engaged a ladies' hairdresser, Miss Dreghorn.

Advert – Broadway Café, 17 High Street, – The all the year round rendezvous – Summer heat and Winter cold

Photographer's business will continue to operate - – Mrs John Clark and daughter were advertising that they were to continue the photographer's business on East Church Street.

Improvements made at Clochan - Alterations were made at the junction of the Sandy Road and the Mossy Well with the wall around the teachers' gardens being lowered to give better visibility.

The death took place this week of Councillor Joe Sutherland OBE, 12 St Peter's Road.

Poem on page 6 column 4 - The Bonnie Game of Bowling - sang to the air of "The Bonnie Wells of Wearie" from Harry Murphy's Songs of the Bowling Green

Aug 30 **A new infant school was opened at Banff costing £11,000** (I went to this school in November 1935 up until the end of May 1936)

He scored three - Calder, playing at inside left for Buckie Thistle had a hat-trick against Forres Mechanics at Mossett Park. The Thistle team was - Wood, Stewart and Bowie; Middleton, F. Smith and Ross; Hillocks, Gowie, Calder, Clark and Milne.

A number of records were broken at the Gordon Castle Games. George Clark, Grange broke his own record for the heavy hammer throwing it a distance of 99'8 and half inches, more than 2" better than the existing record. He also threw the 28 lb hammer 78'11", which was over 9" further than the record. Eddie Anderson, Dundee threw the 56 lb weight over the bar set at 14 feet, an inch better than the record.

She was making the money - Gracie Fields who was to be appearing in a film at the Palace was said to be earning £2 a minute. The film was called – 'Love Life and Laughter'.

Fashions change quite quickly - A note spoke of the craze for women to go bare, which had threatened to extend into every class of society, appeared to be on the wane

Sept 6 **Buckie Gas Light Co Ltd were to stage lectures on Cooking With Gas** together with an Exhibition of the latest cookers etc in the Fishermen's hall. Admission free.

Of course he was right – I can see to cut the grass in the dark - Provost Merson spoke of there being a need for a night lamp at the corner of Sutherland Street and Cross Lane.

Sept 13 **Bowls player shown the 'red card'** - Charles Milne, Shoemaker, High Street, was refused leave to play on the Victoria Bowling Green after having paid the rink fee of 6d. He was barred by the ground keeper for bumping. He wrote and complained to the Town Council where differences of opinion prevailed.

Sept 20 **Methodist Church Hall** - The new hall and vestry attached to the Methodist Church was opened on Wednesday 25 September 1934.

The first A.G.M. of the Buckie and District Welfare Football Association took place in the pavilion of Victoria Park . The minutes of the inaugural meeting of January 1934 were read when the following officials were appointed . President – John P.Clark, vice president, Alex Murray, treasurer, W.M.McNab, secretary James F.Callaghan . Committee – Messrs J. Cowie, Rovers; R.J.Coull, Wanderers; G.Reid, Gordon s; J.Hay, Seaweeds; J.Stewart, Buckpool Celtic.

The Rovers had won both the trophies in the first season, Commercial Shield as league winners and the knock out, Brown Cup. John H. Duncan was appointed president to succeed the late John Clark. James Cowie became vice president while both Callaghan and McNab continued as secretary and treasurer, respectively.

It was hoped that the Welfare League would prove to be a nursery for the Thistle and already four promising lads had been picked up – A. Stewart, J. Hay and W. Hay also J. Green.

Strange flowers grow in Ceylon - A note spoke of the strange habits of two flowers found in Ceylon (Sri Lanka) . the giant Nellu only flowers once in 14 years and was flowering in 1934. It was said that the forests up country were full of this heavily scented bloom which provided a great harvest for honey bees. Another odd flower, only occasionally seen is the Talipot Palm. The Talipot after a lifetime of sterility blooms as it reaches its hundredth year when it develops a bud 4 foot high. In due course this bud bursts with a loud report and expands into a magnificent pyramid of white blossom 20 feet high . As soon as the fruit succeeds the flower, however, the tree begins to droop, the leaves to wither and within a year the tree is dead.

The natives of Ceylon (Sri Lanka) calculate there are 801 uses to what the Talipot Palm can be put.

For literary purposes the leaves are cut into strips boiled and dried and then used as ola or paper.

For thousands of years this practice has been followed and the known history of Ceylon today has been taken from the records of these strips of ola.

Football fans turn to poetry - The B.A. carried a poem, which had been first printed in the Banffshire Herald following on a match at Buckie between Keith and Buckie in the first round of the Qualifying Cup which had ended in a draw. The Keith poet was confident that with home advantage his favourites would come out on top, hence the poem found on page 6 column 2.

It wasn't the case for Buckie won the replay by 7 goals to nil which led to another poem by a Buckie fan, who was obviously full of glee, and poked fun at the wording of the first poem. (With my sentiments lying more closely with Keith than the Thistle I am happy to say that Keith has gained full revenge for this dusting on many occasion since this time.)

Oct 4 **Opening announcement-** Alex Hay was to open a Ladies' shop next door to his present one – 41 West Church Street.

Advert – Peter Cormack Certified R.D.A. to open for dancing classes in the St Andrew's Hall. All popular dances taught in an easy and simple manner.

A fine for the Thistle - Buckie Thistle were fined 10/- and censured for playing James Hillocks who was a signed player with Donside Mills F.C.

Inflation leads to higher fines - The fine for riding a bike without a light had risen to 7/6.

Oct 11 **He came by a nasty injury** - Four year old Norman Niven sustained serious head injuries when the bicycle on which he was riding on the handle-bars was struck by a car as they came out of Blantrye Terrace. The rider was thrown clear. He was taken to Chalmers Hospital, Banff.

The T.C. passed plans for a new hall to the rear of the Commercial Hotel., also alterations to a house at 99 Seatown for Mr Gordon.

We would like to build here - The T.C. were in contact with Seafield Estates through the factor, David T.Samson, regarding land for 12 houses at Craigbo alongside the railway. They wanted to know how much they would be charged for the land.

Band to practice on the tennis courts - The Scottish Rovers band were granted the use of Baron Street tennis courts pavilion to practice during the winter months.

Findochty F.C. were again given the use of the football field at Strathlene by the T.C. They were warned though that there might be a need to remove turf for the golf course, near by.

For funds for hot dinners - A whist Drive and dance was held in the school at Clochan to gather funds to provide hot meals for school pupils. The winners at the whist were - Ladies - Mrs Sim, Miss E.J.Forbes and Mrs McPherson. Gents - John Grigor, Willie Palmer and John Guthrie. Music at the dance was provided by Mr Stephen, Keith. Mrs Duncan, Broadley presented the prizes while Mr Ben Sim was timekeeper.

Oct 18 **We have to diversify there's nae enough folk haein their photos teen** - Clark and Son, Photographer were advising that they were to open a new department selling face creams, powder and lipstick.

The firm of Grant and Young, Arradoul and Minduff was dissolved.

The new rector of Buckie Secondary School, Mr George J.Milne was welcomed this week by staff and pupils.

An enquiry took place into the death of Portgordon teacher of bench-work who sustained fatal injuries when he fell off a pair of steps whilst replacing a broken pane of glass at the school as part of his duties. He had the steps set up on top of a table since there was no ladder in the school long enough to reach. He was 54 and a joiner and cabinet maker to trade. He lived at Vimy Ridge, Portgordon.

Oct 25 **How's this for bargains?-** You could buy a made-to-measure gent's tweed suit from the Little Wonder for 42/- .Beautifully tailored- perfect fit guaranteed - artificial silk lined. Also a men's navy and tweed overcoats for 20/6. Both Great Value.

The first advert for the Buttercup Dairy on West Church Street was noticed, selling fresh butter at 1/- per lb and salt butter at 10d.

Wholesale grocers business for sale - A for sale notice spoke of a wholesale grocers with stores at both Keith and Garden Lane, Buckie were to be sold off following the death of the sole partner, George Petrie Hay. The building on Garden Lane suitable for stores or as offices.

New players in the Thistle forward line - G.M.C. Smith at I/L and J.Innes at O/L

A Halloween Party at Clochan - The Enzie WRI who through the years had staged a number of events which had proved to be very popular held a Halloween Party that by all accounts seemed to have been great fun. Music was supplied by James 'Jimmy' Duncan, Broadley and N.Taylor, Buckie. Songs were sung by James Paterson, Wellheads and Miss Taylor.

A 'tattie paring' competition for men, blindfolded, was won by Mr Brander with Mr Cummings coming second. A clothes-hanging competition for ladies, also blindfolded, was won by Mr Rankine.

Chappit tatties were served by witches while ghosts danced around the pot. A sketch was well acted by five members and greatly enjoyed as was a Scotch reading by John Smith, Holl. A raffle was held for a fowl donated by Mrs Duncan, Broadley and a fancy box donated by Peggy Huchinson.

A cloutie dumpling competition was won by Mrs Cowie, Burnside, with Mrs Flett, Portgordon second.

Tea was served while sweets and apples were distributed before a vote of thanks were given for a great evening.

***** **An article on page 7 column 2 spoke on developments in the teaching of geography.**

The importance of field work or simulated field work was stressed. A move away from 'capes and bays' to a discipline where much more thought was given to 'why' things were where they were.

The importance of seeing and understanding was brought home to a school pupil who had been told that Ballachulish was famous for slates but it was only when she saw the place with her own eyes how slate dominated the village. (We were still learning all the rivers in England not to mention the woollen and cotton towns in England also capitals and chief ports around the world at Enzie Public School in 1941 with Miss Paterson 'Beldie' as teacher.)

Nov 8 **Buckie Thistle got a gift of £10 from Sir Edmund Findlay Bart, Aberlour**

Arradoul W.R.I. held a Halloween Party with Bill Geddes supplying the music for dancing. There was a men's mannequin parade, bun eating competition and apple team race. Chappit tatties were served. Tea apples and nuts were served.

Nov 15 **Advert** - Robert Sim, Clochan was advertising swallow raincoats ' fine in the rain' also men's suits and lybro overalls.

Tenders were being invited for the erection of a new bungalow at Enzie Cross Roads. (This was Allandale built for Mr Watt, Buckie, who won a large sum of money on the Irish Hospitals Sweepstake on two occasions) R.Fulton was the architect. (I would have liked to have bought the house .)

Nov 22 **Enzie Poppy Day collection raised the sum of £2.0.6.** The collectors were - Laura Rankine, Mary Innes, Patricia McCurrach, Maria McGill, Catherine Travers, Mary Fowler, Betty McPherson, Nettie Newlands, William Christie and Charles Yeats.

Murder charge follows death of Buckpool man - James Cant, a 51 years old unmarried painter who lived with his mother at 2 Union Terrace, Buckpool died of injuries he sustained while acting as a doorkeeper at a dance in the St Andrews Hall. Jacob Cowie, McIntosh, Portessie, was charged with his murder.

It was a crime to snare rabbits or go poaching at this time - John Hay living at Castle Grant croft, Drybridge on the Cairnfield Estate was charged with stealing rabbits through snaring. The sheriff said recognising that he was a poor man with a wife and bairns did not fine him but awarded him expenses of

£2.11.4. **The sheriff said that game had to be protected and poaching had to stop.**

Nov 29 **Shop and tearooms change hands** - Mrs Michie bought the business on East Church Street of Confectioner, Fruiterer and Tearoom formerly ran by the late Miss Dallas. Her father, a baker, formerly had a tearoom on Marine Place.

Dec 6 **A woman puts herself forward for the Council** - Mrs Esther C. West, 9 Main Street, Buckpool threw her hat into the ring with the purpose of becoming a Town Councillor. Only one woman had done this before, a Miss McGregor in 1924. Oddly both women received the same number of votes it appeared that Buckie was not quite ready then for a 'Mrs Thatcher' (Prime minister of Britain in the 1980s and into the 1990s)

Dec 13 **Advert - Scottish Rovers 1st Banffshire Crew were to hold a Jumble Sale in the Fishermen's Hall.** Mr J.L McNaughton had a letter in the B.A. to the effect that Scottish Rovers **were not** part of the Baden Powell movement.

To raise funds for repairs to St Peter's - A Sale of Work took place in the St Andrew's Hall, opened by Bishop Bennett, Aberdeen, to raise funds to effect repairs to St Peter's Church involving the walls, roof and rone pipes. . £215 was raised.

We are losing customers to - The shop traders in Buckie were complaining that the **cheap rail trips** to Elgin on a Saturday, the best shopping day, by train, were taking potential customers and trade away from them. They said how there were no reciprocal trips from Elgin to Buckie. The traders appealed to the T.C. for backing. (Similar complaints were being registered in 2005 and will likely continue.)

Buckie to play Lossiemouth F.C in a friendly football match promised after Buckie had signed c/f Calder from the Morayshire club, the Thistle aimed to field a number of promising juniors. In the game . The team to be - Wood, Jas Bowie and John Bowie; J. Smith, F. Smith and J. Cowie; A. Smith, Stewart, Calder, Hillocks and Milne. Reserve - Innes.

We now have too many good players - It was being said that Buckie Thistle had a surfeit of good players at the present time and it was difficult to give them all a game.

Dec 27 **Concert in aid of hall funds** - Dr J. Geddes Smith Orchestra Party were to put on a Grand Concert in the Fishermen's Hall on New Year's Day on behalf of Hall funds.
Admission 2/-, 1/- with juveniles 6d (all including tax)

***** **The town clock will be put to the correct time** - The custom under which the clock on the North Church has been kept 2 minutes fast will end on 30 December 1934.

***** **A gruesome find was made at Bridgend on Saturday forenoon** (22 December) by Alex McKenzie, a burgh workman of 10 Wilson's Land, while clearing away debris. Three feet down he came across a stone coffin containing an adult human skeleton. The top of the coffin was made of sandstone, which had fallen in . there was nothing to give a clue to the identity of the remains. The police took possession of those. It is supposed that he might have been a foreign sailor who had died ashore.

Points have been harder to come by - Buckie Thistle had not been finding it too easy to collect the points up till now this season and ended the year, 1934, by getting beaten by Elgin by 2 goals to one at Victoria Park.

