

## 1935

Jan 10 **You can be a a sodjer** - Immediate employment offered in the Gordon Highlanders to men between 18 and 25. Good pay - 14/- per week and 21/- after three years satisfactory service. Free food, clothing and housing. Plenty of sport, holidays on full pay. Apply the Recruiting Office, Castlehill Barracks, Aberdeen or any Drill Hall.

**Claude Alexander Gents Outfitter, 7 High Street.** The advert carried a 'free cheque' for 10/- off all garments of 50/- upwards and 5/- off garments of 45/-. This was their first ever advert of the firm that had taken over the shop, which was a long time occupied by John Green. Draper etc.

\*\*\*\*\* **More to the stone coffin uncovered at Bridgend.** The stone coffin containing the human skeleton found while tidying up after slum clearance was handed over by the police to Aberdeen University authorities who have expressed the opinion that the skeleton was that of a young woman, which had been placed in the coffin around 1800 years before. As there was every likelihood that there would be more coffins found in the vicinity they expressed a wish that they be notified timeously to enable any further find to be examined closely before it was disturbed as this one was.

**Cinemas taken over** - The cinema circuit owned by James Archibald, Lord Lieutenant of Banffshire, living in Buckie, which included Buckie Palace was taken over by Highland Cinemas Ltd.

**The two Bowie brothers, James and John were named for the first time in the Thistle team** to play Clach. - Wood, Stewart and John Bowie; Jas. Bowie, F.Smith and Ross; Innes, Gowie, A.Smith, Calder, Coull and Milne.

**Cruise to the Mediterranean - All Catholic Cruise lasting 3 weeks** . The first of its kind visiting, Spain, Italy, cities of Naples and Rome, Malta and Portugal. Services and lectures etc aboard. Full particulars from L.T.McGarth, agent for Anchor Lines and N.T.A.

Jan 17 **George McBeath , Cluny Square - Electrical, Radio, Musical , Cycle and Gramophone supplies.** 18 years practical experience in wireless operating and radio servicing. Opposite the bus stop.

**A case of rises for some reductions for others** - Mr Boyle, assistant burgh surveyor got a bonus payment of £20 for extra work he had had to do. He also got an increase in his salary from £2.15 per week up to £3.

**Court said culpable homicide not murder** - Jacob Cowie McIntosh, a widower of Portessie, was sentenced to one year's imprisonment for culpable homicide. His attack on James Cant led to his death from severe injuries to his head.

Jan 24 **Football club gets cash donation** - Portgordon F.C. received £2 from Sir Edmud Findlay, Aberlour, for new equipment.. Buckie Thistle received £10 some time before from the same donor.

**Buckie Thistle played a friendly against a Welfare League Select.** The teams were -

**Thistle** - Jappy, Stewart and John Bowie; James Bowie, F.Smith and Ross; Cruickshank (Aberchirder), A.Smith, Calder, Gowie and Milne.

**Select** - Phimister(Findochty), Flett (Fin.), Cowie (Bck Rovs), Ashby (Terrs), Scorgie (Pg), Simpson (Trades United), Hay (Thistle), Cormack (Terrs), E.Innes (Pg), Thomson (Find), J.Innes (Thistle).

The Thistle won by 4 goals to 2.

Jan 31 **Would you like to be trained as a boxer?** Any young men or boys wishing to be taught boxing please **apply to Billy Forbes, 5 Anton Street.**

**Come and hear Tommy Nicol's Accordion Dance Band** playing in the St Andrew's Hall every Saturday evening.

**The Scottish Cup** - Buckie beat Beith by the score line of 1-0 in the 1<sup>st</sup> round.. Buckie had McNab at O/R and A.Murray at I/L

**Hitler. Who's he?** A. R.Wilson, Shoemaker, Portgordon mentioned the name Hitler in his advert for his annual sale. - Hitler says - "Yes Saar that's my Baby" On seeing our stock and discounts discriminating people will say "Yes sir this is my opportunity of securing sensational bargains".

Feb 7 **Warehouses and offices close** - The warehouses and offices of Messers George Kynoch and Sons Wholesale Merchants, Buckie (Garden Lane ) and Keith closed on Saturday 2 February.

\*\*\*\*\* **Name of the school and blazer badge changed** - The name of Buckie Secondary School was changed from Secondary to Buckie High with a new badge produced. This was on show in the window of Alex Hay, Draper, etc, on West Church Street.

**The Co-op 'divvie'** The Co-op were advertising their 'divvie' as 1/7 in the pound.

**Big storm halts game** - A big storm on Saturday past led to the abandonment of the game at Victoria Park where part of the surrounding fence was blown down.

**Buckie Burgh Surveyor retires** - The retirement took place of Wm. Hendry, Burgh Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector . He had held the post for 20 years.

Feb 14 **Amateur cap for former Thistle player** - John Garden, the former Thistle player, now with London Caledonia has been capped for Scotland against Wales in an amateur international at C/H. Two years ago another former Thistle player, Dr G.D.McKenzie , was capped also against Wales.

\*\*\*\*\* **The park in Buckpool should be known as the Provost's Park** - The T.C. were discussing the layout of the Provost's Park, Buckpool. Dr Paterson suggested that the park be named West End Park but Provost Merson said that it had now been called the Provost's Park for two years past and this could do for whatever provost was in office. Monsignor Macdonald asked why it could not be called Buckpool Park and people would know where it was located. **On consulting the minutes, however, it was found that it had been agreed to call it Provost's Park and so the matter was dropped.**

**Was this his first game for the Thistle ?** The Thistle had Cormack (probably G .Kitch. Cormack) at I/R.

**George 'Ru' Stewart** - The former Thistle and Aberdeen University player, George Stewart got a good write up from the Third Lanark manager when he played a trial match for the 'Hi-Hi's' Apparently they didn't sign him, however, since he signed first for Clyde before moving the next season to Montrose.

Feb 21 **Buckie Gas Light Company Ltd opened their new showroom at 30 West Church Street** in the building previously occupied by John Munro, Draper, etc. J. Grant, Joiner, Drybridge did the work of doing up the place.

**The Commercial Hotel opened a new hall to the rear of the main building** on what was formerly the stables. The hall could accommodate 140 of a company and was ideal for weddings and other similar functions. It had been very tastefully done up.

**Duncan's Orchestra now open for engagements** - apply James Duncan, Broadley.

**Opening announcement** - Samuel Murray was advertising that he was to start in business repairing boots and shoes in the workshop formerly occupied by John Simpson, Shoemaker etc, Bank Street. It would seem that this old business had closed down since their advert had not been seen for some time.

**Try 'Todd's Wine'** - Don't let your child suffer from Whooping Cough give them Todd's Wine, available from all chemists.

Feb 28 **The Scottish Cup 3<sup>rd</sup> Round** - A crowd of 4,500 saw the Thistle beaten by the single goal when they played St Johnston at Victoria Park in the third round of the Scottish Cup.

The team was - Wood, Stewart and John Bowie; Middleton, F.Smith and Ross; James Bowie, A.Smith, Calder, Paterson, and Milne. The gate money was £220. The St Johnston players and officials each received a box of kippers donated by Merson and Gerry and handed over by Wm. Smith chairman of the Thistle directors.

Mar 7 **Concert party in Buckie for a whole week** - The 'Famous Meltonians' a concert party, are to appear in the Fishermen's Hall for a whole week.

**The bridge over the Tynet Burn at Tynet was to be reconstructed at a cost of £2,375.** A lot of money but the it was seen as a substantial and most attractive structure once built.

**Benefit match for Jimmy** - Jimmy Ross who had played regularly for the Thistle for 10 years was to receive a Benefit Match with Aberdeen F.C. providing the opposition.

Mar 14 **The last carter's business** - A dispenish sale was to take place at Garden Lane of horses, harness and carts etc. belonging to Wm.Cowie who had carried on the carter's business formerly ran by his father. The three mid-aged horses made £29, £26 and £20 while the harness and carts etc went for good prices.

**No street crossing meantime** - The T.C. had deliberated for some time about creating street crossings at several street junctions but after advice from the police authorities had decided against proceeding with these measures.

**The Linzee Gordon Park railings etc** - Tenders were invited for the construction of a dwarf wall and railing at the Linzee Gordon Park before the formal handing over. Plans for a shelter were also to be invited.

**More council house building in Buckpool** - It was agreed to go ahead with the construction of five blocks of four apartment houses facing St Peter's Road. And also to fill in a vacant space on Merson Street with 2 blocks of three apartments.

Mar 21 **A new name at centre forward for the Thistle** - When Buckie beat Caley 2-1 on Saturday they had a player by the name of Bennett at C/F

Mar 28 **He is seeking the licence for the Harbour Bar** - John McGrory, Barman, Commercial Hotel was making an application for the license of the Harbour Bar.

**Braehead, a house on East Church Street is up for sale.** (This building was to be undermined some years later when a big landslide took place on the cliff above the former railway station and it was demolished and the site made into an open area.)

**No, no , a bike is only made for one , you need a tandem for two** - A man was fined 2/6 for carrying a passenger, a lady friend, on his bicycle, which it was said was only meant for one person.

Apr 4 **The General Grocers on Marine Place for sale** - The whole stock of the late Mrs Merson who had a shop at Marine Place, trading under the name of M.C.Cameron, was up for sale. The goods included, Groceries, Drapery, Glass, Chinaware, Hardware and Toys.

**Portgordon had two teams playing in the Welfare League** - Portgordon and Portgordon Athletic. Portgordon had formerly played in the Banffshire League but no information was now given on this.

**A quote** - 'Golf may be said to be a luxurious form of walking' Sir Enoch Hill. (Some would say that it spoils a good walk.)

**For those who say there are not enough days in a week** - Donald McGregor, Watchmaker, Jeweller and Optician had an advert for an 8 day chiming clock being sold at 25/- with a five-year guarantee.

Apr 11 **The former site of the 'Barracks'** - The T.C. decided after all that the site of the 'Barracks' on Main street should be laid out as a playing ground for children with swings and a sand pit. Along the street-side there would be railings with a guarded entrance.

Apr 18 **Buckie Thistle were beaten 3-0 in a friendly against Dundee.**

Apr 25 \*\*\* **Hay and Co, Grocers, were to open a new branch store at 32 West Church Street** . This was formerly occupied by Munro, Draper etc. Hay's were advertising having Scotland's greatest free gift scheme with 50,000 free gifts over a five year period.

**Teams competing in the Welfare League at this time were** - Athletic, Portgordon, Findochty, Buckie Rovers, Buckie Terriers and Trades United.

**The Thistle face a busy end to the season** - Buckie Thistle are to have a busy time in their last two weeks of the season with games to play in both the H/L and Aberdeenshire League.

**In their last away game on the Thursday they drew with Huntly** the team being - Wood, Ross and Bowie; Middleton, Smith and Steven; Taylor, Clark, Hay, Calder and Innes.

**On Saturday they beat Nairn with the following** - Wood, Lobban and John Bowie; Milne, Smith and Ross; Hay, Gowie, Calder, Clark and Jas. Bowie, H/L

On the Monday the following team played the Broch in the Aberdeenshire . League - Wood, Lobban and Milne; Steven, Smith and Ross; Calder, Hay, Clark, Cowie and Jas Bowie.

May 2 **Still more houses to be built in Buckpool** - Tenders were invited for 7 blocks of 4 apartment and 7 blocks of 3 apartments in Buckpool.

**Aberdeen beat Buckie Thistle by four – goals to nil in Jimmy Ross's Benefit match.** Sandy McLennan, Partick Thistle, was guesting at C/F. Another guest player was Jimmy Cowie from Keith. The Thistle team was - Wood, Stewart and Milne; Middleton, F.Smith and Ross; Cowie(Keith), Gowie, McLennan, Clark, Jas Bowie.

**Thistle win their last game but win no silverware this season** - In their last H/L game of the season, which unlike the previous one was to prove to be fruitless, the Thistle beat Inverness Citadel by six goals to four at Victoria Park. Scorgie of Portgordon played while Jas. Bowie at C/F and scored a hat-trick

**There were still two games to be played in the Aberdeenshire League**

The team against the Broch was - Phimister, Stewart and J.Bowie; Middleton, Smith and Ross; J.Cowie, W.J.Cowie, Laing, Clark and Milne.

**Against Elgin it was** - Wood, Stewart and Jas. Bowie; Cowie, Smith and Ross; McIntosh, Middleton, Campbell, Clark and Menzies.

May 9 **There were no less than 170 applicants for the post of caretaker at Rathven and Burnside Cemeteries.** Wm. Packman sen. Rosebank Cottage, Cairnfield, at present greenkeeper at Buckie Bowling Green was appointed.

\*\*\*\*\* **Some fishermen, even those owning their own houses, appealed for relief, which was granted.** With no jobs and no money coming in they couldn't buy food. They said how they couldn't eat their houses which is all they had.

**The Jubilee of King George V and Queen Mary was celebrated everywhere in great style** throughout the local area no more so than in the Enzie as the following report tells us.

The school pupils, around 150, travelled by bus to Buckie to attend the pictures before returning to school. Back in school tea was served in memento cups, which were given to each pupil.

An 'At Home' took place for the adults which had been arranged by Mr John Duncan but who was unavoidably unable to be present with John Bonnyman stepping into the breach. Cards were played, songs sang, there were dances and all listened to a broadcast of the King's speech. Rev Father McKay delivered an address.

Later young and old adjourned to the hill overlooking the old railway station to witness the lighting of a bonfire erected by the young men. From this vantage point a good view was obtained of many other bonfires along the coast.

When the fire had died down the exuberant spirit of youth had merely been whetted and sought expression in a crowded dance that brought to a close a very jolly day for all.

The expenses were borne by the liberal response of a door to door collection, itself an expression of loyalty and devotion to the throne.

**The death took place of the Duke of Richmond and Gordon at Goodwood.**

He had suffered for a long time due to being wounded in the legs during the war of 1914-1918.

**The Rovers won the Duncan Shield** (given by John Duncan, President of Buckie Thistle and a businessman in the town.) after beating Trades United by the only goal of the game.

May 16 **A new 'dazzle' on the market** - The B.A. carried a big advert for a new drink, Stillade by Robertson's

\*\*\*\*\* **Vandalism on the banks of the Gollachy Burn** - At least 20 of the trees planted by the T.C. along the banks of the Gollachy Burn were destroyed by vandals. ( It would appear nothing really changes in this respect - vandalism was still rife in 2005 and I imagine will still be with us in the years ahead.)

**The term used was 'decanting'** - A number of substandard houses in the Seatown were to be demolished with the tenants being moved to the new council housing. In Buckpool and elsewhere.

**A landing strip required** - The T.C. had correspondence with the Air Ministry regarding the provision of landing facilities at the ground being prepared for Buckpool Golf Course. An area of 600 yards of flat land being required.

\*\*\*\*\* **The T.C. agreed to get a picture of the King decorating Pte McIntosh with the V.C. to hang in the Council Room.**

May 23 **Enzie W.R.I. gave £2 towards the Soup Kitchen Fund.** During the winter months 8000 hot dinners had been provided for school pupils.

**The annual pilgrimage by Catholics in the local area to St Mary's Well, Orton,** took place on Saturday, organised by Monsignor Macdonald.

May 30 **Opening announcement** - R.F.. Miller took over the Confectioner and Tobacco business carried out for a number of years by J.Cowie at 7 Cluny Square.

The RAF to mount a major recruitment campaign - 2,500 pilots are required also 20,000 tradesmen and unskilled workers for the next year.

**Two brothers from the Enzie were already in the Airforce.** Alick Collie had just completed two years training while his brother had been in longer. Both lads joined as apprentices.

The history of the 'Swiss Cottage' or as we called it the 'Reid Hoosie' A note said that it had been built having been built 120 years before, back in 1815 by a former Duke for a servant who came from Switzerland. It was built of Scots fir and lined with sphagnum moss. (Christi's (Fochabers) Ltd bought it around 2002 and aimed to have it refurbished. Whether this took place was unknown in 2005)

**Portgordon beat Findochty 3-2 in the final of the Brown Cup**

June 6 **The junior girl sport's champion at St Peter's School was Bertha Gordon.** She came first in the 80 yards sprint, 1<sup>st</sup> in the skipping race, 2<sup>nd</sup> in the high jump and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the obstacle race. Frank Burgess was the boy's junior champion. In the senior classes, **John Gordon was first in the obstacle race.** The sports took place at Victoria Park.

**Poem on page 6 column 5 "Auld Sabbath Days"**

**In the final of the Consolation Cup the Rovers beat Portgordon by 2 goals and four corners to 2 goals.**

**Rovers** - J.Murray, C.Lobban, C.Mackay; J.Jappy, J.W.Cowie, P.Cowie; G.A.Cowie, J.Coull, J.Cowie, W.J.Cowie, J.Cowie.

**Portgordon** - T.Farquhar, W Taylor, A.Scorgie; W.Green, J.Murray, H.Milne; P.Farquhar, E.Innes, J.Innes, G.Reid, A.Johnston.

**Buckie Terriers won the County Cup by beating Findochty by 3-1.**

**Terriers** - McGregor, Geddes, Lyon; Campbell, Nicol, Burgess; Booth, J.Legge, Laing, Murray, W.Legge.

**Findochty-** Phimister, McKenzie, Ross; G.Falconer, Flett, Smith; McIvor, W.Falconer, Campbell, Herd, Anderson.

**Findochty won the league, Brown Cup and Commercial Shield.  
Rovers won the Consolation Cup and Duncan Shield  
Buckie Terriers won the County Cup.**

**Welfare League players had helped the Thistle out** - At the prize-giving ceremony it was said how Buckie Thistle had fielded many Welfare League players during the past season

June 13 **A.Thomson, Shoemaker, Seaview Place, was advertising a big sale as he was giving up business.** He carried on for some time after this, however.

**Adverts for kippers** - Merson and Gerry also Andrew May and Son.

**Spend 50/- with us and you will get a free flight** - The Buckie Co-op were advertising that if you were to buy a suit, furniture or footwear to the value of 50/- or more you got a voucher to entitle you to a free flight at the Jubilee Air Display to take place at Nairn on Saturday 13 July.

\*\*\*\* **The T.C. were to construct chutes on the steep banks at both Buckpool and Strathlene.** The latter to add an extra attraction to those already there. The chute at Strathlene was 250 feet long. (It is not known if a chute was ever constructed in Buckpool but they had eventually to removed the chute at Strathlene when too many accidents occurred .)

June 27 **George 'Ru' Stewart former Thistle and Aberdeen University football player signed for Montrose.** The previous season Clyde had signed him from Buckie Thistle and he was often in their team at I/L

Jul 11 \*\*\* **The Linzee Gordon Park was formally handed over to the town of Buckie by the donors on Wednesday July 10.**

Jly 18 **Opening announcement** - James Cowie formerly of 7 Cluny Square was advising that he was to open as a Confectioner and Fruiterer at 26 East Church Street (Mackay's Buildings) He had a big advert describing his stock.

The Co-op 'divvie' has gone up.- The Co-op were advertising their 'divvie' as being now 1/9 in the pound.

\*\*\*\*\* **The B.A. carried a report of the formal handing over of the former Cluny Park. See page 5 column 6**

**War on the horizon** - Italy and Mussolini was all geared up to attack Abyssinia.

July 25 **A plane landed on Buckpool Golf Course last week with an official from the airport at Aberdeen aboard.** Buckie was being seen, then, as a suitable place for a break between Aberdeen and Orkney. The T.C. confirmed that there was sufficient room for both a landing area and the 18 hole golf course layout proposed.

**Ye dinna need tae walk** - Alexander's were advertising that they intended to run buses to and from Peter Fair on the Thursday evening starting at 6 until 12 p.m and on Friday commencing at 8 am through until 12 p.m. Fares to be 3d each way.

Aug 1 **Advert** - John Mathieson , Draper, 50 West Church Street. All stock up to date.

**Report on Peter Fair** - The day was fine. There were large numbers of people both in the afternoon and evening. Very little business of any kind is now done when 50 years before the morning was taken up with farmers and dealers trading horses. There were a few good horses forward but the sellers were asking too much and trade was stiff. There were less toys and sweetie stalls than had been formerly the case. There were still as many amusement and side shows. There were boxing booths, a flea circus, swings, chair-o-planes, shooting galleries, and a dancing board. There were a number of stalls for trying your luck. The inner man was not forgotten with a number of tents and stands to provide refreshments of all

kinds. Cheap Jack was again present but it was felt that people were too fly to be taken in by his floury patter and he would not have left with an over full purse.

**A parcel of nine scarves arrived for the lifeboat crew** from a Mrs Mawby and friends in Staffordshire.

Aug 8

**A Savage South African Jungle Circus was to pay a visit to Buckie** with the Big Top in the Commercial Park. One of the big attractions was the Great Zass . The strongest sensation of this generation. The miracle man of muscle who could catch a beautiful girl shot out of a cannon. A human punch-bag prepared to take punches from all comers, athletes and boxers alike. The circus is to visit Cullen on Monday and Portsoy on Tuesday.

**Arradoul W.R.I.** will again be staging their annual Flower Show.

**A poem written in Gaelic was given on page 2 column 2.** The editor was asking for someone to translate this.

**The A.G.M. of the Welfare Association took place with Mr J.H.Duncan presiding.** Mr Dustan, secretary of the S.W.F.A. attended and answered questions on Welfare Football law.

**Thistle player moves to Aberdeen.** The Thistle lost their full back, Stewart, after he was signed for Aberdeen F.C.

Players signed for the new season 1935/36 include - J.Noble signed from Inverness Thistle, Roy and Phinn from Rothes as full backs. Rothes prepared to lend other players when required.

John Bowie would not be available for some time nor would Middleton.

For forwards they could call on Calder, Milne G. K.Cormack, P.Laing, with assistance from Laing (Terriers), Emslie ex Huntly, Shanks, ex Elgin City, A.Murray, ex Hull, Steven and other local juniors. Kinnaird ex Caley was also a possibility.

**A notable visitor at the circus** - The world-famous Bertram Mills circus paid a visit to Elgin among the notables present was Ramsay McDonald, M.P.

**The Banffshire Advertiser still only cost 2d.**

**Hay and Co. Grocers, Provisions and Fruit, 32 West Church Street.** Veal and tongue 1/6 per lb; preserving sugar 3/- per stone.

The showroom at Mackay's Buildings where full books of stamps could be exchanged for lovely gifts was only open on a Friday. This later changed to Tuesday.

**A tunny fish, 8 feet long and weighing 680 lbs was caught by line and hook off Scarborough.** This was one of the largest ever caught in British waters. It was on show at Wm Hill, Fishcurer's premises on Low Street.

**In their first game of the season the Thistle were beaten 5-1 by Clach in Inverness..** The team was Wood, A.Roy and Phinn; Neish, Smith and Ross; Hay, Emslie, Calder, Shanks and Milne.

**The full back partnership of Roy and Phinn was not a success** and changes were made before the next game.

Aug 22

**New clubrooms at Buckpool Golf Course** - A meeting is to take place on Friday 23 August in the new clubrooms at Buckpool Golf Course to consider the setting up of a Golf Club in Buckpool.

Sept 5

**Gillan the grocer to retire** - The house and grocer's business belonging to R.Gillan at 7 and 9 East Church Street was up for sale as he was retiring from

business. It will be remembered that he came initially from Elgin and took over the business of Wright's, Grocers, etc, on Baron Street.

**He was dreadfully unlucky** - Wm. Wilson, contractor, Portessie lost two horses within a period of three weeks both in similar circumstances. While at the quayside at Cluny Harbour waiting to discharge coal both animals went over the edge into the water where trapped by cart and other obstacles they both succumbed.

The Thistle were in the black again - At their A.G.M. Buckie Thistle showed a profit on the year's working of £46.18.11. This was helped by the good gate against St Johnston in Scottish Cup.

Sept 13 Buckie lost to Peterhead in the Qualifying Cup by the scoreline of three goals to one. The team was Wood, Noble and John Bowie; Emslie, F.Smith and Middleton; Calder, Cormack, James Bowie, Shanks and Milne.

**Poem on page 2 column 2 "Reminiscences of Home" by a former 'herrin' quine'**  
**Mrs Anne Wood Wiseman, Wellington, N.Z.**

**Lower prices to encourage bigger crowds. Did it work?** The Thistle management concerned about poor attendances at matches had listened to the bleat, " You will double the crowd if admission was cheaper" and lowered the price from 9d to 6d. At Peterhead admission charge was 9d and at Fraserburgh 1/-

**Candidates try to enlist the backing of the public** - The sitting M.P. Sir Murdoch McKenzie Wood Liberal and Nationalist (Unionist) candidate, Sir Edmund Findlay both held meeting in Buckie in view of the forthcoming election.

Sept 19 **W.Thomson brought 'Peter Fair' back to Buckie, as his advert said.** Chair-o-planes and other attractions were set up 'in a field near to Donaldson's Garage. (Cowie Park)

**In aid of the School Picnic Fund** - A dance is to take place in Clochan School in aid of the Picnic Fund on Friday 20 September. Admission, Gents 2/- with Ladies 1/6. Tea served and Spot Dance prizes. Music by the Frontaline Band.

**Buckie lose to Aberdeen in Benefit Match** - In the Benefit Match for Adam Gowie the scoreline was Buckie 1 Aberdeen 6

**Bad weather forces plane to land.** - A plane, carrying mail, was forced down due to bad weather on a journey from Orkney to Aberdeen. It landed in a field adjacent to Victoria Park. The mail was put on the train.

**George Webster, The Garage, 18 High Street was advertising a Singer 'Bantam' for £120.**

**James Mackay, Draper buys the property next door** - James Mackay bought the shop and house belonging to Robert Gillan, Grocer etc, next door at 7 and 9 East Church Street.

Sept 26 **Sweet revenge** - Thistle gained their revenge for the first game defeat by Inverness Clach by hammering them 7-1 at Victoria Park. The Buckie team was - Wood, Noble and Jas. Bowie; Middleton, F.Smith and Ross; Hay, Cormack, Calder, Emslie and Milne.

**R. Gillan was still advertising at this date it was flower bulbs of all kinds.**

Oct 3 **Broadway Melody Band** with piano, accordion, saxophone, trumpet, violin and drums **open for engagements**. Apply to J.Duncan, Broadley and D.C. Grant, 30 Land Street, Buckie.

**The difference could be seen** - four new lamps were erected on Cluny Square

**Robert Sim, Draper and Clothier etc, Clochan, died suddenly this week.** He was a native of Elgin arriving in Clochan in 1905. He lost a son, an officer in the RFC in the first war with another son killed in the Fochabers' Woods by a falling tree.

Oct 10 **Italy attack Abyssinia.**

Oct 17 **A sale by warrant of the sheriff took place at a house on Wallace Avenue.**

**Grates for the new houses in Buckpool were to be supplied by the following** - L.T.McGarth, Ironmonger, R.Tindall and Son and Sutherland's Furnishing Store. Neither of these firms had had an advert in the B.A. for a long time.

**Why don't we change the name ?** Some members of the T.C., with Co.Milton in particular, wanted to change the name of the station at Portessie to Strathlene. Not all were of a similar mind, however, one saying why not also change the name of Buckie.

**A pen sketch of John Garden, amateur international footballer,** late of Buckie Thistle was given on page 7 column 2.

Oct 24 **The Thistle Shoe Stores 26 East Church Street was to close.**

\*\*\*\*\* **The number of shoe shops in Buckie had decreased during the past year or so.** The Scot Shoe Shop at 25 West Church Street also Rhynas at number 17 had gone as had John Simpson on Bank Street and now the Thistle. Improvements to the streets with pavements, too, being laid, probably meant boots and shoes lasted longer.

**Buckie Thistle 4 Wick Academy 1 in the 4<sup>th</sup> round of the Qualifying Cup.** Wick had been described as the shock troops.

Oct 31 **Car goes on fire** - One read quite often of cars taking fire on the road and being completely burnt out. The latest to have this happen was a van belonging to Messrs John Gray and Son, fishmerchants, Buckie with driver, Wm. Knowles, being destroyed on the March Road.

**A 'Scotch' concert by the Buckie Orchestral Society was to take place.** The word 'Scotch' was used very often at this time for many things now of course reserved for whisky alone. Other words, which have gone out of usage, but used then, were nigger and darkies when talking about a black concert party.

Nov 7 **Fifty years in business** - James Mackay, Draper, etc, was advertising being in business for 50 years with a Grand Jubilee Sale. He opened a shop in Buckie on the south side of East Church Street in November 12 1885. (The Fry Inn occupied the premises in 2005.)

**Thistle were unlucky** - A crowd of 2,500 saw them lose by three goals to one to Elgin City in the semi/final of the Qualifying Cup at Victoria Park. A crowd of 1,000 came from Elgin.

**Consider this to be wasted money** - - The Portknockie public opposed £6,000 being spent by the T.C. on a rose garden and dance hall.

Nov 14 **For sale the dwelling house - "Buckpool Beach"** at the end of Great Western Road containing a kitchen, 2 rooms, bathroom and lavatory. There is a large piece of ground and also a small cottage.

**Vandalism has occurred in several parts of Buckie.** At Strathlene £15 worth of damage took place over one week-end. During the year damage costing £100 had occurred in other parks. Trees were topped abutting the roadway at the Queen Street Park and also along the banks of the Gollachy and Buckie Burns.

**The T.C. decided to drop the idea of changing the name Portessie to Strathlene** - The Council are, however, to contact the railway authorities regarding changing the sign at the station to read - Portessie for Strathlene. (Was this ever done?)

**A poem on page 5 column 5 in support of Sir McKenzie Wood M.P.**

**Keith 3 Buckie 1 Aberdeenshire League** (Revenge is sweet the cyards would have said)

Nov 21 **Opening announcement** - A. Grant Brown was advertising his intention of starting in business as an Ironmonger and House Furnisher at 26 East Church Street.

**Name changing was in the air** - The idea of changing the names of places was seen elsewhere. There were calls to change the name of Fort William as it wasn't liked by some with a change back to something like Gordonsburgh or Maryburgh as it had been formerly. Something more distinctive and more descriptive geographically was being advocated.

Dec 5 **John Moar, Harbour Street, was a prospective candidate for Buckie Town Council**. In addition to his name he had a poem printed on the front page., column 2. Other hopeful candidates at this time were Jimmy Lawson, Baron Street, Alex Paterson, Queen Street, John Yuill, Cathcart Street, John Scott and Esther C West, Main Street. There were 7 candidates for 4 places.

Dec 12 **Death of Bridgend Tailor and Outfitter** - The death took place this week of Mr P.Geddes who carried on a Tailors and Outfitter's business at Bridgend with his sons. He was 79.

Dec 19 **The Dagenham Girls' Pipe Band** are to give a performance in the Fishermen's Hall on December 23

**The name of the shop at 1 High Street has been changed** - R.Tindall and Sons, Ironmongers have been succeeded by Messrs E.Tindall Scott and Co.

**Opening announcement** A.E. Smith - 11 Station Road, Portessie, is starting in business as a Draper.

**Enzie Amateur Dramatic Society**, which only came into being a few weeks ago ae to stage four one act plays to give all the aspiring actors a part to play. This is the first ever venture of its kind in the Enzie district. The concert is to take place on Friday 27 December in the Clochan School. Admission 2/- (reserved) booking plan available, 1/6 A dance will follow - admission 1/6

**Two Town Councillors had retired, Monsignor Macdonald and Mr Brunton.** Two new councillors, John Yuill and John Scott were appointed with two others re-appointed.

**House rents for council houses fixed** - - The rent of the new council houses in Buckpool were agreed upon by the T.C. The four apartments to be 6/- per week

with the three apartments 5/-. There were some that would pay even less depending on their circumstances.

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**The idea of changing place names still in fashion** - The Town Council received a letter from someone from the north now domiciled in Glasgow suggesting that the name of Buckie ought to be changed since it lacked both grace and charm when shown against some others. It was agreed to take no action, however, one councillor said that it rhymed with lucky so that was perhaps a good omen.

**The Baptist Church was formed in Buckie in 1903.**

Dec 26 **Special services were to take place in the North Church to mark the centenary** - 1835 - 1935.

The original Church of Scotland services in Buckie took place in the Chapel of Ease, opened in 1835 and closed in 1876. The Buckie Parish Church Q.S. lasted from 1876 until 1929. This became the North Church in 1929.

**The death took place this week of Captain John Hutchinson** a son of the late John Hutchinson former tobacco manufacturer at Rathven then Buckie. Another son, George a journalist by profession, when employed by the Banffshire Advertiser, wrote the book, 'The Days of Yore'

**Poem on pages 7 column 2 "My Prayer".**