

1936

Jan 2 **Buckie North Church Centenary Services** are to be found on page 5 columns 3/4

***** **Enzie Amateur Dramatic Society put on their first ever performance in the school on Thursday and Friday of the previous week with four one act plays.**

No Hawkers - Christine Orr (farce)

Glensheugh - Joe Corrie (comedy)

Eggs - Peter Gray (comedy)

Salmon Poachers - Joe Corrie (comedy)

Players were - - Ann McBride, David Dowie, Frank Reid, Margaret Angus, L. Forbes, Ann Corr, A. Angus, Mary Duncan, Sarah Forbes, James Forbes, J. Black and Mrs Jamieson. George Grigor, Mrs E. Geddes, Peter Grigor, Dolly Guthrie, Miss B. Horne, , Miss F.Bremner, C.Paterson, Alex Wylie, James Thain, Make up was by George Coutts, Art teacher, Buckie. Stage Manager was John Gordon. Electricity lighting on the stage, John Bonnyman. The Merrymakers Orchestra played between plays.

Mr Beveridge, Deskford, with experience in drama, gave invaluable advice. Mr P.Urquhart, headmaster at Clochan was producer and originator with John H.Duncan, Broadley, as his assistant.

Joan McCurrach was secretary and treasurer.

Forty members enrolled and carried through a high degree of enthusiasm attending all practices even though a considerable number had no actual part to play on stage.

The reporter commented on the high standard of acting that would have done credit to a company of several year's standing and experience in the field of drama. (I am pleased to say that I was member of the Society in 1949.)

Jan 9 **Burn's Suppers were very popular with each of the following organisations holding one** - Shore of Buckie, Burn's Club; Spey Bay SWRI; O.E.S. Portessie Chapter; O.E.S. Buckie Chapter; Buckie Co-op Women's Guild and Buckie Trades.

Death of shoemaker - The death took place of John Calder, Boot and Shoe Merchant, Cluny Terrace.

Golden anniversary - A ceremony took place to mark the Jubilee of the Fishermen's Hall. It was built in 1885 and opened on the first of January 1886.

Jan 16 **Passing of local publican** - The death took place of Jimmy Ross who had the Anchor Bar. He had been 30 years in Buckie, hailing from the west coast. His son, also Jimmy, was a long time regular in the Thistle team.

No, we won't change the name but - The T.C. received a letter from the LNER Coy. stating that it was not desirable to alter the name of the station, Portessie to Strathlene, but would arrange for a sign to read for Strathlene. They suggested that the T.C. might erect a sign on the Golf Course that could be seen from the train.

***** **Notes - The Buckie Riots took place on 1872. Buckie became a Police Burgh in 1888 with the setting up of a Town Council .**

***** **When Buckie or Bucky was first mentioned** - In an article by Dr Crammond he speaks of the earliest mention of Buckie being in 1362 when the lands of "Rove Bucky in le Awne" were leased by John Hay to John Young, vicar of Fordyce. The Hays, of whom the Rannes family have descended had

acquired, through Royal favour, a footing in the district at a still earlier age when the (Forest of Awne or Ainie, now Enzie) greater part from the Deveron to the Spey was embraced- in the Forest of Enzie and the Boyne. Rove Bucky is far from understandable and could a scribe's error and should perhaps read Over Bucky as occurs in older title deeds, in contra distinction to Nether Buckie. It has been spelt different ways, Burns called it Bucky in his poem 'Lady Onlie - Lady Lucky'. This was the form at the end of the 18th century.

Unfortunately in one of the earlier books on Scottish place names Buckie on the Moray Firth does not receive a mention though Buckie, spelt the same way in the Balquidder district of Perthshire is described as being derived from the Gaelic word boc or Welsh bowk, both meaning a buck. Some would say that the burn of Buckie was once called the bucks' burn- deer are known to resort to salt water at times. Frequently the name for a settlement is derived from a river's name such as Banff from Boyne.

The Gaelic word - bucaidh means a pimple or knob and again the Gaelic word bogha means a bow or bosom, a place in a curve between 2 heights or in a bend of a stream or coast.

In Blaeu's map of 1654 Buckie is shown as a fort or laird's house on the right bank of the burn about a mile inland. John Gordon of Buckie was hurt in the Civil War of the Covenating period,

Nether Buckie and Freuchny are also shown as are the following Corrydown, Letterfourie, Arradoul, Cairnfield, Gollachy, Tannachy, Raffan and Rannachy.

*** **The Name of Buckie** - see page 5 columns 4/5 January 16 1936 ****

Jan 23 **Shoe shop closed** - Calder's Boot and Shoe Shop to be closed with a sale starting on 28 January

Advert - Miss J. K .Williamson, Dressmaker, 100 Main Street.

Jan 30 **Long live the king** - King George V died this week.

Scottish Cup - Buckie Thistle were beaten 2-1 by Leith Athletic at Victoria Park, in the Scottish Cup, after first drawing in Edinburgh.

Wood, Munro and Jas Bowie; Middleton, Smith and Shanks; Cormack, Clark, Calder, Neish and Oldman.

Feb 6 **Long time adverts** - George Robertson, Draper etc. Grant Street and Seafield Street, Cullen had an advert in the B.A. for a long time. Another long time advertiser was John Mair, Draper and Grocer, 2 Bridge Street, Portknockie.

Advert - Webster's Garage 18 High Street, Motors, Cycles and Radios.

Feb 13 **Opening announcement** - Cleanhill Dairy - James Duffton.

The Barhill Road was to be widened. It is still quite narrow today, 1999, one has to wonder how wide it had been initially.

How much to play golf ? - The charges to play golf at Strathlene were set - men - 17/6, women 12/6. Buckpool course was not yet up to scratch was cheaper at 12/6 for men and 7/6 for women. To have a ticket for both men had to pay 25/- with women 15/- .Boys and girls and apprentices up to 18 were charged 5/- for one course only or 7/6 for both.

It was agreed to increase the charges the following year because of the expence of maintaining the courses.

**** **We should buy Inchgower Distillery.** - The General Purposes committee of the T.C. recommended the purchase from the liquidator of Messrs Alex Wilson and Co. Ltd Arradoul House, and grounds, Inchgower Distillery, machinery and plant, bonded stores, dwelling houses, lands and all water rights. The water rights were seen to be a great asset to Buckie. It was agreed to go ahead.

The following shops were all advertising sales - Alex Esson, Cluny Square; C.I. Shearer, 6-8 East Church Street; W. Smith, 38 East Church Street; Mathieson, Draper, 50 West Church Street; Leith Esson, 16 High Street; Sutherland's Shoe Shop 21 West Church Street; D.E Shoe shop, 10 West Church Street.

Feb 30 **A fire on Baron Street** - Robert Grant, Draper, Baron Street had a major fire and moved temporarily into the shop formerly occupied by John Simpson, Shoemaker, on Bank Street.

Rathven Rural held a Conversazione, which involved a supper dance, songs and recitations.

Feb 27 **** **The herring industry was facing a crises.** Telegrams were sent to the MP and House of Commons following a mass meeting in the Fishermen's Hall.

Former Rector writes a book - Mr C.W. Thomson, former rector of Buckie High School had written a book called "Scottish School Humour" This was on sale in the B.A. at a cost of 3/6. An extract from the book was given on page 8 columns 1 and 2

Mar 5 **Advert** - George S Paterson, 29 East Church Street, Watchmaker and Jeweller

I am closing up shop - Robert Gillan, Grocer, Wine and Spirit Merchant, 9 East Church Street was advertising that he was to retire with the business being closed on 4th April.

Burgh plumber appointed - Alex Cormack was appointed burgh plumber and water officer at a **salary of £3 per week.**

I like it - The Thistle were beaten 6-1 by Nairn County- "**saved from a thrashing by a good defence**".
Wood, J. Bowie, John Bowie; Shanks, Scorgie and H. Milne; Hay, Murray, Calder, Cormack, and McLean.

Buckie High School won the Herd Cup.

Mar 12 **Advert** - Thos. W.Lang F.C.O 29 West Church Street. This was a butcher's shop for a long time through the 80s and 90s.

MP donates a trophy - Sir Edmund Findlay MP Banff, presented a silver challenge cup to Buckpool Golf Club.

More council housing - Six blocks of 4 apartment houses to be built on the Freuchny estate.

Lane gets a name - The T.C. were talking about giving the lane running up the back of the Commercial Hotel a name. It had been nameless up until this time now of course it is called Colonsay Place but the original Colonsay Place ran from High Street to Duguid Street, now all known as West Cathcart Street. (Lord Colonsay was an uncle of Lady Cathcart)

A fire took place at the tenement block of 2-4 St Peter's Road. Five families were made homeless. Those were - Messrs P. Smith, Tailor, F. Gordon, Shoemaker, James Pirie, Stevedore, J. Campbell, Plumber, A Campbell, married son.

An old, bed-ridden lady of 80, Mrs McHardy, living in the adjoining house had to be evacuated.

Mar 26 **The National Unemployed workers Movement** held a Jumble Sale in the St Andrew's Hall

Apr 2 **Can we please have a license ?** Alex McKenzie, Grocer, 5 St Peter's Place, was applying for a license for the Globe Stores. Mary Flann or Wilson was also applying for a provisions license for a shop on Bank Street.

She poached a lot o siller - The sub Postmistress in Portgordon was charged with embezzling a sum in the region of £10,000.

The West Church held at "At Home".

Robert Gillan, Grocer closed his shop on Saturday after being in business in Buckie for 40 years. He came from Elgin originally to take over a shop on Baron Street belonging to W. Wright, Grocers. He was to retire to Galashiels.

One hundred years marked - On page 5 column 4 there is a report of a social held by the congregation of the North Church to celebrate the centenary.

Apr 9 **Friendly match** - Buckie Thistle 1 Aberdeen A 5 (F)
Wood, James and John Bowie; Middleton, Newman and Shanks, Calder, Sutherland(Brora), Laing, Cormack and Clark.

Apr 23 **Another shoe shop to disappear** - Scot Shoe House , 25 West Church Street, are to close down with a removal sale.

Reported damage in the town due to wanton vandalism was of the order of £300.

Apr 30 **I am sorry but have to close** - The Club, (Tobacconist etc.) 17 West Church Street, owner, Miss L. McKenzie reported that she was forced to close after receiving notice to vacate the premises.

In the Aberdeenshire League Buckie Thistle beat Fraserburgh by five goals to two.

Murray, Lobban and James Bowie; Ashby, Smith and Shanks; Clark, Middleton Calder, Murray and Cormack. Calder scored four goals.

May 7 **Did they need tae pit it there ?** The T.C. were receiving many complaints from nearby residents concerning the noise, smell and dust coming from the stone-crusher and tar mixer situated now at Buckpool harbour.

The Thistle ended the season with nothing to show for their efforts. They were being advised to go after several local lads who had been playing elsewhere during the season past, namely, Phimister, Black, Milton and Lobban who had all been with Forres Mechanics.

May 14 **Hairdresser to move** - Miss J. M. Anderson Hairdresser, was advertising that she was to move from Mackay's Buildings (Shanks Lane) to Seaview Place into the shop formerly occupied by A Thomson, Shoemaker. (It remained as a ladies' hairdresser, through different owners for many years after, up until the 1960's at least..)

A lot of work is to be done - Fairly substantial remedial work is planned to be done to the South Church with estimates being invited for most building trades.

Plans were passed for the construction of a seawall at Portgordon stretching for several hundred yards and costing £8,366. The wall to be 12 foot high of reinforced concrete and based by considerable pitching.

No motorbikes allowed - The T.C. had received complaints regarding motor bikes using the pathway leading from Cathcart Street to Mill Crescent. Such people were warned it was a footpath only. (The name given to it was Hamilton Path.)

She found that it didna pay to steal - The Portgordon sub postmistress, a lady of 62 was sentenced to 12 months in Edinburgh for the embezzlement of £9,775.

May 21 **Baker to shift** - Valentine, Baker, was moving his branch shop from Cluny Square to 28 East Church Street. (In 1999 this was occupied by the Electricity Showroom)

The café must have closed - We were not told that the Broadwood Café at 17 A High Street was to be closed but a sale of café furniture and others was advertised for sale.

Come to the roup on West Church Street - A sale was also to take place of tobacconist's stock, shop and window fittings belonging to Miss McKenzie who formerly had the shop known as 'The Club'

To close at the term - The Scot Shoe Shop at 25 West Church Street was to close at the May term, 28 May.

Injurious to health in different ways - The stone crusher at the Buckpool harbour was said to be injurious to health due to the dust and people were asking that it be closed down as being more than a nuisance.

A new primary school for Buckie pupils - First mention was made of a new school for primary age pupils at Buckie. It was estimated to cost £9,5000 exclusive of furnishings. It was agreed to go ahead. (Built on West Cathcart Street it didn't open until 1946.)

Another shopkeeper has decided to retire. Wm. Smith, Draper, 38 East Church Street, advertised that with the expiry of his lease he aimed to retire.

Now that had been some drive - In a match at Victoria Park between Trades United and Newmill a strong drive hit the bottom of one of the posts causing the collapse of post and cross bar. After a short delay the post was propped up and the game restarted.

May 28 **Opening announcement** - M. J. Wilson, 1 Bank Street, Wine and Provision Merchant.

Come in and see me; am back - Robert Grant returned to his old shop at 15 Baron Street.

Buckie Rovers won the Welfare league. Newmill, Keith, was a newcomer to the league.

A poem is found on page 7 column 5 called "the Enzie" by J. M. Caie. He formerly lived at Kirkland, Clochan, when his father Rev Caie was minister at the Broadley kirk.

A second poem is found on the same page and column - " The Famous Sunset" by someone who wrote many poems before this - E.M.S.

June 4 **I'm moving up the brae** - J.A Irving Radio and Sports Dealer was advertising that he was to move from the shop on North High Street to 25 West Church Street formerly occupied by the Scot Shoe Coy. (In 1999 this was part of the shop called Homes and Gardens owned by John Duncan Contractor. Some will remember it as Carrie and Co. Grocers and later Masson's .In 2005 part of 25 became a car accessories shop with the larger part 25B becoming the offices of HIE

Car for hire - Edward Hillocks, Motor Engineer - Motor and Electrical Repairs was advertising a car for hire.

The winning teams in the Trades or Welfare League in 1936 were as follows -

The Rovers won the League and the Commercial Shield -

County Cup won by the Wanderers who beat Trades United by 2 nil

Brown Cup won by Portgordon beat Trades U. by 4-1

Duncan Shield won by Wanderers who beat Portgordon by 4-3

The Consolation Cup was not played there being no time before many players left for Yarmouth.

Former Thistle players on move - Both Peter Bain and Sandy McLennan were released by Partick Thistle. Bain signed Dundee United. McLennan went to Roubaix in France.

June 11 **Opening announcement** - James Main 16 Cathedral Street, Boot and Shoe Repairer.

Buckie lose an official - The town chamberlain Mr J.A.Y Conchie was set to leave Buckie after being appointed to a similar post at St Andrews, being the successful candidate out of 122 applicants.

Buckie Thistle signed A. Smith from Forres Mechanics. Formerly with the Thistle he had played all last season at I/L. He had this claim to fame that he had won a juvenile, junior and senior badge all in the same season.

He re-signed for the Thistle - Calder, who it had been reported had signed for Elgin City, signed again for Buckie after certain irregularities led to his cancellation of his signature with Elgin.

Proposal to split the League - It was proposed yet again to split the Highland League into two sections to cut travelling and costs.

June 18 **Lord John Sanger's Circus was to pay a visit to Buckie on Saturday 27 June.** The top attraction was said to be a football playing elephant. "There have been quite a few of those down through the years"

Services in the Salvation Army Hall on Baron Street were advertised in the B.A. The Good Templars and the Methodist Church originally occupied the hall

Buckie and District Welfare Association held their AGM in the Thistle pavilion at Victoria Park. Re-appointed president was John H. Duncan, vice president, A. Lawson, secretary/treasurer J. F. Callaghan.

Does anything really change? It was being expressed the amount of bad language being heard on the streets of Buckie, by both sexes. Described as being deplorable, beyond a joke, with visitors unlikely to be impressed.

A murder took place in Keith followed by a suicide. A man cut his wife's throat with an open razor before doing the same to himself. Their 2 year-old daughter was a witness to the scene.

June 25 **Louis Iannetta had lodged plans for a restaurant at 17 West Church Street**, formerly occupied by 'The Club'
There were several objections lodged against producing fish and chips as some argued it went against the wording of that allowed in the terms of the feu.

About proposed pavilions - The T.C. received tenders for the erection of pavilions at both the Provost's Park and Linzee Gordon. This came to a round sum of £700. This was greater than the £400 that had been set aside.

The toon is again suffering fae a drooth - Buckie is once again having problems with a scarcity of water.

July 2 **Learn to fly at Dyce** - Solo 37/6; dual 42/6

Gordon Castle Games are to take place on Saturday 8th of August.

The Enzie bairns' picnic - The pupils of Enzie Public School held their annual picnic at Burnside of Enzie by kind permission of Mrs Thomson. Messrs Angus, James Paterson, John Paterson and J. Forbes, representatives of the Parents and Soup Kitchen Committee (responsible for providing hot dinners for pupils) gave valuable service. A full programme of sports took place for which the farm staff had made every preparation.

Opening announcement - At 17A High Street, former restaurant, 'Grocceteria' "Its modern, tidy and hygienic. Butchery Department - fresh fruit, flowers and vegetables. Full stock of high class provisions in sealed packets."

Jul 9 **Come in and see, I've extended my stock** - Mrs Michie, 27 East Church Street, Fruit and Confectionery was advertising that she had now opened a Baby Linen Department also Ladies and children's underwear and layettes etc.

The Co-op 'divvie' is now up to 1/11 in the pound.

Jul 16 **Can we hae the len' o the 'still granary?** The Tennis Club asked for the use of a granary at Inchgower Distillery to hold a dance to raise funds for new nets. The T.C. said that they hadn't yet become the owners.

Bikes! I've got a' kine o' anes - Wm. McHardy's Cycle and Radio dealer on East Church Street, can supply all the following bikes - Raleigh, Rudge, Royal Enfield, Hercules and Elswick.

A Gaelic poem is found on page 7 column 4 titled - 'Theid Mi Thaires'
The B.A. asked if anyone would provide an English translation. **This eventually came from New Zealand.**

The 'Little Wonder', 37 East Church Street, was advertising their Summer Clearance Sale.

Jul 23 **Opening announcement** - Miss Duffton, late of Pat Grant, Aberdeen, is to commence in business at 22 Low Street as a Ladies and Gents hairdresser.

Louis Iannetta to open a branch - The Kings Café at 17 West Church Street on Saturday 25 July. (This was the 'Candy Box' in 1999 owned by the Johnston family of the B.A. They gave up the shop in either 2003 or 2004 . In November 2005 number 17 West Church Street after being closed for a considerable time when extensive work was done to the walls and floors it opened as an amusement place, with café facilities, and the title simply **17**)

Low gates play a part - Buckie Thistle F.C. reported a loss of £107. 15.2 on the year's working. This was related to a poor home support.

Poem on page 2 column 2 'My Wish' by E. Nicol.

The following were advertising summer sales - James Mackay, 5 East Church Street, Alex Hay 39-41 West Church Street, C. I. Shearer, 6-8 East Church Street. The D.E. Shoe Shop, 10 West Church Street , were advertising an end of season sale.

Jul 30 **Opening announcement** - George Clark, Butcher, took over the business of John Lawrence at 25 East Church Street. (George Clark later, a number of years after WWII, had a butcher's shop directly across from the Commercial Hotel on High Street)

Peter Fair Only a short passage - The day was dull and though rain threatened all day remained dry becoming brighter towards evening. Motor traffic going to and from the fair was heavy with buses and hired cars being busy. As usual there was a boxing booth and the shows but oddly there was no dancing boards much to the disappointment of the younger element. During the afternoon and evening the refreshment tents were busy looking after the inner man. Although there were some horses forward they were very few . As has been said for many years now Peter Fair is becoming more and more for amusement only.

Preacher's Cave - Portknockie - In a letter it was asked when the 'Preacher's Cave' between Cullen and Portknockie had been used. Other caves were mentioned in this vicinity, Janet's Cave and Janet's Wall, now called Jenny's Well. Janet's Corsair's Cave was also mentioned.

A historic event took in Portknockie on Sunday past, 26 July 1936, when an unique Christian service took place in the 'Preacher's Cave'. A congregation of 5,000 attended to hear Mr J.K Moyes, Headmaster, conduct the service and give the address. Although only a limited number could be accommodated in the cave itself the crowd outside could hear the service adequately due to the loudspeakers which had been set up by Harry Watson, Banff. G.A.Scrimgeour, town clerk read the lessons, with the praise sung to old tunes being led by ex Baillie John Mair. A collection of £20 was taken to be shared between Chalmers Hospital, Banff and Aberdeen Hospital.

A marquee, gifted for the occasion by Mr McIntosh, Wembley, Forgue, was set up near the bowling green where the T.C. entertained a number of guests.

All together it was a memorable day forming a 'Link With The Past'.

The holding of the service didn't please everyone especially some of the more 'austere' church people.

A letter later described the 'Preacher's Cave' as extending many yards back into solid rock and capable of holding 500 people. Services used to be held there regularly. It was a church not made with hands. Many tinkers found it a dry and sheltered abode.

Aug 6 **To watch the 'Jags'** - Buckie Thistle were advertising the price of season tickets for the forthcoming season. Ground and stand - £1.1; ground only 12/6; boys 3/6. The tickets to be available for all matches including Scottish Cup ties. Apply to J.L.McNaughton, secretary or A.L.B. Melvin, manager.

George Webster, Cluny Cycle and Motor Works, 18 High Street, had a big advert calling on motorists and commercial users to support his garage. He could provide all kind of tyres and do re-bores to engines making them almost as good as new.

Service to mark an anniversary - A service took place in the Old Church or St Mary's Cullen to mark the 400 year anniversary of the building of the St Anne's Chapel or transept. This was erected at the expense of (H)Elena Hay in 1536 Part of the remains of the second wife of Robert The Bruce, Elizabeth, who died at Cullen, are buried in the churchyard, with the sum of £5 Scots being given to pray for her soul

Aug 13 For repairs to the harbour - The T.C. received a grant of £1,000 from the Treasury to execute urgent repairs to Cluny Harbour.

Buckie Thistle won their first game of the season when they beat Clach at Victoria Park by three goals to two. Wood, F.Smith and Jas Bowie; Ashby, J.Cowie and Ross; W. Laing, A.Smith, Calder, Cormack and D.Duncan.

Aug 20 **In the next game they lost to Elgin by 4-1** the team was Wood, Taylor and Jas Bowie; Cowie, F. Smith and Hillocks; W.Laing, A.Smith, Calder, P.Laing and Duncan.

Aug 27 **There are plenty music teachers, namely** - Miss A.A. Flett, Mrs F.Gunn, Miss Jean Johnston, Duguid Street, Alexander Nicol, James B.Nicol, Alexander Street, Urquhart Watt, Music Saloon, East Church Street and Edward Hally a visiting teacher from Elgin.

Do you fancy a job in uniform? There are vacancies for artificers in the R.N and for clerks in the Royal Air Force.

***** **Findochty new school was opened on Tuesday 18 August, 1936,** by Mrs Grant, Glenfarclas, wife of the Convener of the County Education Committee. The school cost £9,000 and replaces the old school destroyed by fire in 1933. For the past three years pupils have been taught in the 2 halls.. The new school has 10 classrooms, a science laboratory, benchwork shop and a cookery room.

It is gas centrally heated and each pupil has a desk to him or herself.

1935 was a better year at Yarmouth - The average drifter earnings for the 10 to 14 weeks spent at Yarmouth lay between £500 and £1500 an average of £700. (1935) In 1934 this had been £600. With expenses amounting to £40,

the lowest gross earners barely covered their expenses with men receiving around £1 per week.

Sept 3 **The Ex-service Club on Blairdaff Street** is to re-open on Monday 7 September.

For the Falkland Islands - A complete acetylene plant made by J and T Campbell, Plumbers, Buckie, was dispatched to the Falkland Islands. It was sent abroad through L.T.McGarth, shipping agent, Buckie.

Sept 10 **Re-opening of Lodge Buckie, I.O.G.T. with a meeting in the Morven Hall.** (The hall lay adjacent to 'Calder's Steppies' or as they were previously known Jock Grant's Steps and under the property known for a long time as Morven Stores.)

There was to be no second meeting - It was found to be a hoax the notice which appeared in the B.A. advertising a second Christian meeting in the Preacher's Cave.

Webster's Garage were advertising a new improved Austin 7 Ruby saloon for £125 (I bought a second-hand one in 1955 from John West who had a garage on the Barhill at this time. It cost me £60.)

Sept 17 **A big fete was held in Buckie in aid of Aberdeen Infirmary.** A marquee dance was to take place on the Friday, 25 September across from the High School with Thomson's amusements, ran by the Bankers Association, on Cluny Square. On the Saturday a Jumble Sale was to take in the Townhouse with cake, candy produce and teas in a marquee on Cluny Square.

Boatbuilding firm go down - A sale of boatbuilder's plant, tools and timber was to take place at 1 Low Street - the Trust Estate of Thomson and Stewart, Boatbuilders.

Fish restaurant opened - An up to date fish restaurant was opened by the proprietor of the Caledonian Café at 2-3 Marine Place

Mr Mackay was appointed town chamberlain to replace Mr Conchie who had moved to St Andrews.

Sept 24 **Dancing lessons in the Townhouse given by Jean Matthews.**

We are off to try again - A number of drifters left for Yarmouth and Lowestoft this week.

A Fascist Movement meeting in Buckie - An open air meeting by members of the Fascist Movement, which included four women, took place on Cluny Square. Speakers outlined their policy etc while others sold copies of 'Action' a Fascist publication, and other pieces of literature. Apart from heckling from 2 persons they were favourably received, quite a difference from the reception they received both in Peterhead and Aberdeen.

The cyards held the remedy this time - In the replay of the Qualifying Cup Keith beat Buckie by four goals to one.

A poem is found on page 8 column 1 'Portknockie Revisited' by Robert Prenter, St Ninians Manse, Linlithgow

Oct 1 **The death was reported of the "Laird of Drumblair"** a con man who took in a great many people including many around the Huntly area earlier in the 1930s. My mother used to quote the following lines written about him -
 "The Don and the Deveron will see him nae mair,
 Barlinnie's the new hame o' the Laird o' Drumblair.

***** **Aberdeen 's new Infirmary was opened on Wednesday 26 September, 1936**, by the Duke of York who named it Aberdeen Royal Infirmary (Forresterhill)

Devil's Island, the French Penal settlement was to be closed.

***** **A radio broadcast took place from the fishmarket Buckie** titled "At The Back of the Fishing".
 It was considered to be a great success. The courting couple, Jessie Jappy and James Innes were good but all who took part acquitted themselves well. The steam drifter was the 'Thrush' and her siren sounding her farewell en route to Yarmouth was very realistic.

Proposed names of streets - Two new streets in Craigbo were to be called Bryson Crescent and Samson Avenue if the people, after whom they were to be named agreed, if this were possible.
 The street leading from Burn's Square to Linn Crescent to be called Bruce Avenue. (Bryson was at one time the factor of the Seafield Estates and proprietor of the estate of Strathlene. David Samson is presently factor of the Seafield Estates. Bruce Avenue was named after Sir Robert Bruce, who like William Wallace, after whom a street in the same area was named, are seen as being Scottish heroes.)

A considerable sum was raised - The fete and carnival held in Buckie in aid of Aberdeen Infirmary raised the sum of £365.

On page 6 columns 4/5 is to be found a poem set to music called "The Buckie Lilt". This was composed by Mrs H.Coutts and first published in the Buckie Literary Association Monthly Magazine in August 1880. This was played during the radio broadcast from Buckie the previous week.

They'll seen be able tae pit awa their reeky lamps - The "Paraffin City", Portgordon, is to be lit up with electricity with the contract being given to Mr A.McKinnon, Elgin.

Richt fine tae be young and fit - Davy Duncan and Johnnie Fraser, two local schoolboys, played two games on the same day last Saturday. They both played for Buckie High against Banff Academy in the morning, when Duncan scored 7 goals in a run away victory, then turned out against Peterhead in the afternoon, Fraser played at R/B while Duncan was in at O/L

The first train ferry to run across the English Channel began on October 14 1936

Oct 15 **I have a' kines o' wireless sets** - Webster's Garage had the following advert - Have a new 1937 radio installed and **hear the new Burghead Transmitter** and all other British and foreign stations clear and distinct. Philips, Ecko, Ferranti, Ever-Ready, Ultra, Alba, Bundept, Cossor etc.

The Royal Navy were recruiting thus - Seamen Branch - men 16and half to 25

Stoker Branch - " 18 to 25
 Artificer - " 19and half to 28

Trades, fitter, fitter and turner, boilermaker, coppersmith, and engine smith.
Royal Marines - 17 - 23 service ashore and on HM ships home and abroad.

David T Samson, factor with Seafield Estates, thanked the T.C. for the honour of naming a street after him.

South West Street was still unmade but the application to have this done was deferred.

Ane o the first inklings that war cwid be roon the corner - Baillie Hendry was to attend a conference organised by the County Council on air raids.

***** **The official opening of Burghead Radio Transmitter** took place this week with the speeches being broadcast.

Webster's Garage was advertising a new 4 door Cambridge Austin saloon at £178.

Oct 29 **The jiner at Drybrig has died** - Mr J.Grant, Joiner and Sub postmaster at Drybridge died with a sale to take place of his tools and stock of timber etc. He was a native of Aberlour. He was the joiner who built the W.R.I. hall at Arradoul .

The South Church re-opened after major refurbishment to the value of £700 had taken place. The whole fabric of the church and adjacent halls were renovated. During the closure of the church services took place in the hall.

Several gifts were made to the church. A massive communion table and minister's chair were gifted by the family of the late Mr and Mrs James Mackay in memory of their parents. A beautiful carved oak lectern was gifted by Mr and Miss Barclay in memory of their parents and an oak baptismal font by the Girls' Association. of the Church.

***** **There was a wee bit about an advert for men to go to South America to take back the vessel, "Girl Pat" of Dod Osborne fame, or notoriety.** The story of the stealing of the vessel and subsequent sail across the Atlantic must have been in earlier edition but was missed

Oct 29 ***** **Fisher girls went on strike at Yarmouth**, demanding an increase of 2d more per crew for each barrel, making the price 1/- instead of 10d. This was described as a lightning strike, with no warning being given.

Nov 5 **The cost of milk** - Cleanhill Dairy were selling their milk at threepence haepenny per pint.

Hardly believable - During September and October children in the Enzie picked over 1000 lbs. of brambles. After deducting cost of delivery and a percentage for school funds the sum of £6.17.2 was distributed among the children.

The new Kincardine Bridge over the River Forth , costing £300,000 was opened the previous week by the Earl of Elgin. The bridge provides a direct link between Glasgow and Fife.

'Weel it's aye somethin', yi cwid hear the staff say - The Banffshire Advertiser gave notice that it was to close their shop at 1 pm on Wednesday but to remain open until 8 pm on Saturdays.

Three cheers for Gollachy Village , Seatown of Tannachy and the Port - Portgordon was now looking up with pavements being laid, electric light being put in and Gordon Street re-surfaced.

The ferm lads met for the crack - A meeting took place of the Enzie branch of the Farm Servant's Union.

The Buckie War Memorial on Cluny Square was said to be crumbling. Baillie Thomson said that he had protested about the type of stone used at the onset but now believed that it could be protected using a new type of preservative. Some members of the T.C. said that **men standing around it kicking their heels did not help** and advocated having a railing put up.

Ye kin pit pit awa yer tub, boord and scrubber, nae tae mention yer mangle tee - Chas. McHardy's advert spoke of abolishing the drudgery of wash day by investing in a Connor electric washing and wringer machine. This could be had for 19 guineas of on easy terms of 4/3 weekly. (C.McHardy, Cycle and Radio Dealer 31-33 East Church Street)

Nov 26 **.A new firm on Bank Street** - M. T.Young, successors to A & C Mitchell Drapers, Bank Street, were advertising that they had taken over the whole stock at valuation and were to hold a sale at bargain prices. **Trading hours - Monday to Friday 9-6.15 Saturday 9 until 8.15 pm.**

News of two former Thistle players - Sandy McLennan ex Buckie and Partick Thistle returned from his spell in France and signed for Albion Rovers. Peter Bain was now starring with Raith Rovers.

Dec 3 **A 'trawler trainie and now a 'trawler bus'** - but A new bus service between Buckie and Aberdeen was to come into operation, ostensibly for trawler men. It would leave Buckie every day, apart from Sunday, at 5.am. The 'trawler bus'

Eight candidates put their names forward for the four seats on the Town Council.

They are - All the retiring members - Provost Merson, Police Judge Macdonald , Police Judge Thomson , Councillor Hamilton also James Lawson, labourer, 2 Robert Street, John Moar, linotype operator,15 Harbour Street, Martin Duncan, labourer, 20 West Street and George Bruce, fish salesman 17 Cluny Square.

***** **The first game of a marathon** - Keith drew 2-2 with Vale Ocoba in the Final of the Qualifying Cup at Elgin in front of a crowd of 5,000. The teams had to play a further two times before they met at Dumbarton when Vale Ocoba took the cup with a win of 4-2. Keith were minus to of their established players, Bill Mitchell and F. Jamieson in this game due to suspension.

Webster's Garage were advertising their newest Austin model. This was the Ascot a 12-4 model selling at £210

Dec 10 **A bit like the song 'Ten Green Bottles'** - There were only four teams left in the Morayshire Junior League after Fochabers decided to join the Buckie Welfare League. Rothas, however, made application to join and asked some local players, Bremner with Keith and Phinn and Brown with Elgin to return and play.

***** **A story of longevity** - With the passing of Joseph Farquhar at Carnoch Croft at the age of 92 there has died the last member of a family remarkable for its longevity. The father and mother Alexander and Clementina celebrated their

diamond wedding being then 93 and 91 respectively. They had 13 children and when John the first to go died the baby, Joseph was 59. One, Jane, lived to 101, dying in the Ord district. The youngest at his death was George at 69. Three lived to be over 90, Janet, Margaret and Joseph. The ages of the 13 totalled 1121 an average of 86 and a quarter, while if we include the parents the average is exactly 87 or a total of 1305 years.

Joseph was active up to the last and voted in the Parliamentary election which took place only months before.

Cullen voted to go 'wet' after being 'dry' for a period of 16 years. The vote saw the 'wets' win the day with a majority of 42. 293 voted for the status quo with 335 voting for repeal.

Dec 17 **Branch of the British Legion proposed** - A meeting took place for the purpose of forming a local branch of the British Legion with all ex servicemen requested to attend.

Enzie Amateur Dramatic Society were to put on their second production, of four one act plays in the local school on 29 and 30th December.

The Rolling Wave Lodge of Good Templars was to be re-opened with a meeting to take place in the Fishermen's Hall.

Poem on page 7 column 3 "A Song From Buckpool (Dedicated to the Town Council) by Observer.

Dec 24 **Campbells - Lunch and Tea-rooms - The Square**

***** **Poem on page 2 column 5 "Homeward Bound"** (Memories of a passage home from Yarmouth (East Anglia) in one of the sailboats of the Scottish herring fleet engaged in the autumn fishing there. The boat (a large zulu) belonged to the Buckie district and the date over 40 years before (1936) Written by Kersey Breeks, New Zealand.

**** **It was agreed to start a Buckie Branch of the British Legion.** The officials appointed were - President - Sir Edmund Findlay, vice J.Smith, chairman, A.Geddes, vice Dr Paterson, secretary, F.Cumming, treasurer, Rev E. Adam. Committee S.S.Fowlie, J.Johnston, W.Johnston, George McIntosh VC, W.Scorgie, George Thomson, A.Wilson, Cpt. Falconer and Cpt Stanford.

The Diehards enjoyed this - Thistle 3 Elgin City 2 H/L Wood, Jas Bowie and John Bowie; Middleton, F.Smith and Laing; Milne, A.Smith, Calder, Cormack and Duncan.

In aid of the North Church - A bazaar was held in the Fishermen's Hall in aid of funds to build a hall for the North Church- 16 December 1936. The sum of £310 was raised.

Dec 31 **The British Legion took over the former Ex-Servicemen's property** - The entry fee to the British Legion hall, formerly the ex-service , was set at 1/- with a yearly subscription of 4/4 which could be paid, quarterly, half yearly or yearly.

The years that awa - In his annual look back at the year that has gone the editor mentioned the death of King George V also the invasion of Abyssinia by Italy.

The Queen Mary broke the record for crossing the Atlantic Fishing had been , a little better than 1935, but the number of local boats was diminishing.

The Town Council had forty new houses built with many people moving into them from dilapidated and sub-standard housing. A bungalow had been built on Cathcart Street.

A new school was in the process of being built at Portessie while it had been agreed to build a new primary school in Buckie.

The Town Council had bought and subsequently sold Inchgower Distillery to Arthur Bell and Sons, Perth making a profit of £5,000 on the deal. In addition they had retained the water rights.

Rovers begin season with a win - In the opening game of the Welfare or Trades League the Rovers had a win over new club, Fochabers, by four goals to 2.

The Rovers' team was - Murray, Geddes and R.Geddes; Ashby, Reid and Hay; Smith, Coull, Cowie, Murray and Wilson.

Fochabers - Harrold, Legge and Reaich; Mackay, Sutherland and Teunion; Forsyth, Anderson, McKenzie, McLean and Horne.