

1937

Jan 7 **It must pay to advertise** - James Mackay, Draper, 5 East Church Street advert occupied a whole page

Bottle post - Alex Cowie, 'Paddy', 41 Seatown, cook on the drifter, Bruces, BF753, dropped a bottle over the side 15 miles off North Shields at 6 p.m. on 20 November asking the finder for a reply when and if it were picked up. He received a letter from Denmark on December 27, 1936 from P.Konge Frost saying that the bottle had been washed ashore on the coast of Jutland on 24 December at 3 p.m.

Jan 14 **The statistics for the Enzie district in 1936 were** - 26 births - 10 male and 16 females. In 1935 the figures had been 45 with 30 males and 15 females. There were 10 marriages in 1936 with 8 in 1935. There were 11 deaths in 1936 with 18 in 1935. The oldest male to die was 83 with a woman of 90.

Welfare League - Trades United - C. McLean, J.Legge and W.Innes; Campbell, Murray and Cormack; Calder, Walker, B.Coull, W.Smith and Gray. Wanderers - Mair, Geddes and Bruce; Imlah, Dyce and Ross; Addison, Hendry, Cormack, Mair and Fraser.

A good win for the Thistle - Inv. Caley 1 Buckie Thistle 6 H/L Wood, Bowie and Bowie; Middleton, F.Smith and W.Laing; Bain, A.Smith, Calder, Cormack and Duncan.

Jan 21 *** **Worth reading** - On page 2 column 5 can be found 'The Story of Scapa Flow'

Carpet bowls started in Buckie.

Jan 28 **Football record broken** - Buckie Thistle broke their own three year-old record by winning 12 games on the trot in the H/L

Enzie Players went on the road - Enzie Amateur Dramatic Society took their plays to Rathven and put on a performance for the local Rural. The plays were - Trade Union; Shilling a Week Man; Producer - P.Urquhart, Clochan. Lad O' Pairts; Real Champagne - Producer - John Duncan, Broadley. Admission - 1/- and 1/6 - reserved 2/-. Children 6d and 9d. (I have memories of doing the same some 12 years later when I was one of the cast.)

The British Legion held a Business and Social Evening in the Commercial Hotel hall.

The first competition of the Carpet Bowls took place in the lesser Fishermen's Hall on Wednesday evening. The winners were - C.Forbes, D.Pratt and G.Hutchinson

Making first whisky for six years - Inchgower Distillery bought from Buckie Town Council by Arthur Bell and Sons Perth, commenced distilling whisky last week after a lapse of 6 years during which the plant had been used for the storage of whisky in bond.

Lucky thirteen, sorry it had to be the Maroons - Buckie Thistle made it 13 wins in a row after beating Keith by five goals to one.

Feb 4 **The death took place of C.A. Linzee Gordon, laird of Cluny.** T.C. representatives were at his funeral. (It was he and his sister who gifted the Cluny Park to the town.)

Portgordon man taken by the Turks - Captain Harry Farquhar, Portgordon, captain of a tanker, was imprisoned in Turkey. The British government were making strenuous efforts to gain his release.

Not enough power - There were complaints registered about the poor lighting up the brae in Portgordon. It was said that any increase in power would be reflected in an increase in the rates.

Feb 11 Bikes and wireless sets , new and second hand for sale - Webster's Garage, 18 High Street, was advertising a giant clearance sale of new and second hand radio sets, both battery and electric. In addition a number of new and second bicycles were to be cleared cheap. He was also advertising having large roomy reliable cars for hire at reasonable charges.

Two Buckie Thistle players - George Calder (Lossiemouth) and Alex Smith, (Buckie) were to play trials for Liverpool against Wigan Athletic or Preston North End. Alex Smith later signed for the Merseyside club.

Coal prices advertised were-

Best English	- 2/8 per cwt
Second English	- 2/4 "
Smithy nuts	- 2/3 "
Scotch	- 2/1 "

More power required - There was a need to increase the output of electricity at Buckie to meet the demand. A new diesel generator was installed with an output of 340 kW.

Feb 18 **Welfare League** - Buckie Rovers 2 Mostodloch 0
Portgordon 2 Trades United 0

Feb 25 **Buckpool bank branch to close** - The Union Bank of Scotland Ltd Branch office in Buckpool on Union Terrace was to close on April 2 with all business transferred to Cluny Square.

Mar 4 **We would like a road through** - The T.C. are keen to have a roadway linking East Carlton Terrace with Cluny Terrace with representatives aiming to meet with H.M Officer of Works concerning the road passing through part of the coastguard ground.

Poem on page 8 column 2 "Teddy' the story of a dog.

Mar 11 **Arradoul W.R.I. were to be putting on a drama performance** of three one act plays on 1 and 2 April.

"There's a ferm-toon up in Carnie , on bonnie Deveronside " So goes the words of the song. A Buckie man, Mr John Farquhar, Net Manufacturer, bought the 'ferm-toon' the well known farm of Drumdelgie in Cairnie. The farm covered an area of 700 acres and was the largest on the Richmond Gordon estate. (In the 1990s Drumdelgie was completely planted out with trees)

A new automatic telephone exchange and telephone kiosk was opened at Clochan on 4th March without ceremony. At the same time the road was widened making improvements to a sharp junction. In the 1996 or 1997 further improvements were made when a completely new road was made from

the 'Mossy Wall' road to link up with that leading to Cuttlebrae farm, doing away with two sharp bends.

Pavilions to be built - The T.C. agreed to go ahead with the construction of pavilions at Linzee Gordon Park and the Provost's Park, Buckpool, at a cost of £240 each.

At Buckpool the pavilion would face the Anton Street entrance with that at the Linzee Gordon facing towards the playing field. There would be a need to move the memorial fountain. (Did this happen?)

It will make a bonny walk - The T.C. also agreed to proceed with making the footpath and bridges up the burn from Bridgend to the Victoria Bridge.

One wonders why they bothered - The T.C. agreed to allow picnic parties in the Town House hall which with the use of the piano the charge would be 12/6. **No dancing or games, however, would be allowed.**

Buckie Thistle won the Highland League after beating Keith by 6 goals to one. The team was Wood, Lobban and John Bowie; Middleton, F.Smith and W.Laing; Jas. Bowie, Bain, Milne, Cormack and Duncan

Mar 18 **Three poems are to be found on page 8 column 2**

"The Hash O' Drumdelgie" (Recently bought by a Buckie man)

"The Bus Strike" by J.W.T.

"The Missin' Cloutie" A.Adam.

Mar 25 **Dinna wait for the bus buy a bike** - With the buses having been on strike for some time, McHardy, Cycle Agent was advising folk to buy one of his bikes.

Teams in the Welfare League were :- Fochabers Social, Mosstodloch, Portgordon, Wanderers, Trades United and the Rovers.

Poem is found on page 5 column 5 "Musing By A Stream" by A.Adam

Apr 1 **There is nothing quite like having perseverance** - Robert Smith, 47 Rannas Place was once again applying for a license to sell Porter and Ale at this address. He had applied several times before and was turned down again after a number of signatures headed by the Methodist Church minister led off.

Made known who owns the Buckpool estate - A note in some context spoke of the estate of Buckpool being owned by George A. Cumming and Catherine S.Levie, formerly Anton.

Buckpool Estate give trees to mark Coronation - The T.C. received the sum of £10 from the above to plant trees in Buckpool to commemorate the coronation of George VI.

Apr 8 **Webster's Garage were advising the public that they had the best selection of bicycles in town.** One could choose from B.S.A., Raleigh, New Hudson, Enfield, Matchless, Hopper, Cluny etc. New from £3.10 or on easy terms.

Electric light was now installed in Portgordon.

Buckie Thistle won the Aberdeen County Cup after beating Aberdeen University by 4 goals to nil.

Wood, Lobban and John Bowie; Middleton, Smith and W.Laing; Jas Bowie, Bain, Calder, Cormack and Duncan.

A poem is found on page 8 column 2 "Buckie" by A.Adam.

Apr 15 **Portessie remained dry** after Robert Smith's application was again turned down under pressure from protestors, especially the Methodist Church.

Coronation Den - The ravine carved by the Buckie Burn stretching from Bridgend to Victoria Bridge is to be called Coronation Den. This was agreed by the T.C. after the first name suggested 'Dell' sounded too 'Englified.'

Trees From the Cluny Estate - The T.C. received £10 from Mrs Hood Linzee Gordon to be used for planting trees at Linzee Gordon Park to commemorate the Coronation of King George VI.

Sorry, but we can't give you land for a road - H.M Officer of Works turned down the application made by the T.C. for a piece of their ground between East Carlton Terrace and Cluny Terrace to make a road.

Season ended on a sour note - Buckie Thistle lost their last H/L game of the season away to Huntly by 3 goals to one. Allardyce had all Huntly's goals.

Apr 22 **More houses are to be built at Freuchny**, consisting of 2 blocks of four apartments and 2 blocks of three.

A rare bird was found dead in a garden at Mill Crescent. This was a caperkailzie which had apparently hit the electric wires. It was in beautiful condition and stretched three feet from wing tip to wing tip.

We are not to be outdone - Yet another estate, Seafield, gave a gift of £10 to the T.C. to have trees planted in their part of the town.

Apr 29 **To open a branch shop** - George Sutherland, Boots and Shoemaker, 21 West Church Street, are to open a branch shop in Findochty, formerly the Netherton Stores.

Webster's Garage were now advertising Opel cars - a product of General Motors. Cost - £125 ex works.

To help you celebrate in style - The 'Little Wonder' on East Church Street was advertising Coronation tartans, also flags and bunting, all British made, also tartan tea cosies.

A Coronation Dance is to be held at Arradoul by the W.R.I. A number of organisations followed suit.

The Gordon Castle Gathering is to take place on August 7. At the annual general meeting it was unanimously agreed to make an important change in status. The Gathering in future will be run under the Scottish Amateur Athletic Association and National Cyclist's Union. This in effect will change the status of the games from professional to amateur as far as athletic events were concerned.

The death of two members of the committee during the past year was noted - Mr W. 'Beil' Geddes, Portgordon and Mr Alex Duncan, Stynie. Both had been members since 1924.

Ladies Bowling Club - A meeting is to take place to consider the formation of a Ladies Bowling Club. (Presumably this was indoors)

The first trees were planted in Coronation Den. Several thousand trees were to be planted by the T.C. throughout the burgh in October by school pupils.

May 6 **I am now charging wireless batteries** - R. M. Jamieson the West Cycle and Radio Dealer, 22 Seaview Road, Buckpool had an advert in the local paper stating that he was now charging batteries while he was also in a position to supply any make of bicycle.

Ideal for the picters if ye hid a date wi an Elgin quine - The LNER were advertising cheap trips to Elgin from Buckie on Saturday evenings, leaving Buckie at 6 p.m and returning from Elgin at 11.10 p.m.

There wis Coronation Dances a'wye - In the Town House, Findochty, Rathven and Arradoul.

Stock up early wi yer squibs - Louis , King Café, was advising people to get their coronation fireworks from him early before the stock ran out.

Can I please hae the grazing o the braes ?- Mr J.Mavor asked leave of let of the Buckpool braes. This was turned down by the T.C. (I canna see fit ill that wid hae deen.)

Ladies given permission - The lady members of Strathlene Golf Club were given permission by the T.C. to put L.G.U. marks on the course.

Portgordon won the Welfare League for the first time. Following them in the league, in order, came - Mosstodloch, Rovers, Fochabers Social, Wanderers, Trades United. Portgordon finished with 16 points while Trades U. had 5.

Huntly seems to be the bogey team - In the last game of the season played at Victoria Park Buckie again lost to Huntly, this time by three goals to one. The Thistle team was - Herd, Bowie and Bowie; Middleton, Smith and Laing; J.Smith, Clark, Calder, Cormack and Duncan.

Some would say they had taken pegs with the enemy - Sandy McLennan and Neish former Thistle players had both played for Elgin City during season 1936/37.

A poem is found on page 8 column 2 "Ella's Visit to Granny" re- arranged - author unknown . (The poem speaks of the grannie's view on the clothes Ella is wearing and the general antics of the youngsters of the time)

A number of Coronation poems are found on the same page and column.

May 13 **Come in and get yer corns pared** - George Sutherland, Boot and Shoe Shop, 21 West Church Street was advertising that they were to open a Chiropody Department on 20 May, with a fully qualified lady Chiropodist.

Plans for the Drill Hall - The T.C. inspected the plans put forward for the reconstruction of the Drill Hall (Volunteer Hall) following the fire of two years before . The plans incorporated a dwelling house seen as being most satisfactory.

THE CORONATION A big report is given on page 5 and column 5 on Buckie and the Coronation.
On page 7 columns , 1,2,3 and 4 "The Coronation Ceremony"

May 20 **For sale** - The business of Urquhart Watt, Music Saloon on East Church Street was up for sale.

- . **From High Street to West Church Street** - The 'Grocerteria' was to move from High Street to 19 West Church Street (Louis' Chip Shop in 1999) The 'Grocerteria' was owned by Wm. Macbeth.
- May 20 **St Peter's School to lose their headmaster** - The headmaster of St Peter's School, Mr Hugh Campbell, M.A. was to move to Alloa. He came to Buckie from Bannockburn.
- Coronation Den** - A letter from a member of the public commenting on the plans for Coronation Den which, as he said, should make the area one of the most attractive parts of Buckie in the future. He asked why the path up the burn should stop at the bridge and not carry on south to the Queen Street Park.
- As it was at the start** - The original Buckie Harbour (Cluny) had 2 basins, an inner and an outer, with the latter being called locally the, 'fu' sea'
- More about the Coronation** - There was more about the Coronation celebrations in the local area. **Find this on page 6.**
- In the Enzie** the celebrations took the form of a party held in the school organised by the Parents' Committee to which all school pupils and those under five were invited.. Games and dancing were enjoyed before tea and lots of good things to eat were served. Before leaving for home each child received a bag of sweets and a souvenir mug.
- In the evening a large number of adults from the area were entertained to a programme of songs, both solos and from a mixed choir, also a piano solo and a sketch performed by Mrs Geddes, Miss Forbes, George Grigor and Leslie Forbes. At 7.55 all listened to the National broadcast with the school being specially wired up to receive this by Ben Sim and John Bonnyman. A tasteful and plentiful tea was then served by lady members of the committee. Mr Urquhart was in the chair and ended this part of the evening with an appropriate short address after which a dance followed to music by James Duncan's band from Broadley. John Bonnyman and Ben Sim acting as MCs
- May 27 **An advert carried the following notice** - Douglas Holms wishes to inform the inhabitants of Buckie and area that he has now installed the latest lawn mower sharpening machine capable of sharpening any make or size of mower.
- As horses disappear things happen** - The above notice and the next advert tell the story of a decrease in the work of a blacksmith with the decrease in the number of horses on the farms as they are replaced by the tractor.
- Notice** - James Stephen, Blacksmith, High Street is to close down at the term, 28 May..
- Opening announcement** - George Bruce is to take over the Tobacconist and Stationer business at 28 East Church Street, formerly owned by Mr Peter Murray, beginning on 27 May.
- *** **Poem on page 5 column 5 "Peter Fair" by a Banffshire Loon"**
- Webster's Garage - Agent for - Austin, Singer, Opel and Ford.** Any make supplied.
- June 3 **Two poems are found on page 2 columns 4**
 "Problems of The Imp" By Banffshire Loon
 "The Fiddler" by J.M.Caie
- Welfare League Trophy Winners -County Cup - Rovers 1 Porgordon 4**

**Commercial Shield - Rovers 3 Fochabers 6
Duncan Shield - Fochabers 1 Portgordon 0**

- June 10 **James Mackay, Draper, gifted caps to the Cricket Club.**
- June 17 **Opening announcement** - John Clerihew took over the hairdressing business of Miss Duffton at 22 Low Street.
- Circus to visit the town** - The G.B. Chapman Ltd, Great London circus was to pay a visit to Buckie and Cullen.
- Local Rurals get together** - - A joint meeting of the Rurals from Enzie, Portgordon and Arradoul met in the Arradoul hall.
- July 1 **A Buckie Charities Fair** under the auspices of the T.Cs of Buckie, Findochty and Portknockie is to take place during the week from 14 to 21 July. Thomson's Amusements were to be at Strathlene in the field opposite the tennis courts. On Wednesday there was to be a swimming gala with a marquee dance in the evening.
- The Enzie School annual picnic** took place in a field kindly given by Mr Mclean of Cuttlebrae. Blessed by perfect weather all enjoyed themselves in a mixture of amusements and games. Members of the Parents' Soup Kitchen committee who helped greatly to keep the fun going while the farm staff had also helped by setting up different things. Mr James Paterson, Wellheads, gave the vote of thanks before the picnic broke up.
- July 8 **James Mackay's advert again took up a complete page.** This at a time when the paper was much larger than it was in 1999.
- ***** **Poem on page 5 column 2 "The Shore of Buckie" by Bunty Stuart.**
- A letter writer asked this question** - Why when the Town Council are doing their best to beautify Coronation Den do people still continue to use it as a dump? (The Community Council were still asking this same question in 1999 and years later.)
- July 15 **Further to things taking place during the Charities Fair** - There was to be competitive dancing - both the Highland Fling and Country Dancing with a Baby Show on Tuesday 20
- A wedding at Preshome Church** - *For the first time in over 20 year nuptial mass was celebrated at Preshome at the wedding of Miss Jean Corr, Preshome, late of Ireland and now a teacher in Lochgelly, Fife and Alfred Rodger, Lochgelly. Rev Canon Mackay, uncle of the bride officiated assisted by Rev James Bonnyman. Portsoy.*
- Safer and saves your feet** - A footpath is to be cut through the banking on **Buckpool Station Brae** towards the bridge to save having to walk right around the corner.
- Where is Melvin's Buildings?** Melvin's Baker, who came to Buckie from Banff, built the block on the corner of West Church Street and Cluny Place which was occupied for a long time by Fowler's Bakers. In 1962 it became the Thistle Bar, opened by Albert Bond. (The building was first known as Melvin's Buildings)
- July 22 **Sir Robert Fossett's Circus is to pay a visit to the town** . Twenty star turns are advertised.

Church services at Strathlene - A number of local ministers have signed up to conduct religious services on the brae opposite the lodge at Strathlene on the following Sundays – 1,8,15 and 22. Hymn books to be provided.

Poem on page 2 column 5 "Simon Magus" by Rev W.T.McGregor.

July 29 **Peter Fair** - Though the weather was disagreeable still a large number of people were present. Quite a lot of businesses in Buckie closed for the half day with very few if any being open after five. Due to the High Street being under repair, traffic went to and from the fair using either the Barhill or the March Road. There were the usual amusements and stalls with the refreshment tents as usual being well patronised. In the forenoon a few horses did change hands with the top price gained for a good Clydesdale being £60, some others went for between £30 and £40.

Strathlene Church Service - Despite it being cold on Sunday there was a fair attendance at the service held at Strathlene. It was said (in 1937) that at one time you were seen as being peculiar if you didn't go to the kirk on a Sunday, nowadays it is only the peculiar people who go.

Cinema s change hands - The Caledonian Associated Cinemas Ltd purchased the cinemas owned by James Archibald, Lord Lieutenant of Banffshire. Those were at – Nairn, Buckie, Huntly and Keith. It was aimed to do extensive renovations to each one.

Some Scottish proverbs –

Give your tongue more holidays than your head .

Far away fowls hae' fine feathers.

The man that's ill tae a bairn wad be ill tae a giant if he dared.

If the looking glass disappoints you dinna look sae often.

Beauty and gudeness are nae aye twin bairns.

God sent readier meat than a runnin' hare.

A thread will tie an honest man better than a rope will a knave.

A man is of little use when his wife's a widow.

Nae man can live longer at peace than his neighbours like.

It's the bit o' the woman in the man that keeps him from understanding himself entirely.

Naething should be done in haste but gripping fleas.

Aug 5 **Poem on page 4 column 6** "Lady Nicotine" (Topical today in 1999)

Plans were submitted by G.Gray, Garage, High Street for a filling station

Aug 12 **Advert** - Visit Jamieson's The West End Cycle and Radio Dealer.

Buckie is an orra toon - A letter to the B.A. spoke of the untidy mess found on the lanes and side streets of the town . (Much the same could be said today, even about the main streets.)

Do you fancy being a sodjer? The 1st Gordons were mounting a recruitment drive with all the advantages of being a soldier being praised.

Good on him - The Best Mare in the small tenants section at Keith Show was an 8 year old bred and exhibited by its owner, Mr Dawson, Greens of Addie., Drybridge

The Gordon Castle Games were blessed with good weather. This was the first time that the Games had been conducted on purely amateur lines.

Hilda, Duchess of Richmond and Gordon opened the Games, she was accompanied by Ramsay MacDonald, MP Seton Gordon, Sir John Wallace etc.

Aug 19 **Buckie Thistle lost their first match of the season in the H/L** when they were beaten by the Broch at Fraserburgh.
The team was – Wood, Jas Bowie and Wilson, Peter Logie, (ex Forres Mechanics), Smith and W.Laing; Bain, Anderson , George Calder, Cormack and Duncan.

Aug 26 **Opening announcement** - The 'Kings Café' are to open a branch shop called the 'Kings Restaurant' at 29 Church Street, Portknockie on Saturday 28 August.

A tractor with rubber tyres - A Fordson tractor with rubber tyres was seen at work in a field at Mains of Buckie , belonging to Mr Rattray. This was the first of its kind seen in the district and aroused interest. A big advantage is that it can be used on the roads.

Sept 2 **A library at the 'Advertiser '** - The 'Star' Lending Library (Agency of the 'Argosy') is to open at the "Advertiser" on Monday first 6 September 1937. No joining fee and no deposit is required. Charge 2d per book per week or 1d over the weekend. Later the weekend 1d hire was dropped.

Mosstodloch won the Welfare League in 1937.

Sept 9 **My word that was quick** - The farm of Bogend were finished hairst at this early date with all the leading completed and stacks built.

A cash award for local hero - Peter Henderson, 24A Land Street, a son of William Henderson 'Hainies' was awarded £1 from the T.C. for saving a loon from drowning at Buckpool Harbour a year previous. He would have been liable to a further award from a national body had not a year elapsed before his act of bravery came to the notice of the authorities.

Sept 23 **Piano tuner to pay a visit** - Urquhart Watt who previously had a music shop in Buckie but now resident in Inverness was advertising that he was to pay a visit to Buckie to tune pianos.

Join the RAFVR and be a pilot - Volunteers were invited to join the RAF Volunteer Reserve to train as pilots. They had to sign up for five years and had to be between 18-25 years of age. In addition they had to attend weekend camps together with a 15 day camp each year.

***** **Once the pride of the fleet now destined for the scrap-heap** - - A report spoke of the continuing scrapping of drifters with 2 more being mentioned.

Thistle just a touch in the red - At the Buckie Thistle annual meeting the treasurer reported a loss of £11 on the year's working, even allowing for the £100 they had received from Liverpool following the transfer of Alex Smith. The number of season tickets sold had increased greatly, but for this there would have been an even bigger loss. The drawings on the gate had been poor and it was to be hoped that bigger crowds would attend during the present season.

Sept 30 **The Japanese were reported to be bombing Chinese cities. The Spanish Civil War was also still raging.**

Oct 7 **Shop to close** - The shop and house at 2-4 Main Street, Buckpool was up for sale by E.C.Harler.

Enzie Amateur Dramatic Society held their first meeting of the new season with a full attendance of members showing that the interest was still keen. Mr P. Urquhart was to continue as president with Mr John H. Duncan as vice and Miss J. McCurrach as Hon secretary.

The Buckie Branch of the British Legion could now boast of a membership of 600. A business and social meeting was held in the Town House at which Dr Paterson presided.

Oct 14 **Man drowned in farm dam** - The body of Mr David McIntosh, milk roundsman, was found in the dam at Mill of Rathven. Mr McIntosh who lived at 20 Seaview Road, Buckpool, was 38 and left a wife and 2 children. He had worked at Arradoul farm for 18 years before moving to Mill of Rathven 18 months before.

A reduction in rents for some - Some council tenants who had come out of slum clearance dwellings had their rents reduced to 5/- per week.

Plans were passed for a 'new Playhouse cinema and also for a **billiard room at 19 High Street** for E. Iannetta.

Advert - Webster's Garage - Motor and Electrical Engineers - Agents for Austin, Hillman, Singer, Ford and Opel. All classes of repairs done with moderate charges. Castrol high - pressure washing and greasing- battery charging - First class cars for hire - moderate terms.

The scarcity of water was still a problem, with only enough water in store at Rochomie to do for 10 days. It was said that our forefathers had not chosen the best site for a settlement in terms of water supply or haven for boats and could not have anticipated how large Buckie was to become. Water was being pumped up to the dam from Drybridge. (My father-in-law Jimmy Gordon was one of the men who looked after the pumps at Drybridge.)

The herring trade was facing a crises with a mass meeting taking place at Yarmouth and a plea for government assistance. There had been a fairly dramatic decrease in the number of boats seen at Yarmouth and Lowestoft in the past twenty years.

In 1913 the number was	1,698
" 1933 " " "	1,061
" 1937 " " "	815

Don't drink and drive - This week a licensed broker was fined £5 or 30 days for driving a car while under the influence of drink. His license was also suspended for 6 months.

Oct 28 **Carpenter dies on the job** - Mr Andrew French died suddenly while working on the construction of the new cinema on West Church Street. A ship's carpenter and a native of Garmouth, he came to Buckie some time before and had been working with Herd and McKenzie before becoming unemployed and had only been a week in this new job. His widow and four of a family live at Robert Street.

One up for the cyards - Keith 3 Buckie Thistle 2 in the H/L Wood, F. Smith and John Bowie; Middleton, Logie and Laing; Cormack, J. Smith, Calder, Bain and Duncan.

Nov 4 **A resident manager was required for Strathlene House** - The terms offered are a salary of £2 per week with a percentage of the takings. The

present incumbents, Mr and Mrs Edwards were to move to become stewards at Lossiemouth Golf Club.

Former Thistle player now in Ireland - A Stewart a former player with Buckie Thistle then later with Aberdeen was now playing well with a Dublin club.

He found a better job - Wm. Packman, resigned as greenkeeper of Victoria Bowling Green after finding other employment.

The building of the Forth Railway Bridge - Page 6 carried an article on the building of the Forth Rail Bridge.

Nov 11 **Football trial for former Buckie loon** - Addie Gordon, son of the former Buckie auctioneer, W .R. Gordon, was to play a trial for Stoke City F.C.. he had been playing at C/Half for the Aberdeen junior club, Banks of Dee. He had been attracting the attention of several senior clubs. He was a schoolboy international for two years.

Toilets cum shelters to be built - The T.C. were discussing the recommendation to build shelters and conveniences at Main Street and Seaview Road. The one on Main Street to also act as a bus shelter.

Plans were submitted for a billiard room at Gordonsburgh for Abby Gowie. Also a boat-building shed for Herd and McKenzie. The latter was built by my uncle, Edward Grant, who at this time had the 'Standfast Works' in Craigellachie. The shed was built with a framework of steel clad with asbestos and one of the first of its kind in the area.

Guns to be scrapped - The T.C. agreed to scrap the two ex enemy machine guns they had had in their possession since the end of the war.

Nov 18 **The Gas Company held a large cooking with gas demonstration** in the Commercial Hotel hall with a further publicity van in the Commercial Park. (Now the Ian Johnston Park)

Every second farm was a dairy - At this time there were **25** retailers of milk in the Buckie and District Dairymen's Association with their names being listed on the front page after they had agreed to raise the cost of a pint of milk by a haepenny to 3d. There was at least one who was not a member and not named.

Nov 25 **A 'Grand Concert' in aid of the British Legion** was to take place in the Fishermen's Hall. The following artistes were to perform - Soloist Mrs Thos. Lang, Miss Greta Fraser, Impressionist, Harry Forbes, Comedian, H.Gray, Portknockie, Comedian, Thomas Lang, Bass, singer, String quartette consisting of - Alex Nicol and his wife, J.P.Paterson, Cullen, and S.Hendry, Macduff.

The Millbank Garage, (G.Gray) on High Street were advertising the new Flying Standard 9 at a cost of £152.10. (This now occupies the site formerly held by George Webster who had moved to West Church Street.)

A win for the Black and Whites - Elgin City met Blairgowrie at Victoria Park in the Final of the Qualifying Cup. A crowd of 4,000 saw Elgin win. A minute's silence was observed prior to the game in memory of Mr. J. Ramsay MacDonald, MP and former Prime Minister who died during the week and who was buried in Spynie Cemetery, Lossiemouth on Saturday.

Laird of Tannachy and Auchlunkart (Boharm) dies - The death took place this week of Frances Day Steuart of Auchlunkart and Tannachy. The estate had been in the family for 300 years but he left no family.

Poem on page 5 column 1 "A Happy New Year" by Eleanor M.Sutherland (late of Findochty)

Webster's Garage were now advertising a car radio - a Philips Motoradio

Dec 9 **Opening announcement** - The 'Tea Shop' at 15A East Church Street - Lobbans
'Every buyer to the value of 2/6 will get a small tin of fruit; 5/- a medium tin and 10/- a large tin of fruit'.

The 'Globe Stores' on East Church Street for a long time carried on by John Grant and Co. was now owned by Alex McKenzie who formerly had a shop on St Peter's Place, Buckpool.

Dec 16 *** **The new Playhouse cinema on West Church Street, Buckie was to open on the 22 December at 6.30 p.m. with Shirley Temple in "Stowaway".**

Dec 23 **New councillor** - Mr John Moar, Harbour Street, who had been an unsuccessful candidate on two previous occasions for the Town Council was elected this time. There was no contest with four candidates for four seats, three of them being retiring councillors.

You could land there - The T.C. were to advise the Air Ministry that they had land at Baddockleys, on the present Buckpool Golf Course which was deemed to be suitable for a landing ground and was available at any time if there was a need.

Former PM's son was the architect - The architect of the reconstructed Playhouse cinema in Buckie was Alistair MacDonald, the elder son of the late Ramsay MacDonald.
The cinema was opened by the Countess of Seafield.

Dec 30 **The new school at Portessie is to be opened on Thursday, 6th January 1938** at 2.30pm by Mrs Merson, wife of the Provost.

The B.A. editor had this in his summing up of the past year. The major event was undoubtedly the Coronation. The ongoing conflict between Japan and China was having a measurable effect on British trade. The Spanish war was continuing with considerable loss of life and the creation of many refugees. Germany and Italy were both involved. Circumstances dictate that Britain rearm itself on a large scale which has helped industry with a decrease in unemployment. The Clyde has been busy. Locally the number of drifters continue to decrease with the returns from the winter fishing being poor. Things were a little better at Yarmouth. The first cargo of foreign grain for a long time was landed at Buckie. Herd and McKenzie launched four boats of different kinds. Eight council houses were built and occupied at Freuchny with another 22 on the way. Twenty houses were built at Craigbo with a further 12 at Buckpool now being well on. In the private sector three bungalows were built on West Cathcart Street and 2 on St Peter's Road. The Drill Hall was rebuilt after being burned out two years before while the new Playhouse, former Palace, was completely reconstructed and opened.