

## 1941

Jan 2 **Duncan's Wood and Turning Mill** - A sale was to take place of all the machinery, tools and stock belonging to the late Mr Duncan at his works on the banks of the Buckie Burn below the Sawmill House.

**Advert** - E. Tindall Scott and Co. (sole proprietor - E.T. Scott AMIRE) 17 High Street, Ironmonger and Furniture Retailer. **Air raid shelter, telephone and toilet room for customers.**

**ARP Weekly Dances** in the Town House Hall. Ladies 2/6, Gents 3/- Music by the Melodymaker.

**Home Guard 9 Platoon** - Whist drive and dance in Church Hall, Portessie. Geddes' Band. The same band was to play at a whist drive and dance at Arradoul ran by the WRI.

**Buckie doctor killed in an air raid** - Dr Alexander Roy, 43, was killed in an air raid in the south of England.

**Soldiers' canteen opened in Cullen.** The outbuildings belonging to the Old Church Manse on Castle Street being used as a garage and store were converted within the space of a fortnight into a canteen for soldiers in the town.

**The Banffshire Advertiser had a great number of columnists.** 'Said on Sunday', by A.M.S, 'Fireside Talk O' Aul' Freens', 'District Flashes', by Critic, 'Economist' by Raymond Postgate, 'Agriculture' by our own correspondent, 'Children's Corner' by Uncle Bert and 'Bartmeus'.

**Enjoyable dances in aid of Welfare Funds for H.M Forces.** These were taking place every Friday and Saturday in the Town House Hall with music by Bill Geddes' Band.

**Lodge Gordon's** - The newly appointed RWM was D.L. Fowler. (Baker)

**Arradoul School bairns** - On Christmas Eve the school received a Storybook from a former pupil of the school, while all the bairns received handkerchiefs and money donated by Mr and Mrs Rattray, Hilton Farm and Mr and Mrs Young, Arradoul Mains.

**Clochach School pupils** - Rev E.M. Ewart, Mrs Hutcheson and Mr Arthur Forbes representatives of the parents' committee, with Mrs Angus and Mrs Farquhar helped by school staff served Christmas dinner to the pupils.

**Poem** - 'Death of a Year' by R. Jappy is found on **page 5 column 4.**

**Mentioned in Dispatches** - Corporal George I. McIntosh VC.

**Football** - Services XI 0 Portknockie 3. George Tough, Mosstodloch, (later to play for Buckie Thistle) was a star for the Portknockie as was Willie Mackie. Other games played were Argosians versus Portknockie and Cullen versus Portsoy.

Jan 9 **Carter** - Let Charles Alexander carry your goods. A daily trip takes place between Buckie and Aberdeen. (He had a garage on Garden Lane and another at Arradoul.)

**Short story by W.G. Cowie** - 'Life Preserver'

**Award for Buckpool youth** - Leslie Boyne, 20 Merson Street, was awarded the Royal Humane Society's testimonial on parchment for the rescue at the Buckpool beach on 5 July 1940 of James Milne, 6 St Peter's Road. Baillie Milton presented the award.

**Death by gas poisoning** - Mrs Alex Smith, 9 Seafield Street, Ianstown and her son William Alex, 10 months lost their lives through gas poisoning.

**Accidents in the black out** – John A. Wilson, 60, 30 St Peter's Terrace died in Seafield Hospital from injuries he sustained when knocked down by a motor car near to his home, He was a sawyer with the shipyard of Herd and McKenzie. He left three of a family, two sons, both of whom are in the army, and a daughter.

A. Thomson, Midway Cottage was knocked down by a motor car while walking towards his home from Buckie. He suffered considerable bruising and is meantime confined to bed.

**Article – "Our Fishermen's Heritage"** by a Buckie Correspondent. This is found on page 6.

**Dancing classes** - Peter Cormack was giving notice that he aimed to begin classes on Dancing and Deportment. Fees men – 15/-, ladies 12/6. Tuition given on all kind of dances from the Grand March and Circassion Circle to the Modern Waltz and Tango. Private tuition also given.

Jan 16 **Poem** - "Snow" written by J. C. Portgordon. And another by J. C. "In the Hospital Ward" **both on pages three.**

**Dance** in the Town House Hall in aid of Local War Comforts. Admission 1/6 – Forces 1/- Tango competition – Geddes' Band.

**Registration for National Service** - Men of 20 years old and others of 36 registered for National Service at the Labour Exchange on Saturday. There was one Conscientious Objector.

**Buckie Youth Centre** - A meeting of both the boys and girl's sections took place in the **Mobilisation Store** when a lecture was given on ARP illustrated with lanternslides.

**"Hitler is Dead"** - a short story by W. G. Cowie.

**Buckie statistics** -

Marriages -	(1940)	73	(1939)	91
Births	"	187		168
Deaths	"	115	"	113

In 1940 the oldest person to die was a male at 89, while the year previous it had been a female of 98.

The writer said that there was an uncanny balance between the sexes. More females being born one year with more males the next and vice versa.

**Killed in action** - Cook Peter Geddes, 20 Seaview Road. A married man with his wife, Mary Morrison, living in Lerwick. His father had the drifter, Janet Geddes.

Jan 30 **Seat letting – North Church** - The collection was to take place the next week.

**Inauguration of New Air Training Scheme** - At a meeting held in Glasgow the proposals for this new scheme were drawn up. Its purpose was to educate youths to be able to pass the entrance exam to the RAF.

**Poem** – "Address to Hitler" by J. M. (with apologies to Robert Burns.)

**Worst blizzard for 20 years strikes the North**

Feb 6 **Whist Drive** – This was to take place in the **Ex-Servicemen's Rooms on Blairdaff Street.**

**Poem** - "Home Fires" by J. C. Portgordon. **Found on page 2.**

**Crowded dances** - With something like 150 couples attending dances held in the Town House Hall the notice read that only a limited number would be admitted to the ARP dance on Wednesday in aid of Comforts Funds. (Farmer Bill Geddes of Tynet had little need to care for his crops or animals he must have been making more money off the dances at which he was present almost every night of the week.)

**Missing presumed killed** - Seaman Wm. Cowie, RNR, 72 St Peter's Road. He was 25 and formerly at the trawling before volunteering on the outbreak of war.

**Soldiers as guests** - A number of soldiers were the guests of Enzie Amateur Dramatic Society at a social held in the Clochan School last Friday evening.

**Youth Movement for Arradoul?** Arradoul WRI members met to discuss the setting up of a Youth Movement. (Youth Club.)

Feb 13 **Scarcity of beef?** - James Strachan, Butcher, Portgordon was giving notice that he was to close his shop every Friday until further notice.

**Killed in Action** - Alex Innes, 27, whose wife, Isabella Thomson, lives at 2 Gordon Street.

Feb 20 **Ladies and Men in uniform** were admitted at a cheaper rate than civilians to dances taking place in the Town House Hall in aid of Buckie War work Fund.

**The Day's Work by Spike - The first instalment of a new serial - "Mutiny on the Mothball"**

**Banff War Weapons' Week is to take place from Feb 24 to March 1.** People were urged to buy Savings Bonds, Defence Bonds, National War Bonds and National Savings Certificates.

**Banffshire Advertiser Notice** - "Three times in the matter of weeks the windows of the *Banffshire Advertiser*

Offices have been broken. Although the police do attend to the matter the culprits get off more than lightly when they come up in court. We urge the magistrates to impose steeper fines. "

**A meeting about the formation of an ATC Squadron** - Provost Merson presided over a representative gathering of about 20 persons in the Town House on Wednesday. Wing Commander Spence, Huntly, gave an address on the ATC. It is hoped to form a Squadron consisting of 100 boys aged between 16 and 18 from the Banffshire coast. Enrolment can take place at school. Uniforms will be issued to volunteers. (I remember being urged by one John Taylor, Buckpool Beach, Cottage, to join the Army Cadets rather than the ATC, the letters, he said, stood for 'All Tinks Concluded' (sic))

**Killed in action** - Skipper Wm. Coull, 42, eldest son of Mrs Coull, 30 New Street. He was married with two children.

Chief Engineer - Wm. Murray, 29, Elora, Commerce Street. He was also married with one child.

George Mackay, 29, a native of Macduff, husband of Maudie Wilson, Newlands Lane, Buckie. Apart from his wife he left two children.

Each of the above men was serving with the RNR and was aboard a minesweeper, which was sunk by an aerial torpedo.

**Allowance for teachers** - Teachers now on active service were to be paid an allowance in case of hardship.

**Raid on North East town (Portknockie)** three persons were killed and three seriously injured when a German plane bombed and machine-gunned a north east town. Though it wasn't disclosed everyone locally knew that the place was Portknockie.

Those who lost their lives were - Mr James Mair and his 16 year old daughter, Margaret Mair and Mrs Ann Mackay. Those injured were - Mr and Mrs Slater and Miss Georgina Mair. James Mair was home on leave at the time.

**Lost at sea** - George Findlay, 41, 31 Great Eastern Road, Portessie, husband of Annie Bella Wood, He was a native of Portgordon.

George Wallace Smith, 37, son of the la Mr Smith and Mrs John Smith, 9 Findlater Street, Portessie. He was a married man.

27 Feb. **Photograph** - On page 3 is found a photograph of Seaman Wm. Cowie RNR, of 72 St Peter's Road, who had been reported lost in action.

**Poem** - "Owed To The Empire" - by JGS. **Found on page three.**

**More men register for service** - Most of the 68 men who registered on Saturday voiced preference for the Navy or RAF.

**Resignation of Councillor D. D. Brunton** - Buckie Town Council were minus one of their members after the resignation of D. D. Brunton who was leaving the town for South Africa. He was manager of Jones Co. Ltd. Slip and Shipyard, Buckie and had a 20-year association with the company.

**Poem** - "To The Snowdrop" by J. C. Portgordon. **This is found on page 6.**

Mar 6 **Playhouse** - 'Road to Singapore' starring Bing Crosby and Dorothy Lamour. Later in the week - 'Night Train to Munich' with Margaret Lockwood and Rex Harrison.

**Joint whist drive and dance** - As billed, HM Forces and WRI Rathven were to stage a whist drive, tea and dance in the Church Hall, Portessie, in aid of POW Fund. Admission - whist 1/-, dance 1/- with Forces ½ price. Tea served at 9.30 pm.

**Soldiers Dances - Friday and Saturday in the Town House Hall** - Buckie War Work Funds - Ladies and Men in uniform 1/-. Gents - (limited number) 2/-. Geddes' Band.

**Poem** - 'Home Guard' by J. C. Portgordon, (by special request). **See page 2.**

**Clochan area and 'War Weapons Week'** - The sum of £924.19.6 was raised. Buckie's total came to £45,827.7.11.

**More seamen lost through enemy action -**

Fireman John Charles Sutherland, 41, 9 Hall Street, Findochty, was on board a fishing trawler when it was sunk with all hands by a German raider.

AB John Alex Runcie, 25, of 63 Seatown, Cullen was lost when the cargo boat he was aboard went down.

**More enemy planes visit the north east** - Two were shot down, one coming down close to shore with the four-man crew being able to launch their dinghy and paddle ashore, where they were captured.

A number of bombs were dropped one near to the farm of Tarrymount in the Enzie and another near to the farm of the Holl where some damage was done.

**Football** A real turn up for the books happened in the local Welfare League when the wooden spoonists, the Argosians beat league leaders, Portknockie, to take the Thomson Cup.

**Argosian team was** - N. Wood, A. Simpson and K. Imlah; J. Slater, G. Sandison and Christie; W. Hendry, S. Dawson, P. McKenzie, G. Slater and Wm. Legge.

**Portknockie** - J. Clark, T. Bruce and J. Cowie; G. Slater, A. Geddes and D. Anderson; W. Mackie, P. Wood, D. Pirie, J. Murray and P. Duff.

**Double summer time** - It was decided to put the clocks forward, not one hour but two, to double the summer time. This to take advantage of the light in the early morning.

**Advert** - Men not registered for the NAAFI, for canteens urgently requires military service all over Scotland. Full board and lodgings free. Good wages and bonus. Apply NAAFI, Edinburgh.

Mar 13 **The Country Needs** - Scrap Iron, Paper, and Bones. Salvage all waste. Each of the above products can be used in the effort to build planes, tanks etc.

**Poem** - 'Set Fair' by W.T. McGregor. **This is found on page 2.**

**Men presumed killed in action** - Second Engineer, Wm. Jappy, 35 Harbourhead, where his wife, Anne Jappy and 6 children live. He had been in the RNR for 14 years and was serving aboard a minesweeper.

Chief Engineer, Joseph Mair, 32, 2 Carlton Terrace, He is married with one child.

**Poem** - 'Kindness' by J. C. Pg. **This is found on page 2.**

Mar 20 **Column** - 'Of Interest to Women.'

**No free dental treatment for school children** - The Buckie move for free dental treatment for all schoolchildren failed to meet with approval at a meeting of the Education Committee.

**Medal for former footballer** - Chief Engineer George Cowie, 32 Gordon Street, was awarded the DSM. He will be remembered as a footballer player with Buckie Thistle.

**RAF Recruitment poster** - The RAF wants these men - Between the ages of 17½ and 32 as Pilots or Observers. Others between 17½ and 31 who are suitable for RAF aircrew duties except they need coaching to a required standard of education. Tuition will be provided for them near their own home at Air Ministry expense.

Men hitherto reserved and now volunteer.

**Poem** - 'Childhood' by J. C. Pg. This is found on page 8.

Mar 27 **The ATC** - A unit of the ATC is to be formed in Buckie. Enrolment in the Corps, although not hastening your call up, means that you will be trained with a view to entering the RAF, Fleet Air Arm or Royal Navy for war time service.

An opportunity is given to aircrew of securing a government paid 6-month university course with commissioned rank on completion.

**Grant for Arradoul Youth Centre** - A grant of £5 given towards the provision of equipment for indoor games

Has been granted to the Welfare of Youth Centre at Arradoul by Banff County Council.

**Loss of the Seine net boat - Sickle** - Three men were lost when the seine net boat, Sickle, turned turtle at the entrance to Portknockie harbour on Saturday afternoon. They were Skipper, John Slater, 54, Maple House, Station Road, his son, deckhand, John Bruce Slater, 24 and his brother William Slater, 48, 19 Church Street.

There was one survivor, Mate, Alex Mair, Sunnydale.

**British Sailors Society** - On Thursday evening, in the Townhouse, the first of a series of socials took place under the auspices of the British Sailors Society. The socials were being ran by the Ladies Guild under the presidency of Mrs Yuill. It was said that the British Sailors Society was to open a Sailors Home in Buckie in the near future.

Apr 3 **Killed in action** - Corporal Alfred Taylor, 21, son of Mr and Mrs A.G. Taylor, 66 St Peter's Road was reported to have been killed in action in the Middle East. He was a regular soldier having joined up in 1937. Prior to this he was a farm servant at Mill of Buckie.

**Cluny Temperance Hotel was to let**- apply to Thomson 6 Dalkeith Avenue, Glasgow S1. (It may not be known by all but Buckie Town Council intended to buy the Cluny Hotel and use part of it as memorial to those who failed to return from the First World War and also with recreation rooms within for those that did. The idea fell through because the feeling in the town was against this and all for a fashioned memorial which was the 'in' thing then. Mr Thomson, Headmaster of Buckie High School, and a staunch Good Templar, bought the building anyway to stop it from becoming licensed to sell drink and he, or his family, obviously still owned it in 1941.)

Apr 10 **Killed in action** - James Bruce RNR, 7 Patrol Place, and Portknockie. He was 33 and the husband of Mary Wood and only son of Mrs Helen Jane Bruce and the late James Bruce, 24 Park Street.

**Poem** - 'ATC' written by J.C. Pg. Is found on page 2.

**A salutary warning** - '**Shoes Will Be Scarce**' because leather was being used for other purposes, such as soldier's boots there would be less items of footwear to be found in the shops.

**New councillor** - Mr Edward Fraser, Chemist, was co-opted on to Buckie Town Council in place of the former councillor, D.D. Brunton, who had emigrated to South Africa.

**Bombs fall in the Enzie** - A high explosive bomb fell on a field of the Enzie farm of the Holl tenanted by Mr Alex Stewart. The bomb, which fell 200 yards from the farm and between there and the hamlet of Cowfurrich, carved out a hole 4 feet deep and 10 feet wide. Mr Stewart told the *Banffshire Advertiser* that he was in bed asleep at the time but heard the whistling of the bomb as it came down followed then by a huge explosion. The blast as the bomb exploded smashed windows in the house while one piece of shrapnel went through a zinc roof with another becoming imbedded in a door. Later in the morning when Mr Stewart went to pull turnips he found that they were riddled with small pieces of shrapnel. The blast had also blown a large part of a fence away.

**Anti-Nudity Campaign** - It was reported that the Anti-nudity campaign had been a success. The Public Morality Council stated this week that the public wishes its entertainment on stage to be free from the unwholesomeness associated with strip-tease and the like - now happily a thing of the past (Thank goodness for that!)

**First Meeting of the Thistle Squadron -ATC.** A large attendance **was** present at a meeting in the Townhouse on Tuesday evening with Provost Merson presiding. There was an enthusiastic response when Wing Commander Spence, Huntly called for enrolments and he said he would register the squadron as the Thistle Squadron.

**Arradoul WRI concert for Youth Movement** - Arradoul WRI hall was filled to capacity on Monday evening when a concert was given in aid of the Youth Movement. Mrs Hector presided.

**Women take over** - Over 2500 women are now employed in men's jobs on the railway with the LNER, with the number increasing daily. The women will soon be provided with smart uniforms, of dark navy with red lettering and piping for porters, van drivers and ticket collectors. Buffet car attendants will wear white overalls.

Ap 17 **Playhouse** - One of the films this week was 'Young People' starring Shirley Temple.

**We need your cotton reel!** The WVS (Women's Voluntary Service) are urgently in need of used cotton reels which are to be used for war purposes. They may handed in to 28 East Church Street.

**Change of staff at Enzie Public School** - Miss Margaret McLean (Mill of Rathven Farm, Buckie) was moving from Inveravon School to Clochan to take the place of Miss Jean W. McKay.

**'Dig For Victory or Plough if You Will!** Buckie Town Council were discussing ploughing up the public parks in the town in order to grow crops. The following parks were mentioned - The Provost's Park (now, perhaps erroneously called Merson's Park) Central Park (more commonly known as Cowie Park lying between Newlands Lane and Mill Crescent) and the Linzee Gordon, which was originally called Cluny Park.

**Bain's Band provided the music** - The Home Guard held a dance in the Drill Hall, Buckie with Cpl. Wm. Shearer and Guardsman John R. Wilson acting as MC's.

**A kill for Findochty skipper** - early on Monday morning of this week a German bomber – a Heinkel III was shot down in the sea by the crew of the HMT Kingston Anto. There were no casualties on board the trawler nor did the boat itself suffer any damage. The skipper was Findochty man, James Flett RNR, formerly skipper of the Findochty motor boat, Girl Ellen.

**Death of Scottish poet, Charles Murray** -The death took place this week at his home in Banchory of Charles Murray, the celebrated Scottish poet, at the age of 76. He was best known for his book of poetry called 'Hamewith'.

(Most school pupils in the north east, at least of an earlier vintage, knew, off by heart, two of his poems – 'The Whistle' and 'It Wisna His Wyte He Wis Late'.)

Charles Murray was a civil engineer by profession, spending the most of his working life in South Africa where he had a distinguished career in public service.

Apr 24 **Lost at sea through enemy action** – Captain Robert Innes, 32, husband of Meta Murray 'Bodge', Regent Villa, Titness Street, Buckie. He was a native of Portgordon.

**POW sends thanks** - Pte James Packman, 3 Baron Street, meantime a POW in German hands, returned thanks this week for the first parcel of clothing and a letter from home that he had received since his capture. The parcel was sent off in September of last year while he received it in January.

**The first 100** - The first hundred women to be called up filed, smiling and cheerful, into the Labour Exchange, Buckie, on Saturday to register. They will in time be sent to wherever they are required which could be wide and varied. It is expected that those who will go first will be those who are unemployed or free to go.

**Golf Ladies AGM** - The annual general meeting of Buckpoll Golf Club (ladies section) took place on Thursday.

**Missing at sea** – James Reaich, eldest son of Mr Wm. Reaich 35 New Street, has been reported missing at sea. He served his time as a chemist with G.P. Gibson and was called to do his National Service last year. He has been serving as a naval dispenser and sickbay attendant. He is 21 years of age.

**Football** – In a friendly football match between the Home Guard and a Services XI, the Home Guard lost by two goals to one.

**Representing the Home Guard were** – N.Wood, T. Bruce and R. Nicol; J. Davidson, J. Legge and K. Imlah; J. Cowie, E. Cormack, G. Slater, H. Will and A. Shearer (Cullen). The referee was J. A. Wilson.

**Sickle Inquiry** - The inquiry into the sinking of the Portknockie boat, Sickle took place at Banff this week. In the tragedy, which occurred, a father, (skipper) son and brother lost their lives. There was only the one survivor.

**Poem** 'Youthful Days' by J. C. This is found on page 7 column 1

May 1 **Situation wanted** - Norwegian farm worker wishes situation on a farm in the Buckie district.

**First Meeting of Arradoul Youth Club**- At the very first real meeting of Arradoul Youth Club, which took place in the WRI hall at Arradoul, the following office bearers were elected - President – Joy Young; vice president, Thomas Burnett; joint secretaries – H. Whitecross and Alex Russell; treasurer- George McIvor.

Committee – Nora McPherson, Jessie Finnie, Jean Forsyth, George Brown, George Duncan and James Reid.

Arrangements were made for having instruction in ballroom dancing. A programme of games, competitions and dances was enjoyed by all while tea was served. The club now has 62 members.

**"A Bonny Fechter!"** A new fighter/bomber has been seen in action with devastating effect. This is the beaufighter, which the enemy have come to fear. (During the war the Japanese dubbed it 'Whispering Death'. In the later stages of the war there was a squadron of

Beaufighters based at Dallachy airfield, Spey Bay. To honour its renown, a road, which during the war formed part of the 'perritrack', was named Beaufighter Road in 1994 when a memorial to the airmen who lost their lives while flying from Dallachy was unveiled at Bogmoor)

An article on the beaufighter is written on page 7.

**German plane cuts loose on goods train** - A German raider shot up a goods train as it sped on its journey through the northeast. A number of bombs were also dropped without any damage or casualties being reported. The plane later flew over a coastal village (Portsoy) with guns blazing where people were fortunate to escape injury as they stood at their doors believing the plane to be British.

May 8 **Killed on active service - John** Donaldson, 21 New Street, Findochty, husband of Margaret Campbell has been reported killed in action. He was 29 and formerly stayed at 86 High Street, Portknockie

**Playhouse - Film** - 'Old Mother Riley in Business'

**Football** - Buckie Youth Club were beaten 5-1 by Portgordon Youth Club.

**Lost at sea - Sailor** Alex Garden, 8 Hope Street, and Portessie.

May 15 **Killed by enemy action** - Robert Stewart, Chemist, 41, youngest son on the late Alexander Stewart, 100 Main Street, and Buckie. He was one of over 90 people killed in the Clydebank blitz.

**Leaving the smiddy** - Edward Cranna, Blacksmith was giving notice that he was to vacate Arradoul Smithy on Saturday 17 May 1941.

**For sale large hall on Hay Street, Buckpool, also a first class piano** - Apply Alex Elder, Anton and Son, Solicitors, Buckie. (The hall in question was built by the Unity Lodge of Good Templars in the early 1930's and was used to billet troops during the war years. After the war it was bought by William Gray, Star Inn who carted it off and used for the garage business he had started up on Duncan's Lane, near the pub, which he called the Star Garage. It continued to be used for this purpose for the next fifty years, at least, but latterly more as a store. The building was up for sale all of 2000 but was still to be sold in July when I was writing this. A change, however, was suggested with the site being offered for a house. )

**Those of the R.C. faith** were to go on a Pilgrimage to St Mary's Well, Orton on Sunday 25 May 1941. (Although it is unknown for the practice to have been followed in more recent times (2000) it is known that Catholics, under fear of persecution made a pilgrimage to this holy well at least as far back as the 17<sup>th</sup> century. This can be read in Dr Cramond's book 'the Church and Churchyard of Rathven')

**Buckie Youth Centre** are to hold a Social Evening for members and friends in the South Church Hall. Admittance 1/- with all proceeds going to the Camp Fund.

**Advert** - War Charities Fund dances will be held every Wednesday, Friday and Saturday in the Town House Hall. Times - Wednesday 9-2 am; Friday and Saturday - 8-11.30 pm. Prices as usual - Music by Bill Geddes and his band.

**Gardens open** - The gardens at Firlands, Fochabers, belonging to Miss F.W. Kynoch (late of Strathlene) are to be open on Sunday under the Scotland's Garden Scheme. Admittance 6d Tea 6d

**Soldier thieves** - Four soldiers who stole a considerable amount of clothing from the shop of Claude Alexander on High Street and also a car and other goods from a garage on Blairdaff Street were jailed for three months. An officer who was present in court asked that they be given the maximum punishment for the crime. The car was found abandoned in Ayrshire.

**Buckie Thistle F.C. Ltd** held their 21<sup>st</sup> annual general meeting. They had played in the competition involving Rothes, Elgin, Forres and others at the beginning of the war but had decided not to enter again the next season. The balance sheet showed a loss from June 1<sup>st</sup> 1939 to May 31<sup>st</sup> 1940 of £42.12.8.

**Home Guard celebrate their first anniversary** - The King sent congratulations.

May 22 **HM Forces dance in the Town House** on Tuesday - Novelty dances, special prizes. Music by Military Dance Orchestra. Admittance 2/- Forces 1/-

**Wanted** - Cattleman - 15-17 Wilson, Walkerdale  
 Strong lad to wash bottles (electric machine used) and assist in the dairy - Hector, Mill of Buckie  
 Boy or girl for radio and cycle trade - (17 or over) able or willing to learn to drive car. Apply by Letter - McHardy, Radio Dealer East Church Street.  
 Smart boy wanted for messages - Carrie and Co. 25 West Church Street, Buckie.  
 Strong, young, lad wanted - Cruickshank's, Lemonade, Blairdaff Street.

**'Columns' and articles** - The Day's Work by Spike - serial - Mutiny on the Mothball Farm and Field by our own correspondent  
 At the marts  
 M/F Food Facts No 42  
 Fireside Talk O' Aul' Freens  
 Said on Sunday - Chiefly for Children by AMS  
 Conservation Pieces  
 District Flashes  
 Children's Corner by Uncle Bert  
 Article by J.C. M Osborne

**Adverts** - Easiphit Footwear Ltd - Greenlees and Sons - 17A High Street, Buckie - 350 branches  
 James Mackay, Ladies and Gents Outfitters, 5 East Church Street Gas Showrooms, 30 West Church Street, Radios and Cycles - McHardy, 31 East Church Street. Alex Esson, Tailors, Cluny Square. J. A. Forrest, Electrician and Radio Engineer, 22 Low Street Kill that rat! - Rats delay our victory. Beecham Powders. Gordon Bros. Hiring by Day or Night. Photographs make Good Presents - The Studio, Portessie. Tom Paterson, Grocer 27, High Street.  
 A & C Cole, Hairdressers, Cluny Square. Thos. Lang, Optician, 29 West Church Street, Buckie.  
 Little Wonder, 37 East Church Street. E. Tindall Scott & Co. Complete House Furnishers, 17 High Street.  
 Jamieson's Cycle and Radio, Stores, 22 Seaview Road. Funeral Undertakers, A. Hendry and Sons, 14 Land Street. Buckpool.

**Poem** - 'To A Mother' by J. C. Portgordon

**National Service** - 62 men born in 1922 registered for Nation Service on Saturday. There were no C.O's

**Youth Football** - Buckie Youth Club 7 Portgordon Youth Club 2- Scorers for Buckie - J. Bruce(2), A. Newlands (2), W. Smith, R. Davidson and A. Laing, and for Portgordon - J. Farquhar and L. Forsyth.

**A Note** - The total number of British and Imperial troops who were sent to France in June 1940 was - 437,000 and to Norway - 23,800. The number that returned from France, via Dunkirk etc, including wounded brought away was 384,000 and from Norway, 22,600. The number of men taken prisoner in France was 40,000 and in Norway - 950.

**Warning** - Failure to produce an **Identity Card** , either on demand or within two days at a police station can incur a fine of £50 or a month in jail or both.

**Hooligans at work** - Hooligans are again on the rampage creating more damage at Victoria Park. It is only days since damage was done before and now a further 18 panes of glass have been broken to take the number to 34. The stones used were found lying on the floors of the different rooms.

Wooden boards had been ripped off the pavilion while all traps had been lowered and a fairly big hole made on the back of the grandstand.

Whisky and wine bottles were found lying about with the remnants of a fire in the home dressing room. Coal had been taken from the coal store for the fire.

After the first raid all the doors had been specially barred up but it was evident that attempts had been made to force them open.

**Welfare dances** A largely attended meeting was held in the Town House this week in connection with the running of the dances in aid of Welfare Funds.

\*\*\*\* Mr Rome Tocher and Mr Wm. Smith who had organised and had been running the dances from the outset for Welfare Funds wished to stop doing so

Provost Merson was of the opinion that the dances should continue since they added considerably to funds for deserving causes and at the same time provided entertainment for soldiers in the district.

\*\*\*\* To date, the meeting heard, the dances had made a clear profit of £617.11.6. This had been allocated as follows – Ambulance Fund - £102.18.10; Comforts Funds - £316.9.9; Welfare Fund £155.3.4; Blood Transfusion Fund £42.19.7.

In addition the town had benefited by the payment in full of fixed charges for the Town House Hall.

**The meeting agreed unanimously to form a *Welfare Fund Committee* consisting of those taking part in the work ,the funds to be applied, as necessity arose, for the benefit of the Comfort Fund and the local Canteen Fund and any other deserving object.**

**It was decided to make a weekly contribution to provide for the 'adoption of 2 POW's.**

**Provost Merson was appointed convener of the new committee with J.M. Gordon vice convener, J.L. McNaughton as secretary. And Rome Tocher as treasurer.**

**A committee of six was appointed to take charge of the dances and the 34 ladies and 24 gentlemen were enrolled to take turns at the dances.**

**Mr Smith thanked the Provost for his encouragement and support for their past efforts without which he said they could not have carried on.**

(The above would seem to be the start of Buckie Welfare Society, as it was later to be named. It was still in existence in 2005 and gave out sums of money to a wide variety of organisations.)

**Arradoul Youth Club** met in the WRI hall on Wednesday evening. Mrs Hector, president of the Rural president and welcomed members, whose number was now 73.

The programme for the evening was then taken over by the Club leaders, Miss L. Young, Arradoul, Farm and Mrs Brander, Buckie.

It was arranged to make a collection of stamps to be sent to hospitals and sold by them for the benefit of funds.

A short paper was read on the meanings of the different kings and queens in a pack of playing cards. A five-minute competition was won by girls – 1) Nancy Horne and 2) Joy Young. Boys – 1) Wm. Mustard.

Miss Joy Young the new president of the Youth Club then presided over the second part of the programme and introduced the different items .

Violin selections by Wm. Duncan, George Duncan, Frank Burgess. Mouth organ selection by Alex Wilson. Duet by Nancy Horne and Jessie McIvor. Dance by Helen Wilson. Recitation by Jean Hutcheson. Duet by Nora McPherson and Jean Forsyth. Recitation by Helen Wilson. Chorus – Nancy Horne, Jessie McIvor, James Grieve, George Brown Alex Wilson , Frank Burgess and George Duncan.

Dancing was enjoyed to music by Wm. Duncan, George Duncan and Frank Burgess on violins and Mrs Brander on the piano .

Tea was served and the singing of the National Anthem brought to a close a very enjoyable evening.

May 29 **Military Dance-** At a dance this week in the Town House ran by the Military the winners of the 'Statue Waltz' was Mrs Lyon and Pte. West.

**Buckie airman missing** - Word has been received that Corporal Harry Grant Johnston, RAF has gone missing while on operation in Iraq. He is the twin son of Mr and Mrs Robert Johnston, 36 High Street, Buckie and is aged 24. He joined the RAF in 1937 and before this worked in a CA's office in Aberdeen . His twin brother, Gunner J. Geddes Johnston is serving with the A.A

**New blacksmith at Rathven** - Mr Edward Cranna, formerly at Arradoul took over the smithy at Rathven at the May term. The smithy at Arradoul wasn't let.

**From Horne's Croft, Inchgower to Nether Allolath** - Mr John Lawtie is the new tenant farmer at Allolath on the Crown estate, moving there at the May term. (I can remember lifting tatties there in 1943 out of very muddy soil )

**The year 1816** - The year was described as having no summer with snow and bitterly cold winds each month. It was felt the weather pattern was influenced by volcanic eruptions with resultant smoke in the atmosphere blocking out the sun. (Maybe the year 2000 has not been too bad in comparison despite it being unusually wet and damp.)

**Reaper's Hotel (now the Highlander Hotel)** - The rock garden to the rear of the building , described as a work of art and beautiful to behold, was open on Saturday in aid of funds for the local services canteen. (Incidentally the name Reaper came from the man who had the structure built, Police Sergeant Reaper. Mrs Reaper later married Dr Gibson.)

**Soldier jailed for bigamous marriage** - A soldier was jailed for six months for bigamously marrying Buckie woman, Miss Gladys M. Clark of 39 East Church Street.

Jn 5 **Former footballer and airman dies** - LAC George 'Dodo' Smith Hendry, 20, Cliff Terrace died. He was 20 years of age and formerly worked in the North Bank in Keith and played football for Keith F.C. At school he was both a keen athlete and footballer , besides playing for Buckie High School he also played for the Rovers.

**Another gas fatality** - Miss Jeannie Flett, 33, 5 Blantyre Terrace, Findochty, was found dead in her gas-filled home.

\*\*\*\* **Coupons for clothing - Clothes coupons for clothes came into force on Monday 2 June 1941. The allocation of 66 coupons must last until May 1942.**

Jn 12 **Lost at sea by enemy action** - James Smith, Master Mariner, husband of Jessie Thomson, Craigard, Buckie. He was 52.

**For sale** - Freuchny Ship Stores, Sailmaking, Shipchandlers and Net Barking - Wm. Imlach.

**Rathven & Portessie Youth Movement** - A Social Evening is to take place in the Rathven WRI Hall on June 12 when it is hoped to start a Youth Club. All young people between the ages of 14 and 18 cordially invited.

**Buckie priest celebrates his Jubilee in the Priesthood** - Rev Monsignor Macdonald, St Peter's Church, Buckie celebrated his Jubilee as a priest this week.

**Many prizes for Buckie musician** - Miss Elizabeth 'Betty' L. McBeath a second year pupil at the Scottish National of Music in Edinburgh won a number of monetary and other prizes for music, ones for singing and pianoforte.

**Enzie Social evening under the auspices of the EADS-** A few hands of whist were played while some of the artistes put on a play, entitled – “Mrs Char Rules The Roost”, which was much enjoyed by all. Later Duncan’s Band played music for dancing with Jimmy on the saxophone, Willie on the violin and Peter Grigor on drums.

Jn 19 **Two Portgordon boys accidentally killed** - Though it was not said in the local paper their deaths arose from injuries sustained when they went into a minefield that existed to the west of Vimy Ridge. The two boys were Peter William Farquhar 11, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Peter William Farquhar, 5 Hope Street, Portgordon who died on the 12 June and his friend, Charles James ‘Charlie’ Pope, 11, younger son of Mr and Mrs Wm. Pope, 6 Duke Place, who died a day later.  
Peter Farquhar was joint dux of the local Primary School.

**Playhouse** - showing was the film – ‘Laddie’ with Tina Holt, Virginia Gilmore and Joan Carroll.

**Poem** - ‘Go To It’ written by M.A.S. **This is found on page 3.**

**A further poem on the same page** - ‘Rationing of Clothes’ by Jane R. Cardno, in the Fraserburgh Herald.

**Buckie VC has narrow escape** - Report on page 5. Flight/Sergeant Geo. I. McIntosh, RAF, had a narrow escape when he escaped with a minor injury when struck by parts of an exploding bomb.

Jn 26 **Church minister joins up** - Rev S. H. R. Warnes, South Church, Buckie tendered his resignation as he had volunteered as a chaplain in the army.

**Poem** - ‘Daddy’s Leave’ written by J.C. Pg. **This is found on page 5.**

Jly 3 **No more word of the ATC-** Eleven weeks had gone past with no further information regarding the formation of the Thistle Squadron of the ATC.

Jly 10 **Butcher Went To War** - George Clark, Butcher, 25 East Church Street, was giving notice that his shop was now closed due to him being called for military service.

**Poem** - Yet another poem from the pen of **J.C. Portgordon**. This one was given the title of ‘My Garden’

**Missing** - Word has been received that Driver Wm. Milne, RASC, of 1 Admiralty Street, Buckie, is missing in the Middle East. He is 25, a regular soldier with six year’s service and a native of Nairn. His wife is a Buckie woman, Isabella McIntosh.

Jly 17 **Advert – “Something Lovely For Tea!”** Chicken and Ham roll at 1/8 per LB sliced. No coupons required.  
Hard baked wheaten biscuits 9d LB. Very nice with cheese. Tom Paterson, Grocer, 27 High Street.

**Get on your bike – or better somebody else’s!** “The theft of bicycles is getting beyond a joke”, quoth Baillie Hendry, heatedly, when more servicemen, both army and air force personnel, were up in front of him on this charge. **The fine was quite hefty at £5 a head.**

**Schools out for the summer vacation** - There were no prizegiving ceremonies held anywhere this year. The Arradoul bairns, as always, however, were seen to. They each received a storybook and money from Mr and Mrs Young, Arradoul Mains and Mr and Mrs Forsyth, Milton Cottage.

**Poem** - J. C’s contribution this week was ‘Enough’. **This is found on page 5.**

**Football** - The score in a match played at Victoria Park between a Military XI and an Air Force team resulted in a win for the sodgers by 6 goals to 2.

Jly 24 **Playhouse** - Showing this week - 'The Mark of Zorro with Linda Darnell and Basil Rathbone

**Pathway up side of the Buckie Burn from Buckie via Mill of Buckie** - A letter in the local paper spoke of this path being a popular walk with many people but said how the bridge over the small stream, which joins the burn before you get to the mill wheel, was in a dangerous state and needs to be repaired before an accident occurs. (Unfortunately by the year 2000, and for some years before, the path had gone out of commission despite the efforts of different people to urge its retention and upkeep.)

**Poem - 'To My Wife'**. This was written by J. C. Pg. Who said how it had been specially written on behalf of a soldier then serving in England whose wife was ill in hospital in Scotland.

**Buckpool boys get 6 strokes of the birch rod** - Two boys of 10 and 11 went aboard a drifter in Cluny Harbour where they made a mess of the bedding, broke up pieces of bread and stuffed the crumbs into the barrel of the gun before making off with a large amount of cigarettes. They then went aboard a train for Elgin without paying for a ticket. At Elgin they hid in the toilets from the police before escaping and then being caught when they gave wrong names and addresses.

The sheriff, at Banff, warned both boys that they would be put in prison if they returned in front of him again.

**\*\*\*\*\*Notice - Opening of The Buckie Sailors Home** (formerly the home of Dr Duguid and later a shop belonging to 'Billy' McGarth, Ironmonger and Travel Agent, on Cluny Square) is to be opened on Wednesday August 6<sup>th</sup> 1941 by Right Hon. Lord Inverclyde DL, Chairman of the Society in Scotland.

The general public will have the opportunity to see over the Home between 6.30 and 9.30 pm.

The Home will be open to all classes of seafarers from the day of opening.

**Methodist Church to lose minister** - Rev J.H.J. Barker MSc BD Dip. Who had been four years in Buckie is to be transferred to Sunderland.

**Buckie Youth Club - Holiday Camp at Hillhead, Portknockie** - The house and garden together with some furniture was given rent free by Mrs Patrick Gordon Shee, of Letterfourie.

Since the club acquired the premises the boys have painted and distempered the interior of the building and stained and covered the floor. The garden has been dug over and planted with potatoes and vegetables, which will be used to provide meals on Wednesdays and weekends when the boys are in residence.

The club took informal occupation of the camp on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July after much preparation work had been done. Some furniture arrived on the camp by lorry with a number of boys staying over night.

One boy asked to be wakened at 6am as he had to be in Buckie to deliver milk on his round. He left then returning at 9.30 for his porridge, milk and scrambled eggs.

The boys have had a number of visitors since taking up residence, among them being the Glasgow Rangers and Scottish Internationalist, halfback, George Brown.

Dr Ewart is the leader of the club.

**ATC** - Further appointments have been made to the Thistle Squadron, these are - Flt/Lt G.J. Milne O.C and P.O. Douglas. Parades take place on Tuesday and Thursday at 7.30 pm in the High School.

**Missing now POW** - Signaller A. J. Murray Royal Corps of Signals who was previously reported missing is now known to be a POW in Greece. He is the youngest son of Wm. Murray, 9 Seaview Road, Skipper of the drifter, Hallmark.

**Poem - 'Baby's Smile'**, this is found on **page 4 column 5**.

**Football** - In a match played at Victoria Park and RAF team beat an Army team by six goals to one to gain sweet revenge .

**Buckie Sailors Home** – This edition gives a good description of what was found within the building in terms of accommodation and other features.

**Poem** – ‘ ARP’ .This was written by J.C. Portgordon, and **found on page 8 , column 3.**

Aug 7 **Playhouse** – Deanna Durbin in ‘Spring Parade’ also Marlene Dietrich in ‘Seven sinners’.

**Poem** – ‘A Reflection’ written by James Gordon. This is found on **page 2, column 4.**

**Poem** ‘ To The Daisy’ written by J.C. Pg.. this is found on **page 3, column 5**

**Estate of Wester or Nether Buckie** - In a court case between the Crown Estates and Mrs Craigen, Anton or Lovie we are told that Nether Buckie measured 8 oxgates. **Mrs Craigen bought the Buckpool estate in 1937.**

**Summer extra hour** – The clocks to go back this extra hour on Sunday.

**First RAF honour to Buckie** - Sergeant Observer James Sargent, RAF Trevone, South Pringle Street has been awarded the DFM. He is 22 and has been in the RAF for five years, prior to this he worked with Mair, Butcher, West Church Street.

**Arradoul Youth Club** - Vice President Tom Burnett, was elected deputy captain of the football team in the temporary absence of George Brown, captain.

\*\*\*\* **German spies at Portgordon** - On page five a short note said how it had come over the radio that the two spies who came ashore near Portgordon by dinghy in September 1940 had been executed that day.

**Local Farmers’ Union formed** – President – C.A. Ritchie Factor Seafield Estates, Cullen; Vice President – R.G. Young , Arradoul Mains, Secretary- John Anton, solicitor, Buckie.

Aug 14 **Killed in action** – Sergeant Robert Alex Gray, Gordon Highlanders, eldest son of Mr and Mrs R. Gray, 6 Blairdaff Street.

**Hairdresser called up** - John ‘Jocky’ Burgess, Hairdresser, East Church Street, Buckie was informing all his customers that his shop would be closed for the duration since he had been called for military service and was unable to get someone to take his place. He thanked all those that had supported him.

**Poem** by J.C. Portgordon **on page 2** ‘ Scotland Weds England’

**Death of Mr Lucio Iannetta.** He was 65 and came to Buckie from Dundee 40 years before. He had a number of shops throughout Buckie but his main shop was the King Café on West Church Street.

**German raid on North East town-** Five people were killed and a number seriously injured when German planes dropped a number of high explosive bombs on a north east town. (Peterhead or Fraserburgh)

**Football** – Columnist ‘Critic’ wrote a report on a match between soldiers stationed in Buckie and those in Lossiemouth Army in which the Buckie side triumphed by 6 goals to 2.

**Report on the opening of the Sailors’ Home is to be found on page 6.**

**Portgordon Youth Club lose two leaders** - Miss Doreen Hay resigned her post as she was to take up nursing. She was made the recipient of a travelling clock. Dick Campbell also resigned as he was to begin training as a pilot with the RAF.

Aug 21 **Missing now POW** - Word had been received that Driver Andrew Morrison, RASC of 12 St Peter's Terrace, Buckpool who had been reported missing in the Middle East was now known to be a POW. He is 33 years of age, married with 4 of a family and prior to the war was a lorry driver with a local building firm.

**Welfare dances** - Treasurer, Rome Tocher, said that in the year that had gone by since the dances had started in the Town House in aid of Local Charities and Welfare Funds the net proceeds were £1036.7.2, which has been distributed as follows - POW Fund £12; Blood Transfusion Fund £42.19.7; Ambulance Fund £102.18.10; Forces Welfare Fund £155.3.4; War Work Fund £313.9.9.; Buckie Welfare Fund £406.15.8.

The year under review included a period during which there was only one dance a week. At the present rate of drawings the net proceeds over a complete year of three dances per week should approximate £1600

**Birch rod punishment for Buckie boys** - At Banff Sheriff Court two Buckie boys were sentenced to receive 4 strokes of the birch rod each for pilfering produce from the garden of a policeman and in addition doing damage to vegetables growing within.

A third boy was sentenced to **8 stokes of the birch rod**. He, in addition to pilfering from gardens, was also found guilty of stealing from a house, which he had entered illegally.

**Poem** - 'Sons of the Empire' written by J.M. This is **found on page five**.

**German bomb Banff Distillery** - A solitary raider dropped a high explosive bomb on warehouses at Banff Distillery. Firemen burst open barrels full of whisky to try to stop the fire from spreading. A Banff fireman filled his helmet of whisky and drank it to become 'roaring fou'. The whisky wasn't fit to be drunk. He was fined £3 or 10 days for stealing the whisky. Cattle drinking out of the burn that flows past the still were stotting about more than usual!

**Photograph of Sergeant James S Sargent, DFM**- Sergeant Sargent trained first as Wireless Operator before becoming an Observer. He is 23 and married with his wife living in England. A report described the action, which earned him the medal.

On a raid against German shipping the pilot was badly wounded in the legs. **Sergeant Sargent pulled him from his seat and flew the plane back to base where the pilot was able to take over to land the machine.**

**Poem** - 'A Mother's Heart' written by J. C. Pg. **Is found on page 8**.

Aug 28 **Sorry bit we hiv nae van the noo** - D.L. Fowler, Bakers, wishes to inform all customers that owing to circumstances outwith our control the van will be off the road for the foreseeable future. The service will resume again when conditions improve.

**Called up but shop will carry on** - A.E. Smith, Draper, Portessie, wishes to inform all that he is now in the services but that his business is being carried on in his absence.

**Notice** - William Forbes, Hairdresser, Cluny Square, wishes to say that he has been called up for military service. Thanks are extended to all my customers and would inform them that the business will be carried on in his absence by my able assistants.

**The death announcement read** - Died in France on 9 July 1940. Pte. John Bruce, Cameron Highlanders, 22, son of the late John Bruce and Mrs Bruce, 4 Samson Avenue, Craigbo, Buckie.

**\*\*\*\*\*On page 3 - Local War Casualties - - A long list of those killed, Missing and those who had received decorations.**

**Baptist Church minister on the move** - Rev H. Henderson, Baptist Church minister, Buckie, was to move to the Baptist Church, Perth at the end of September. He was to replace Rev M. Cook, formerly of Buckie, who had gone to Falkirk. Rev Henderson had been 9 years in Buckie.

**Poem** - A poem entitled 'the Cost' is to be found on page 5. This was written by J.C. Pg.

**Poem (2)** A second poem is found on the same page. This is entitled 'There'll Always Be a Scotland'. This was written by Mrs Lees of Banff in answer to a challenge. The poem was set to the same tune as There'll Always Be An England.

**Two fines for Buckie soldier** - A Buckie soldier, a sergeant, serving with the London Scottish, and home on leave was fined 10/- on two offences (£1) committed during the week. His wife was involved in both instances.

Sept 4 **Social Evening to greet new minister** - The new minister in the Methodist Church, Buckie, Rev J.L. Waddy, is to be welcomed to Buckie at a Welcome Social to be held on 10 September. A photograph of Rev Waddy is found on page 3 but the quality is poor.

**Poem** - 'Victory' written by J. C. Portgordon is found on page 3.

**Missing now POW** - Driver W.G. Whyte, Anton Street, Buckpool, formerly reported as Missing is now known to be a POW.

**Buckie Youth Club (Boys Section)** - The new office bearers elected for 1941-42 are as follows - President - George Cowie; Vice President - Alex Murray; Secretary - George Shand. Committee - Robert Geddes, George Murray, John Bruce, William Smith, Peter Cowie, Peter Murray, Charles Shearer and Robert Davidson.

**Compulsory Fire Prevention Duties** - Men between the ages of 18 and 60 in a large part of Scotland will shortly be required to register for compulsory fire prevention duties.

**Registration for National Service** - Men born between July 1<sup>st</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup> 1922 (19 years of age) are asked to register at the Labour Exchange on Saturday first.

**All men born in 1896 are required to register on Saturday 18 September.**

Sept 11 **House for sale** - Drummoyne, West Church Street was up for sale. This was later occupied by Dr Sutherland and later Dr Tuckerman in the 1990's and 2000's

**Fifteen shillings to £1 per week** - offered to strong message boy., according to suitability.

**ARP** - The letters ARP (Air Raid Precautions) on uniforms are to disappear and in future members will be known as - civil defence wardens service, civil defence ambulance service, civil defence rescue service and so on. The decision has been taken with the object of emphasising the growth and prestige of the services. The new device will show the letter C.D. under a crown in gold colour with the name of the town or county underneath on all new uniforms instead of ARP. Shoulder titles will indicate each service with different rank badges.

**Buckie Youth Club leader to leave** - Dr Ewart, MA Ph.D., History Master at Buckie High School to move to a new post at Halifax. He is to be replaced by Mr Christie.

**Two Portgordon men lost off sunk cargo vessel** - Second Engineer, Peter Innes (48) of 21 Richmond Terrace and AB Ernest Findlay (28) of 4 Gordon Street. Peter Innes left a wife, Mary Jane Cowie and three of a family.

**Absenteeism** - The people who absented themselves from Fire Watching duties came in for much criticism from the town council when they met on Monday night. ( Later a letter to the local paper criticised Police Judge Thomson's attitude towards the Fire Watchers, many

he said who were only doing it for 'filthy lucre'. The writer suggested at 70 he could do a stint himself.)

**Notice** - A large notice in the local paper spoke of the need for all men of a certain age who were required to register for Civil Defence Duties. The only ones exempt from this were - Policemen, those in the Armed Forces, Doctors, Royal Observer Corps, and those registered as being Lunatics. Failure to comply was an offence likely to incur a very heavy penalty.

Sept 18 **Death** - The death took place this week in a nursing home in Aberdeen of John Anton MA BL, solicitor. He was the elder son of John Anton JP, retired Bank Agent and brother of Alexander Elder Anton Solicitor with whom he was associated with in practice in Buckie.

**Poem** - 'To The Conchies' . This was written by R.D. H. and is found on page 5.

**Evacuees in Canada** - An article on the children who were sent across the Atlantic to Canada for safety in the first year of the war. This is found on page 6. One part reads - 'Enjoying Life in the Open'.

**Parents fined when child caught pilfering apples from garden** - The parents of a ten year old child were fined 5/- for stealing fruit from the garden at 61 West Church Street belonging to Archibald Tocher. Those on the bench remarked that they could not admonish the child with a warning since another of a similar age had received the birch rod for a similar offence. They aimed to stamp out this crime which was too prevalent in Buckie.

**Fines** - The fines for cycling without lights at this time was £1. For a blackout offence, i.e. allowing a light to escape during the hours of darkness, also £1.

Sept 25 **For sale** - The ARP News, a monthly magazine established in June 1938. Cost 9d per month and full of information for all those engaged on ARP activities.

**Former Cullen Headmaster dies** - The death took place this week of Rev Dr John S. Ewen a former headmaster of Cullen School. After spending a number of years in Education he became a minister of the church.

**Article -Buckie in the BlackOut** - This is found on page three and describes how effective the blackout was in Buckie at this time but also Portgordon and other places to Cullen.

**Greetings Message** - The first Greeting Message for Buckie, broadcast during the Forces programme on Sunday came from James Stewart, Thistledoune, West Street, Buckie. He is at present on training for the RAF at a pilot's and wireless operator's centre in Canada. He has been there for four months. A son of Mr and Mrs John Stewart he joined the RAF three years before.

**Poem** - 'Parents Love' written by Robert Jappy is found in this edition.

**Killed by enemy action** - Captain Harry Farquhar, 41, 30 Gordon Street, Portgordon lost his life when his vessel hit a German mine. He had been a captain for five years. Captain Farquhar had been a married man for five years, his wife being Catherine Bruce of Buckpool.

Oct 2 **Call up for women** - Women serving in the retail trade aged between 20 and 25 were to be called up.

**Poem** - 'God's will or Equal Shares' written by J. C. Pg. This is to be found on page 5.

Oct 9 **Welfare Dances in the Townhouse Hall** - These were still taking place on Wednesday, Fridays and Saturdays. With music by Bill Geddes and his band.  
Admittance - Wednesday (9-2 am) Gents 3/-, Ladies 2/6 and Forces in uniform 2/6  
Friday and Saturday (8-11.30 pm) Gents 2/6, Ladies 2/- Forces 2/-  
Limited number admitted, with preference for Forces on Friday and Saturday nights.

**Birch rod** - Another Buckie lad got three of the birch rod for stealing from a garden

**Wounded** - Word had been received by his parents that Sergeant W.J. Henderson, Drybridge, had been wounded in action.

**The Day's Work by 'Spike'**- Poem by 'Q' Coull - "My Auld Squeel". This is found on page 6.

**Mair than bairns amon' the aipples** - Two airmen , were fined 30/- in Elgin sheriff Court for stealing apples from a garden at Duffus . They said that they had seen the apples lying on the ground while the house seemed deserted and thought that the fruit was going to waste. Further they were hungry at the time. they said. (Did the punishment fit the crime, like the loons getting the birch rod the sentence (at least by today's standards, in 2000, seems to have been more than severe.)

Oct 16 **Advert** - Arradoul Youth Movement . the Club will meet on Friday 17 October at 7.30 pm. H. Whitecross and A. Russell, Joint Secretaries.

**Rathven Ladies Dance** - in aid of War Charities in the Church Hall, Portessie Friday 31 October at 8 pm.

Novelty dances and prizes, Music by the **Nightingale band.**

Admittance - Gents 2/6, Ladies and Forces in uniform 1/6. R. Durno and I. Cranna Joint secretaries.

**Arradoul Youth Movement - Halloween Dance** in the WRI Hall on Thursday 23 October at 8.30 pm. Novelty Dances - Tea. - Music by Geddes' Band. Admittance 2/- Club Members and Forces 1/-

**Home Guard 9 Platoon** - Whist Drive in the Church Hall, Portessie, on Wednesday 22 October, commencing at 7.30 pm. Admittance 1/- . Tea. Please bring own sugar.

**Playhouse** - 'Target For Tonight ' . A Ministry of Information film produced with full co-operation of the RAF.

**It doesn't pay to beg** - Police Judge Thomson sent two vagrants, a man and a woman, to prison for seven days for begging on Marine Place.

**No concert in Buckie** - It had been hoped to stage a concert, with some high-ranking named artistes, including Harry Gordon, in the Playhouse Cinema, Buckie, in aid of the British Sailors Society but the magistrates - Provost Merson and Baillies, Hendry and Milton refused to give permission. Their refusal was roundly condemned in an article written by F.S. The concert did take place in the Playhouse Cinema, Elgin, with a free bus from Buckie, when the sum of £200 was raised.

At a meeting of Buckie Town Council a councillor asked why the magistrates had refused permission for the concert but was not answered. Later it transpired that Provost Merson had been refused the Playhouse for an event to raise £60 for the Blood Transfusion Service.

**Its unsafe to keep ferrets.** This would seem to be the case with a man catching the 'Flu from his pet ferret It set the doctors on the track of the germ.

Oct 23 **Keep off** - Those people who are known to be pilfering tatties, carrots and turnips from the fields on the lotted lands are warned that they will be prosecuted if found to be trespassing - James Forbes, Gordon Milne and Brodie Taylor.

**Fish prices** - All varieties of white fish have been at control figures during the week except small plaice, lemon sole and small dabs. Whittings and haddocks were the chief landings. Skate and roker were fetching within 1/- per box of control price of 7/- per stone.

**Big shot!** A Scottish drifter on Tuesday landed the most valuable shot of herring seen at her port for 20 years or more. The catch was sold at 90/- per cran and aggregated £9000 roughly.

**Low rank aircrew** - A/C Charles Webster (24) second son of Mr and Mrs Charles Webster, Smallburn, Cairnie, was reported missing from air operations. He is a wireless operator on a bomber and has made several trips over Germany. (Later in the war all aircrew members were ranked sergeant and above to help them if shot down over enemy territory and taken prisoner.)

**Fined for black-out offences** - Among those fined at Banff Sheriff court this week were Mr James Smith, Commercial Hotel, Buckie and Mr Peter Bruce, 27 West Church Street. Mr Bruce said that he had been testing the effectiveness of the blackout on a window and had gone outside to check - it wasn't too good he found as did a passing policeman.

Oct 30 **Playhouse** - "Love on The Dole" starring Deborah Kerr and Clifford Evans. Another film being shown is 'Murder Over New York' with Sydney Toler.

**Missing believed killed on active service** - Seaman James McKenzie Slater, RN, (late Fishery Officer at Wick.). He is the husband of Sadie was known to have been sunk.

**Poem by "Q Coull"** (by Spike) called 'The Puddock' is found on page 3. (Worth taking a copy)

**Wrang hoose !** A Danish fisherman, named, meantime in residence in Lorraine, Baron Street, was absent overnight from this abode. He had spent the night in the house of a woman, named, at 5 Baron Street. He was fined £2 and the woman £1.

**No room for him at the inn!** Another foreign fisherman spent the night in a local hotel with his wife, who had travelled up from London, rather than in what was his appointed place of residence. He pleaded that he didn't think he was doing any ill but the beaks thought other wise and he was also fined.

**Put that fag out!** It was seen as a breach of discipline for a member of the ATS to be found smoking on the street. It was perfectly okay for her to light up elsewhere, however.

**Three Buckie sailors presumed lost** - Three Buckie men who were originally reported missing then believed to be POW were now officially presumed to have lost their lives through enemy action.

They are - Alexander Stewart, 23, only son of Mr and Mrs John Stewart, 48 Main Street, Buckpool; George Coull, 25, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Alexander Coull, 30 New Street and William Cowie, 23, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Cowie, 23 Harbour Street and formerly of 43 Main Street.

All the men were in the RNR before the war and were serving on board the destroyer, Acastia. They were first reported missing in June 1940.

Nov 6 **Hairdresser returns** - John Burgess, Hairdresser, 27 East Church Street, Buckie, who was recently called up for military purposes has been discharged, and is to resume business on Monday 10 November.

**Poem** - 'Sunset' written by James Gordon, Glasgow. (A religious type of poem, worth taking a copy.) It is found on page 2.

Nov 13 **Playhouse** - 'Little Nelly Kelly' starring Judy Garland.

**Trust Deed** - Alexander McKenzie trading as John Grant and Co. Globe Stores, East Church Street, Buckie signed a Trust Deed on behalf of his creditors. The business, however, is to be carried on.

**Shop closing hours were being changed** - The Banffshire Advertiser is to close each day at 5 pm except for Wednesday and Saturday. On Wednesday the shop will close at 1 pm while on Saturday it will be 6 pm.

**Decorated by the King** - Two Buckie men received the DSM from King George VI at Buckingham Palace. Engineer Jas. C. Penman, 28, RNR of 36 Main Street, who was also mentioned in Dispatches this year, and Engineer Peter Clark, 5 Main Street, both of Buckpool.

\*\*\*\* **The Banffshire Advertiser celebrated its Diamond Jubilee – 1881 – 1941. One can read an article on page 5.**

Nov 20 **Sunday Concerts for HM Forces**- The town council agreed to allow the Townhouse Hall to be used on Sunday evenings for concerts for HM Forces at a charge of 5/-. This to be met from the Welfare Fund.

**Photograph** - In this edition one finds a photograph of two airmen reading the local 'Squeak' somewhere in the Sudan. LAC R. Wheeler, 6 High Street, Portgordon and LAC J. Sinclair, Edinburgh, husband of Ellie Cowie, 46 St Peter's Road, Buckie. She is meantime serving in the WAAF.

**Poem** – 'The Ark Royal' written by J.C. Portgordon. This is found on page 7.

Nov 27 **Playhouse** - A film based on George Bernard Shaw's book 'Major Barbara' starring Wendy Hiller and Rex Harrison et al. Another film this week is H. G. Wells' "Kipps".

Dec 4 Little of note.

Dec 11 **Findochty airmen killed in flying accident** - LAC Edward John Dyce, RAF, 21, third son of Mr and Mrs George Dyce, lost his life as a result of a flying accident. He was a keen footballer having played for Findochty F.C. and latterly The Wanderers. Prior to joining the RAF he was employed by LNER.

Dec 18 **Died of wounds** - Word has been received that SSM John 'Jackie' Cowie RNR, died of wounds in a hospital in the Middle East. He was a son of Mr and Mrs Alexander Cowie, Cooper, 44 Land Street, Buckpool. He had been in the Army for 7 years, 6 of those having been spent in Egypt.

**Died while a POW in Germany** - Word has been received that Driver William Green Whyte, 32, husband of Margaret Grant, 2 Macduff Street, Lossiemouth and second son of Mr and Mrs Whyte, 27 Anton Street, Buckpool.

**Notice – Buckie Sailors Society – Sailors Home, Buckie.** On Christmas Day the management extend the hospitality of the Home to all seamen, British and Foreign of allied and friendly nations. On this occasion our Service for the Sailor is Free. J. Geddes Smith Local Chairman.

**Lost at sea** - Seaman Peter McKenzie Cormack, only son of Mr and Mrs Cormack, 29 Mill Crescent. He was serving in the MN aboard a cargo ship that struck a mine and was sunk.

Dec 25 **Festive Events** - Enzie Amateur Dramatic Society are holding a whist drive and dance in the Clochan School on Monday 29 December. Whist/Tea 1/6. Dance 1/6. Please take your own sugar.

**"Something Good To Spin Out the Ration"** Packets of dried cod fish – 9d LB; tins of kidney, oxtail and vegetable soups, at 6d and 8 1/2 each. Jars of meat and fish paste at 5d and 8d per jar. T. Paterson, Grocer, 27 High Street.

**Football** - Buckie Section ATC 3 Cullen Section ATC 1  
Buckie team – J. Herd, E. Geddes and W. Wood; H. Rodger, K. Imlah and J. Simpson; G. Cowie, W. Hendry, D. Will, J. Cowie and J. Paterson

Cullen team – W. Munro, I. Slater and A. Wood; J. Pirie, A. Stevenson and A. Murray, W. Findlay, A. Ross, I. Grant, J. Findlay and D. Findlay.

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Children's Corner – Uncle Bert  
District Flashes.