

1942

Jan 1 **Findochty War Comforts Fund - Whist Drive and Dance** to be held in the Masonic Hall on Monday 5 January 1942. Whist Drive /Dance - 2/6; Forces 1/6; Whist only 1/6, Forces 1/-. Dance only 1/6, Forces 1/- Military Band.

Arradoul WRI are to hold a **Whist Drive and Dance** on Tuesday 6 January. Duncan's Band.

Home Guard. 9th Platoon, to hold a dance in the Portessie Hall on Monday 5th January. Admission 1/6 and 1/-. Geddes Band.

Order of Eastern Star were to hold a Whist Drive and Dance in the Church Hall, Portessie on New Year's Day, Thursday 1 January. Military Band.
Whist and dance - 2/6 - Whist only 1/6 - Dance only 1/6. Forces 1/6.

Home Guard 12 Platoon was to hold a Fun Fair in the Masonic Hall, Portgordon on behalf of British Sailors Society, Portgordon Branch on Wednesday 7 January at 7.30 pm . Admission 1d.

Buckie Welfare Fund Committee held a Christmas treat for forces in the Town House, Buckie. Catering was carried out by a committee of 32 ladies, ably assisted by wives of members of the forces, all under Mrs Tocher. The function conveners were William Smith, J. Clyne, John H. Duncan, and Rome Tocher. Toasts were given by R. Merson, J. Duncan, Rev John Tennant and R.W. F. Johnston.

The following list of men is a supplement to that first printed in the B. A. of August 1941.

Those killed in action- died of wounds - missing presumed killed.

John Bruce, 57 Main Street, lost in may 1940 with HMT Thuringa.
Seaman Peter McKenzie Cormack, MN, 29 Mill Crescent lost Dec. 1941.
George Coull, RNR, 30 New Street, presumed killed in action June 1940.
Joseph Coull RNR, 84 Seatown, lost with HMD Ray of Hope, 10 Dec. 1940.
SSM John Cowie, Royal Tank Regiment, 44 Land Street, died of wounds, Middle East, Nov. 1941
William Cowie, RNR, 23 Harbourhead, was presumed lost in action in June 1940.
LAC Edward John Dyce, RAF, Netherton, Findochty, was killed in action in December 1941.
Captain Harry Farquhar, M.N. 30 Gordon Street, Portgordon, was killed in action at sea.
AB Ernest Findlay, 4 Gordon Street, Portgordon was lost at sea.
Second Engineer, Peter Innes, 2 Richmond Place, Portgordon was lost at sea.
Guardsman Houston McLean, 6 Reid Terrace, Portgordon, was presumed killed in action in May '40.
Seaman John Robertson, 26 Harbour Street, was lost with HMT Ben Volio, in February 1940.
Alex Stewart, RNR, 6 Chapel Street, Findochty was lost on HMS Dunvegan Castle in August 1940.
Driver William Green Whyte, RASC, 27 Anton Street, died of wounds in Germany.

P.O.W.

Driver Andrew Morrison, RASC, 12 St Peter's Terrace, Buckpool.

Honours

Peter Clark, RNR, 5 Main Street awarded the DSM.

Skipper, J. Morrison, RNR, Morven View, Portgordon, DSC.
 Engineer, James Penman, RNR, 36 Main Street. Buckie, DSM (1939)

Jan 8 **Died in hospital at Colchester** - 3 June 1942 – Pte Robert McKay McLaren, 6th Gordons, Auchenthalrig. He was buried at Bellie Cemetery with full military honours.
Died of wounds at Leicester - Lieut. E. P. Stanford, husband of Mary Hume (daughter of Mr Hume, Plasterer). He was 48.

Buckie Town Council were to enlist an Army of Children to Fight Hitler. They aimed to conscript the children in an intensive Drive for Waste Paper.

A horseman was wanted for Arradoul Mains, capable of all farm work.

In the 'Spike' column a poem by 'Q' Coull is found entitled 'Fan Will We See Buckie Thistle Again?' **See page 3.**

A foreign seaman was fined £5 for creating a disturbance in a chip shop on West Church Street and insulting American and British forces.

Those who gave money - The B. A. carried a list of the names of those who had contributed to POW Fund.

Jan 15 **Died of wounds in the Middle East** - Sergeant R.T. Stewart (Dick), Royal Tank Regiment, Aged 21 he was a grandson of Mrs Stewart, 2 Union Terrace, Buckpool. He had been a message boy with Laing, Butcher, before enlisting in 1936. He was interested in the Boy Scout movement and had been a drummer in the Rover Scout band.

A number of people were fined for blackout offences. The fines ranging from 15/- to 30/-

Missing in Hong Kong - Pte. Alexander Thomson, 23, eldest son of Mr and Mrs A. Thomson, Lorraine, Baron Street. He was a regular soldier in the Royal Scots and had served for 5 years. His parents, some time after the war and through diligent search were told that their son had been lost when a ship carrying prisoners from Hong Kong to Japan had been sunk.

Arradoul Youth Club held their first meeting of 1942, which began with community singing led by Mrs Geddes on the piano. A five-minute competition was won by Miss Joy Young, Arradoul and Mr William Duncan, Broadley.

Dancing, singing and games then took place with music provided by Mrs Geddes and Mrs Brander on the piano and Wm. and Geo. Duncan on violins.

It was decided that three short sketches would be produced in the spring. Miss Isabel MacDonald, Rosebank, Cairnfield was elected a member of the committee.

Tea was served by members of the junior committee .

Railings were being taken down all through the town and going for scrap.

Complaints were heard that the work had been given to an outside contractor. Discussion took place in the council as to what railings might be left. One such set was that at the Lady Cathcart School on the wall facing High Street, it being considered children could be at risk if this was removed.

School Janitors pack in - Both the temporary head janitor Mr J. A. Penwright and his temporary assistant, Mr A.R. Barrie resigned from their posts after complaining that they were getting insufficient pay. Mr Penwright said how their pay was less than what labourers were getting.

Their resignations were accepted with both jobs being advertised in the next week's local paper.

Jan 22 **Died of wounds in the Middle East** – Sergeant James A Power 'Peter' (25) only son of Mrs M. Power, 21 Anton Street, Buckpool. He joined the South African Air

Force before being transferred to the SAMS. with which he was serving when he was wounded he had been in South Africa where he worked as an electrician in the South African gold mines.

A children's concert took place in Portgordon with the names of many people known to me taking part, among them being three of the Inglis family from Richmond Terrace as well as others.

Fish prices at Buckie were as follows – haddocks, codlings, whittings, saithe, ling and cod all made the market control price of 45/6. Lemon sole, plaice, dabs and witches sold for 101/6 per 7 stone box. Haddock and cod roes – 7/6, hake – 9/- roker –6/6, monk fish-4/3. Supplies were good.

Eight girls left Buckie by train to work in munition factories in England. They were joined by girls from Keith . With so many girls from this area a now in a certain part of England they have created a little Banffshire.

Aid to Russia donations amounted to £89.3.3.

Page five carried a report on a Burns Supper with Mr J.P. Buchan giving the 'Immortal Memory.'

Buckie boat sinks - The Buckie seine net boat, 'Spider', skipper Andrew May, Portessie, sank in the Moray Firth after springing a leak. The wreckage was later swept up on the beach . Skipper May, along with the only other man on board, was rescued.

Been a column for a long time - *The Banffshire Advertiser* was still carrying a column that had been going for a long time entitled – "Fireside Talk o' Auld Freens.

Some other things that had lasted down through the years were the advert of Doans for Backache and Blanchards Female Pills. *as officially dispensed to the Women's Army during the Great War.*

Jan 29 **Seaman lost at Tilbury Docks** - AB William Ross, 6 Seafield Street , Findochty has been reported missing at Tilbury Dock, London.

Burns speech - On page three one can read the speech given by Provost Merson on Burns Immortal Memory.

A poem is found on page five column 5 written by J. C., Portgordon. This is entitled 'Winter'.

Feb 6 **The Baptist Church welcomed their new minister**, Rev Alex J. R. McKenzie who came to Buckie from Scarsferry, Caithness. He succeeded Rev. H. Henderson who had gone to the West Church, Perth.

Two temporary janitors were appointed to Buckie High School. Mr Henry Scott, Bellevue, South Pringle Street was appointed as head with Mr Bert Stage Smith as his assistant.

Feb 12 **Lost at sea through enemy action** - Alex 'Sandy' Innes, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Rome Innes, 7 Gordon Street.

Killed in action – Leading Seaman Alexander Goodbrand Sutherland 'Sandy' RNR, second son of Mr John Sutherland 7 Hall Street, Findochty.

A big meeting was publicised on the front page of the B.A. This was directed at young women who were wanted both for the ATS and for munition work. The meeting was to take place in the Townhouse with community singing led by Mr Whittle, The Haughs, Keith accompanied by Mr H. J. Sandison.

These proved to be something of a flop with only 30 women turning up and then mostly were beyond the required age.

The National Fire Service is to hold a dance in the Town House.

8pm until 1am Admission Gents 2/6, ladies 2/- HM Forces 1/- Novelty and Spot Dances - Geddes's Band.

The Church of Scotland (North Kirk) Seat Rent Collection was to take place on Wednesday 18 February from 7 till 8 pm.

The ATC (Air Training Corps) Thistle Squadron takes in boys from Portgordon to Cullen. They are to hold a whist drive and dance in the Town House . Ticket - 4/-. Admission by ticket only .

Bring your own sugar. Geddes band.

A fairly hefty admission fee when all others are of the order of 2/6 to 3/-. Knowing that they were certain to get a large crowd whatever this could be seen as profiteering.

A couple of photographs on page three were of two local airmen. Sergeant Pilot, James George Bruce, Buckie and Sergeant Observer, Adam Herd Flett, Findochty. They were both awarded the DFM. They were serving together in the RAF and on the same plane. They had taken part in many daring low-level attacks over Germany in daylight. James Bruce was a son of Councillor Bruce, fishsalesman.

What will we do with the grun? The Town Council were discussing what crops, if any, they were to grow in the various parks in the town. Barley had proved to be a failure on the Provost's Park, (now called Merson's Park) Buckpool, while sugar beet had done well. It was agreed to grow this crop for a second year. Tatties were to be planted in Linzee Gordon, Park.

Buckie Thistle Football Club Ltd held their AGM in the Townhouse. Mr J. L. was in the chair in the absence of the president. The treasurer reported that there had been a loss of £88.15.6 on the year - 1940-41.

The retiring directors - D. Marshall, Invergordon and Dr J. Geddes Smith, Buckie, were both re-elected as was the auditor, John W. Gordon. MBE.

The ATC would like more boys - A recruitment campaign is to take place by the ATC Thistle Squadron, in an effort to increase the complement from 129, as it was, to 150 or more. It was said how two of their members had been accepted for training as pilots.

Rev S. H.R. Warnes resigned from the South Church. The new minister was to be Rev. Walter Johnston, Dunnet, Caithness.

Buckie was spending £200 a month in Service For The Sailor through the British Sailors Society but was still sending contributions to headquarters.

Feb 19 **Tom Paterson, Grocer, 27 High Street says** - Bring your 'Points' Book to us and get a good selection of the following - Cooked meats - various kinds. Dried fruits and cereal. Also your "yellow Book" for soaps and washing powder. Tom Paterson, Grocer, 27 High Street, Buckie.

Adverts - A & C Cole, Ladies and Gents Hairdressers, Cluny Square, Buckie
Motor Hiring - Gordon Brothers, 3 Harbour Street.
J. A. Forrest, Electrical and Radio Engineer, 22 Low street, Buckie.

***** **Government Notice - Soap Rationing** From Monday Feb. 9th, soap may be bought only against coupons or buying permit. Each of the four coupons, which make up a four-week's ration will entitle you to any one of the following - either 4oz. hard soap, common household soap in bars or pieces

or 3 oz. toilet soap
 or 3oz. soap flakes or chips
 or 6oz soap powder No. 1
 or 12 oz soap powder No. 2
 or 60z soft soap

Rationing will not apply to shaving soap and dental soap, shampoo powders, liquid soap or scourers.

Advert - Lang for Spectacles , Eyeglasses - Repairs. Lang for Eye Comfort
 Thomas W. Lang, Optician, 29 West Church Street, (next door to the Picture House).

Killed in the Far East - Sgt. Pilot, D.G. Christian, son of Mr Christian, former teacher at Buckie High School. He was 29 and lived in Aberdeen where he left a widow and child.

Clochlan sailor killed in action - Leading Supply Assistant, Charles Yeats, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Yeats, Clochan was killed on active service. He joined the navy on leaving Enzie Public School.

Arradoul Youth Club - Miss Jessie McIvor and Mr Frank Burgess were elected to the committee in place of Mr Tom Burnett and Miss Helen Whitecross who were now on military service.

Poem on page 5 column 2 - This was written by J. C. Portgordon and entitled 'To The Mouse'.

Feb 26 **Around 100 couples attended a dance held in the Town House** by the AFS. (Auxiliary Fire Service)
 Music was supplied by Geddes Band. A Spot Dance was won by Mr Ian Johnston and Miss J. Thain.

A dance in the Drill Hall ran by the Home Guard attracted a crowd of around 65 couples.

Death of former local publican -The death took place in Aberdeen of Mr Hunter a former publican of the Harbour Bar, Buckpool.

***** **The Home Guard was changed from being voluntary to one of compulsory service.**

Two poems are to be found on page 8 - One by J. C. Portgordon entitled - 'To The Daffodil' and the other ' Heroes' by A. S. Buckie.

Mar 5 **The new gas manager at Buckie is Mr Mitchell**, who was previously manager of Penecuik and District Gas company. He was appointed engineer and manager of the Buckie Gas Light Company in succession to the late Mr H. G. Keillor.

*** **Death of 'Forty Pooches'**. The death took place this week in the Elgin hospital of Harry Johnston, better known by his sobriquet , 'Forty Pooches'. He was originally a fireman on the railway on the London to Brighton line but took to tramping over 50 years before. he was the best known personality in railway circles and tramped continuously on the line and depended entirely on the generosity of railwaymen for his existence.

Removal of railings - It was agreed to leave the railings at Lady Cathcart School.

Loitering seen as a major crime - A number of young men were fined £1 each for loitering on the pavement of West Church Street and failing to move when asked to do so by the police. **"Loitering will not be tolerated and has got to**

stop", said Police Judge MacDonald after one councillor had suggested that the fine was rather heavy for a first offence.

Mar 12 **Poem on page 2 column 3** - This was written by J. C. Portgordon and entitled 'Sussex Downs' .

J.C. was a man and a native of Sussex in the south of England. It just happened that his initials were the same as that of long time contributor Mrs Jessie Campbell

There were a number of different columns being written in the B. A. of this time. One was "The Weekender - Conversation Pieces". This was most often found on page three.

A number of church changes - Over the past few months and during next few weeks the following church changes or will take place . In September, Rev J. L. Waddy succeeded Rev J. H. J. Barker, in the Methodist Church. Rev . J. R. McKenzie succeeded Rev H. Henderson in the Baptist Church. In February Rev Walter Johnston succeeded Rev S. H. R. Warnes in the South Church. In May Rev E. Adam is to be succeeded by Rev J. C. N. McCallum in All Saints Episcopal Church.

Jameison's Cycle and Radio Stores, 22 Seaview Road, Buckpool. All kinds of radio models in stock with the latest push button tuning. A selection of musical instruments and accessories. New and second hand bicycles and accessories in stock. All classes of repairs done. Batteries charged, called for and delivered. Drydex, Ever Ready, HT and LT batteries.

Lost at sea - Alex Hay, 3 James Street was lost with the sinking of a coaster. He was 39 and left a widow and three children. Also lost off the same boat was , Joseph Flett, 2 New Street, Findochty. He was 24 and the second son of Mr Flett. He was a fisherman pre-war.

The Banffshire Advertiser can be posted to any address. The charges are - 4 weeks - 1/-; 13 weeks - 3/3; 26 weeks - 6/6; year - 13/-

Columns in the Banffshire Advertiser - The *Banffshire Advertiser* has a number of different columns written each week, besides the ones already mentioned there are - - "Farm and Field" by our correspondent, "Of Interest To Women" , "Children's Corner", written by Uncle Fred, "At the Pier" by the Skipper and "It Strikes One" by Wag - at -the Wa'

In this last column one can read how the person in Buckie to have the first car was Mr Robertson, Chemist. this was a 10hp De Dion, which had bucket seats. Dr Duguid, Senior and Junior had cars two and three when they changed from gee -gees to 12 hp Rovers. The writer of the article had car number four being a 6hp Rover. This information is given on page 6.

It was reported that the war was costing £15 million per day.

Adverts - Ovaltine and Beecham Powders

Mar 19 **Died in hospital** - Skipper John Robert Bruce, RNR, aged 37, husband of Margaret Paterson, Craigielea, St Peter's Road, Buckpool, died in the Naval Hospital in Leith. He was the younger son of Mr Bruce, 32 Seaview Road.

Lost at sea - James Cowie, RNR, 23, eldest son of Mr George Cowie, 17 Mill Crescent, Buckie.

A RAF Recruiting team is to pay a visit to the Labour Exchange in Buckie. They are on the search for volunteers for both the RAF and WAAF. Urgently required are RAF aircrew and WAAF balloon operators, cooks and MT drivers.

Whist Drives are exceptionally popular as can be gathered from the adverts on the front page of the B. A. and also reports under **Local and District News.** The following organisations were mentioned in this edition as having ran a whist drive - Home Guard, Bowlers, Special Constabulary, Charity, Arradoul WRI, Catholic. As a rule the number of tables involved ranged from 15 to 22.

**** **BANFFSHIRE WARSHIP WEEK - 21 - 28 MARCH** - An appeal is being made to the general public. It is hoped to raise the sum of £180,000 to purchase the gunboat, **HMS Scorpion.** The previous year, during '**War Weapons Week**' Banffshire raised the sum of £287,000.

The fall of Singapore - Following the fall of Singapore to the Japanese, the following local men were reported as missing. Most of them were eventually traced as being prisoners of the Japs and held in captivity for three and a half years.

Corporal W. A. Spence, Gordons, son of Mr James Spence, 56 Mill Crescent, Buckie. He was 27 and had been nine years in the army.

Pte. Robert 'Bobby' Lawson, Gordons, son of Mr and Mrs James Lawson, 22 Robert Street. He was called up with the Territorials and was wounded in France. He had spent 18 months in Singapore. He was 21 and before the war worked as a watchmaker with Mr McGregor.

Piper Alex Taylor, Gordons, son of Mr John Taylor, Rathven Village. He had been six years in the army with five years abroad. He was 25 and had formerly been a farm servant.

Piper James McKenzie Stables, son of Mr Robert Stables, Rathven Village. He had been 7 years in the army, with five years spent abroad. He was 26 and had also been a farm servant.

Privates Douglas and Walter French, 2nd Gordons, sons of Mrs French, Slackhead, Enzie.. They both joined the army nine years before and were previously farm servants.

Pte. Alex Scorgie, Gordons, was 24 and the youngest son of Mr and Mrs R. Scorgie, Tynet. He had been abroad for two years and was formerly employed by J.P. Pozzi.

Pte. Charles Farquhar,, 2nd Gordons, son of Mr and Mrs Wm. Farquhar, P. O. Buildings, Buckie. He was a Territorial before joining the army as a regular soldier. He was 28 and a former baker. he had been abroad for three years.

More people were fined for the crime of loitering and refusing to move when told to do so by the police. Many of those apprehended were couples, young girls with soldiers smooching in doorways. It was common for them to move but to return to their original position after the police had moved on.

They were selling seagulls to eat for a sixpence in the Smithfield Market, London. We were told of how the fishy taste might be greatly removed.

Another column was added to the number already in the B. A. This one was called "In Passing" by Sculator.

The AGM of Buckie and District Fishermen's Benevolent Society took place this week. the president was James R. C. Logie.

Mar 26 **The films showing in the Playhouse this week and to Thursday next were** - Thursday - Ceasar Romero in 'Tall Dark and Handsome.' Friday and Saturday - 'The Common Touch' with Greta Gynt etc Monday and Tuesday - Bob Hope and Dorothy Lamour in 'Caught in the Draft'.

Wednesday and Thursday - Anton Walbrook in 'Dangerous Moonlight'.

Died in Hospital at Lybster - Aircraftsman A.L. Hepburn, Ayr, son of Mrs Hepburn, Elmbank, St Peter's Terrace, died in Lybster Auxiliary Hospital, Caithness.

Buckie Welfare Committee had been holding a series of concerts each Sunday during the winter months. This was the last one for the season and all those who had taken part were invited to come along to the final one on Sunday 29 March in the Town House. John H. Duncan.

A serial about the Great War - The B.A. was carrying a short serial entitled 'The Way of the Huns' - 'A tale of the Great War' written by Elvina Bannerman.

Missing in Singapore - Other servicemen reported missing with the fall of Singapore.

Pte. John Morrison, Gordons, son of Mrs Morrison, 24 Merson Street. He had been nine years in the army and was previously a farm servant.

Corporal James Cullinane, Gordons, 2 Union Terrace, Buckie. He had been nine years in the army and had spent five years in Singapore.

Piper Harry Niven, 11 Blantyre Terrace, Ianstown. He was 24 and had been over six years in the army with more than half of this spent in Singapore. He had two brothers in the army, John and William.

Apr 2 **Gospel Services are to take place in the Cluny Hall (Morven Hall) on the Lord's Day.**

A visiting speaker was to attend. Hymn books provided and no collection. Come.

For sale large hall in excellent condition on Hay Street, Buckpool. Apply to Alex Elder Anton, solicitor. (This was the hall built for the Unity Lodge of Good Templars, opened in 1932, and in 2000, as the former Star Garage at Bridgend, was again up for sale.)

Cattle prices at the marts - The B.A. at this time carried advertisements for both the Cornhill and Elgin Auction Marts saying what animals were to be forward for sale. The following week where the animals came from and the prices that were got for them.

Missing in the Far East - Pte. Ian Donald, Gordons, of 12 Great Eastern Road, Portessie. he was 22 and had served in the army for six years with three of those in Singapore. He had formerly been a baker with Wm. Young.

Pte. George Cowie, Gordons, third son of John Cowie, Bryson Crescent, Craigbo, Portessie. He was 20 years of age and had been in Malaya for three years. He formerly worked with Laing, Butcher.

Pte. Peter Wilson, Gordons, whose home was at Mackays Buildings. He had been 8 years in the army with three years abroad.

A Flag Day held to raise funds for 'Jock's Box' realised the sum of £49.18.11.

Three married women, all living at Bridgend, were fined £2 each for having foreigners staying in their houses overnight. All aliens at his time were confined to their boats or recognised places of abode after a certain time of night.

The Banffshire Warships Week raised the quite enormous sum of £364,740. the target had been set at £180,000.

Buckie raised £72,672, Keith £60,044, Banff £58,000.

Locally Portgordon - £2,460; Findochty-£14,870; Cullen - £18,614; Portknockie - £11,000

The Buckie figure was £27.000 in excess of that collected during War Weapons week in 1941.

Poem on page 8 - 'Messengers' by W. T. MacGregor.

As we are told - According to a note in the B. A. the shipping disaster which took place off Buckie when a number of boats were lost in 1860, after a storm had sprang up rather unexpectedly, and known as the 'Sma Wick' disaster was so called after the name of one of the boats that was lost. It has been said that the disaster was watched by the laird of Cluny that day and led him to leave money for the original Buckie Harbour to be built. (Earlier in the century a larger shipping disaster took place off Wick itself.)

Apr 9 **Householders Warned** - Refuse bins will **not** be emptied if paper is included among the contents. It is an offence and men **must be** protected. John Murdoch Burgh Surveyor.

Arradoul Youth Club are to hold a dance on 17 April in aid of the P. O.W. Band. The dance is to start at 8.00pm with music supplied by **Buckie Youth Club Band.**

Admission 2/- . Members showing cards 1/- bring **your own sugar.**

A fashion note -- A tailor in Paris was said to have been making trousers with wooden goloshes attached to overcome the shortage of leather.

Presumed lost at sea - Mr George Jappy, Bosun, 52, of 4 Mid Street, Buckie was presumed to have been lost off a merchant vessel in the Far East. He had been at sea for 30 years and during the Great War had been torpedoed twice, on one occasion being in the water for 30 hours.

Rev A. M. Stuart, Rathven, was granted permission to go on combatant service with the RAF.

Nice work if you can get it - At a meeting of Buckie Town Council it was agreed to appoint ex Councillor Yuill as full-time Fireguard Officer at a salary of £250. Agreement was, however, not unanimous, with some councillors of the opinion that the salary was too high.

Mums leave children to go dancing - A letter to the B. A. spoke of there being cases of child neglect in Elgin where their mothers were out at dances. The letter went on to criticise Buckie Welfare Committee for running the dances in the Town House, which were known to be attracting many married women in the town and neglecting their children. **It spoke of many children suffering from impetigo as a result.** (I wouldn't deem to know what the connection was.)

Yet another column is found in the B.A. This was called Once a month "Said on Sunday" by A.M.S.

The Studio, Portessie (Ali Mohammed) For All Kinds of Photography. (He had his shop where the Craigenroan Bar had been for some years prior to 2000. He later moved up to East Church Street into what had been Clark's Studio for many years. Before.)

Apr 16 'Q' Coull had a poem written in 'Spike's' column. 'A Game O' Boole's'

Missing at Singapore - Sergeant John Shand , A.A. R.A., eldest son of Mr and Mrs Willie Shand Briarbank, Mill of Buckie was reported missing after the fall of Singapore. He had been over 6 years in the army with more than five of these spent abroad.

Gunner George Stewart Campbell, son of Mr Wm. Campbell, Painter, 15 Merson Street, Buckpool was also missing in the Far East.

Presumed killed in action - CPO Alex Thomson, DSM RNR, whose home was at 9 Pringle Street, Buckie, was presumed killed in action. He was 36 and before the war had been an engineer on a coaster. He left a widow, one son and three daughters.

The new councillor appointed to replace ex Councillor Yuill was Mr T. Mowatt.

Weetabix had a big advert in the paper this week.

We have a good selection second furniture Robertson's Fordyce, had had an advert in the B. A. for some time. It had become even larger with the passing of time until it took up almost half a page. Intending customers were advised how to get to Fordyce if travelling by bus. **It was only a 15-minute walk from the end of the Sandend Road.**

Apr 23 **Died of wounds in the East** - David Cowie, I/C R.A., at 24 years, the youngest son of James Cowie, 4 Hope Street, Portgordon.

The Prisoner of War Fund stood at £75.15., as shown on the front page of the B. A.

The Buckie Riot of 1872. A report of this is given on page 3, columns 1 and 2. This had been copied from the Huntly Express.

Youth Club members join - Members from the Youth Clubs at Portgordon, Rathven and Buckie were present at the dance ran by Arradoul Youth Club in the WRI Hall. Miss Joy Young, president, handed over prizes for dance competitions to Miss Nan Newlands, Thomas Wilson and Stuart Donald.

The Junior committee served tea. A. Russell and Nora MacPherson were joint secretaries while A. Russell and George McIvor were doorkeepers and George 'Dod' Innes, M.C.

Old folk have social evening - Buckie Welfare Committee entertained a large gathering of old people on Tuesday evening in the Town House in a social way.

Apr 30 **Playhouse Cinema tonight** - Don Ameche in "Kiss The Boys Goodbye"
Monday and Tuesday - Mickey Rooney in "Rage in Heaven"

Why grouse about rationing? Think on these things - We had no sugar until the 13th century; no coal until the 14th; no tobacco or potatoes until the 16th; no tea nor coffee until the 17th, no trains, telephones, gas or matches until the 19th.

Arradoul Youth Club - The fortnightly meeting took place on Friday evening with the president, Miss Joy Young presiding. A debate took place entitled Town Life versus Country Life. Nora McPherson spoke for the Country Life with Wm. 'Billy' Cryle taking the side of Town Life. Both put their well-written comments over very well. A vote was taken at the end with a win for Country Life by a large majority.

After tea was served community singing and dancing took place with music being supplied by Frank Burgess and Mrs Brander. The meeting closed with the usual rendering of the National Anthem.

The death took place in America of Mr John T. Fettes, grandson of Mr Thomson, Oran and brother of Mr Fettes, Tarwathie. He was a member of the Gospel Hall and he is likely to be the person, as a soldier, **who wrote a couple of poems during the Great War and printed in the local paper.**

Missing in Malaya - Sapper Alex Smith, RE. Son of Mr James Smith, 1 Aboyne Street. Before the war he had been a printer with the *Banffshire Advertiser*.

Killed in the Middle East – Atholl Smith, South African Air Force. His father, Mr Alex Smith previously worked with John Green, Draper, High Street, before the family moved to South Africa. Atholl Smith was 23 and previously worked in a bank in South Africa.

Fined for playing cards and on a Sunday too. - Six Buckpool men were caught playing a game of cards called 'Rummy' on the braes above the Slaughterhouse on a Sunday afternoon. This was contrary to the Burgh Police (Scotland) Act of 1892, section 393.

The police had kept watch from two vantage places and said how they saw money change hands.

One of the culprits admitted to the offence but said that they had only been having a quiet game for a penny a game.

Judge Cowie said that the gambling in this way was a thing that must be put down. As the Prosecutor had said it was a very bad example, particularly on a Sunday. Each of the six was fined 10/- with the option of five days in jail

Cullen Soldier Missing - Gunner John Findlay, Earndale, Reidhaven Street, Cullen, was reported missing, presumed killed in action. He was 22 and the son of Mr and Mrs David Findlay. Pre-war he had been a fisherman.

May 7 **Mending Party** - Buckie WVS are looking for ladies prepared to help with the work of mending for the soldiers . All those willing were asked to attend a meeting in the WVS Depot, 28 East Church Street , on Friday.

Dances are very popular - With many soldiers in the local area dances are very popular, but they are also popular with the younger element. Whist Drives are also popular at this time. The following ones were advertised on the front page this week.

Buckie Boy Scouts to hold a **Junior Dance** in the Town House on Thursday 14 May. Limited number allowed in. Ladies 2/- - Gents 2/6. Music by Buckie Youth Club.

Home Guard , 9 Platoon, are to hold a Whist Drive and Dance in the Masonic Hall, Findochty, on Thursday 1 May with music by **G. Urquhart, Rhythm Rascals.**

Arradoul WRI – are to hold a Whist Drive and Dance in the Arradoul Hall on Friday 15 May, in aid of Portgordon and West Rathven Nursing Association. Music supplied by **Military Band.** Admission – Whist – 1/6; Dance 1/-. Whist to commence at 7.30pm sharp.

ATC Thistle Squadron - are to hold a Junior Dance in the Town House on Monday 18 May. Admission 2/-

Rathven WRI are to hold a Whist Drive and Dance in the Parish Church Hall, Portessie.

Admission – Whist and Dance 2/6; Whist only 1/6 with dance 1/6.

*** **Whitehills Cabin in the Sailors' Home** - The sum of £100 was given by the fishermen of Whitehills to furnish and endow the best cabin, No. 4 in the Sailors Home, Buckie. It was to be called the Whitehills Cabin and as it was said would forever be a little part of Whitehills in Buckie.

The room, which provides homely accommodation for six seamen, looks down from one window on the lawn at the back and from the other the main street.

Present to watch the ceremony was a deputation of fishermen from Whitehills and the local chairman, Dr J. Geddes Smith. Also hon. treasurer, Alex Gerry, hon. secretary, Wm. Howie, John Greenlaw, hon. chaplain, Mrs Geddes Smith representing the committee also Mrs Howie, Mrs More, Mrs Taylor, Mrs Oglivie, and Mr and Mrs Nicholson, manager and matron.

Buckie teacher leaves for Portgordon - Miss Eva Reid received a presentation from Mr Milne, rector, at Buckie High School, prior to leaving to take up the post of Infant Mistress at Portgordon School.

May 14 **Killed in action** - John Ferguson, RNR, husband of Mary Mair, 30 Bruce Avenue. Buckie.

Volunteers are wanted to help with the distribution of the new ration books. Anyone of a mind is asked to call at the Food Office on Marine Place before Saturday 16 May to arrange about days and times they would be available.

You could have watched Joan Crawford in "A Woman's Face" in the Playhouse, Buckie on this date.

**** **Government notice** - Requisition of Unnecessary Railings - Emergency Powers (Defence) Act 1939-1940.

All unnecessary iron and steel railing, posts, chains, bollards, gates, stiles, and similar articles in the landward area of Banffshire will shortly be removed and collected on behalf of the Ministry of Supply for use in national war effort in iron and steel works and foundries. It is hoped that owners will be prepared to make the railings etc a free gift but if not a form for compensation will require to be uplifted, filled in and returned to the proper address. No claim will be entertained for compensation unless applicable authorities have received notice of the claim within 6 months of the work being done.

Famous folk bade here - A letter is found on page three in which the writer is praising the Yardie to high heavens because of the 'famous' people bred within the area. He went on say that the council had thought about demolishing the Yardie under the slum clearance scheme as they had done at Bridgend, if this had been done it would have been sacrilege. He went on to list the number of doctors, teachers etc, etc who had been born there.

Killed in action - AB John Ferguson, RNR, 30 Bruce Avenue. He was a native of Portsoy who had come to Buckie 17 years before and had previously worked at the gashouse. He had been a long-serving member of the RNR and had only recently been awarded a long service medal.

Playing whist continues to be very popular, there being no less than 29 tables at the recent Rathven WRI, whist drive, held in the Church Hall, Portessie.

The prices of all kind of goods were being set by the Board of Trade under the powers of Goods and Services (Price Control) **This week it was the price of toilet paper that had been fixed.** ((Thankfully this was not to include the home made squares, cut from the Peoples' Journal, and hung neatly from the string and nail in the lavvy.))

The Home Guard celebrated its 2nd birthday on May 14th, 1942. They had been "trained and ready to fight", said the report.

May 21 **The Playhouse was showing Leslie Howard in the "49th Parallel"**, on Thursday of this week. (I can remember this film. It was good.)

Buckie and its perennial water problem - People in the Burgh of Buckie must **Refrain From Unnecessary Use of Water.** The washing of windows and watering of gardens **Must Cease.** Garage owners and others **Must Refrain** from washing cars. By order of the Burgh Surveyor.

Fishermen wanted - 3rd hand and deckhand for seine net steam drifter. R. Irvin and Son.

Cabbage plants - of different kinds, also cauliflower, Dyker's Nurseries, Buckpool.

Where and when to get your ration books - The B. A. carried a big government notice about the issue of New Ration Books, including places and times that these could be got.

Thank you sir - The treasurer of the Services Canteen (Drill hall) acknowledged the receipt of a donation of £1 from an anonymous donor.

A measure to conserve paper stock. The owners of the *Banffshire Advertiser* gave notice as to how they were to reduce the size of the paper to four pages on the last week of the month. All the other weeks the paper would be the normal 8 pages.

Youth Club received thanks for money sent - The secretary of Arradoul Youth Club, Miss Nora MacPherson told members at their meeting held in the WRI Hall on Friday that letters of thanks had been received from the Prisoner Of War Fund for the **£5.5 sent**. A second letter had been received from the Queens Hospital for Children, London thanking members for help in collecting stamps. In 1941 the stamps collected had raised the sum of **£1,425**.

The 'Advertiser' has a new column - ..This is called 'From Here and There'.

First of its kind in Scotland - A member of the Home Guard in the Edinburgh area, a mine worker, was fined £6 for being absent from parade during the month of March this year. He had missed parades on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings also Sunday

Two prominent Yardie men were missed - The B. A. received a letter which remarked how in a previous one from a person who had high praise for the people born in the Yardie that he had missed out two notables. One was John Cowie 'Coup' a poet of some renown and also John Cowie 'Strath' a local preacher.

The price of standardised wedding rings was controlled at £1. It was suggested that the price of engagement rings might soon also be limited in price to £5 as a result of the new order prohibiting the manufacture of gems for jewellery.

Two poems are to be found on page 6 .. One is titled 'The Glories of Scotland' which had been included in a brochure produced by Messrs Valentine and Sons Ltd, Dundee. The other poem was written by J. C. Portgordon and called 'Weeds'.

Women in the services were given the following recipe for making a cup of cocoa - a teaspoon of cocoa, added to one and a half teaspoons of sugar made into a paste. This should be put in a cup with boiling water added before adding three teaspoons of milk. This would ensure a good night's sleep, essential for health.

May 28 **The new stationmaster at Buckie LNER station is Mr J. S. Crowe** who came to Buckie from Anstruther. He also has charge of Portessie.

Rev. Stuart, Rathven Parish Church left for pilot training with the RAF. He received a number of gifts - a stationery outfit and wallet from the Women's Guild; cigarettes and lighter from the choir; silver cigarette case from the Kirk session also several personal gifts.

Mentioned in Dispatches - Skipper Richard Thomson Souter, RNR was mentioned in dispatches for his skill and good services when an enemy aircraft

attacked his trawler. They had a narrow escape but the crew were able to shoot down the attacking aircraft. Skipper Souter, a married man, was a former fisherman and lived at St Peter's Road.

The Home Grown Timber Production Dept. (Buckie Branch) held a Whist and dance in the WRI Hall, Arradoul and raised the sum of £17 towards the POW Fund. There were 80 couples at the dance with the M.C. being Mr Davie McQueen, Inchgower.

June 4 **You could have seen** Deanna Durbin, Charles Laughton and Robert Cumming in the film "It Started With Eve" in the Playhouse on Monday Tuesday and Wednesday of the following week.

Burgess, Wallace Avenue had cabbage and cauliflower plants for sale.

Alan Merson and Neil Redford, both violin pupils of Alex Nicol passed their exams, Alan passing with merit.

The Portgordon WRI celebrated their 6th birthday with a party.

Poem - J. C. Portgordon had a poem written on **page 6**, 'Bonnie Scotland'.

Jun 11 **To let on the Letterfourie estate** - The farm of Whitefield and crofts of Moss-side and Inkerman,. Apply to A. Greig, Gardener or Wm. Smith, Solicitor, Buckie.

You could have seen 'Charlie Chan in Rio', starring Sydney Toler in the Playhouse on Friday and Saturday of this week or have waited until Monday or Tuesday to see Bud Abbott and Lou Costello in 'Hold That Ghost'.

Advert for Weetabix - Keep war workers 'fighting fit' (sketch of servicewomen doing a job) on a man's job and equal to it - eat Weetabix.

Cullen baker, fined - Wm. E. Taylor, Denver House, Grant Street, Cullen, was fined £3 for delivering morning rolls to customers and a further £1 for employing a boy to deliver bread.

Jun 18 **Millbank Garage - 18 High Street, Buckie** . Offer a comprehensive selection of quality used cars. Cover your present and post-war needs by purchasing now. Cars on offer - Rovers, Riley, Standard, Ford, Morris, Hillman and others.

We will make no charge - Banff County Council Education Committee decided to make no claim for railings removed for the war effort. It was considered that any claim made would be seen in a poor light while it was likely that the sum given would be small.

We canna afford to give you dungarees - The newly appointed janitor of Buckie High School had asked for dungarees but this was turned down. by the Council.

**** **Girls Training Corps branch set up** - A meeting took place in Buckie High School presided over by Provost Merson. The meeting was for the purpose of setting up, in Buckie, a branch of the Girls Training Corps. Besides a good number of girls being present there was also many parents and guardians. Mr Kennedy, Director of Education said that the purpose of setting up a branch of the GTC in Buckie was for girls between the ages of 16-18 who were not attached to any other youth movement and was not intended to draw girls away from any other organisation. Miss Cowie, Glenrines, said the real object of the GTC was to enable girls to equip themselves to serve their country in war and peace and make themselves useful citizens. Fifty girls were enrolled. Miss Violet Hillocks and Miss Emma McDonald agreed to attend classes on Youth Leadership.

The Utility label seen for first time The James Mackay, Draper, advert showed the symbol which was to become very well known. This was the 'double C C 41' utility label.

Teachers now serving in the forces had their pay made up so that they suffered no loss. The police were asking for the same rule to be applied.

Can we have a dance board ? A letter was received by the B.A. written by two teenage girls who were asking for the provision of a dance board for open-air dances.

Wrigleys Chewing Gum - "We are doing our best and appreciate your help in making limited production go as far as possible."

Jun. 25 **In the Playhouse this week you could have seen** Tyrone Power and Betty Grable in "A Yank in the RAF".

If you have a permit we can supply - The Millbank Garage say that they can now supply new commercial vehicles and private cars to those who have a Ministry of War Transport Permit.

Buckie High School are to present a Choral and Dramatic Concert in the School Hall on Friday 26 June 1942. Admission 1/- and 2/- (Yours truly, a first year pupil, was one of the cast, cycling home in the dark to Clochan afterwards.

*** **Burgh of Buckie – Strathlene Golf Course. As facilities for play on part of the course are now available the Town Council have now reduced the subscription for a season ticket to the following – Men – 10/-; Ladies 7/6; Visitors 1/- per day.**

Another column in the 'Advertiser' -The B. A. still contained a number of different columns with one this week titled – 'Fireside Talk'

A poem is found on page three, column 6 of this edition. This is titled – Our Local Loons or Flowers of the Flock. Written by J. C., Portgordon.

Jly 2 **Arradoul Youth Movement Club (as written)** are to present 4 One Act Plays in the W.R.I. Hall on Friday 10 July 1942, in aid of the Local Nursing Association.

He was called to do his bit - In Spike's column we can read that Arthur J. Stott, MA Hons. Late of Portsoy was now 1888222 A/C 2 A. J. Stott, Royal Air Force.

A poem is found on page 5 column 4, which takes a mild swipe at Buckie Town Council. The poem has been given this name.

A further poem is found on page 7 written by L/S. RA Jappy. 'The Guiding Light' (Religious tone)

Jly 9 **In the Playhouse this week you could have seen** Greer Garson and Walter Pigeon in 'Blossoms In the Dust'

Three local ladies graduated as doctors at Aberdeen University. They are Miss Mary Simpson Buchan, daughter of Mr Park Buchan and Miss Margaret Sinclair Duguid, daughter of Mrs Duguid and late Mr Duguid, Engineer, Binview, High Street. Miss Cecilia Valentine Urquhart, daughter of the headmaster at Enzie Public School was also awarded the degree of MB ChB.

A poem is found on page 6 titled 'The Voice of The Sea'. This was written by M. McKay, Sandend.

Volunteers are required for the - The B.A. carries this week a big notice on its front page calling for men and women to join as volunteers in the Royal Air Force. For both there were a great many trades open, including aircrew for men.

July 16 **In the Playhouse this week you could have had a good laugh** at Arthur Lucan and Kitty McShayne in "Old Mother Riley's Circus".

Columns - Farm and Field by Our own Correspondent.
It Shakes One by Wag -At- the -Wa
At The Marts - (Cornhill, Keith and Elgin)
At The Pier by the 'Skipper'.

Missing believed POW - Driver John Alexander Thom, RASC, 20 Anton Street. He was serving in the Middle East.

Two Buckie lads of 14 years were awarded 6 strokes of the birch rod by Sheriff Walker at Banff for indecently assaulting a girl of 12.

A swimming gala is to take place at Strathlene Pool with contestants, both civil and military taking part. Two bands are to be present.

Elgin town Council bough the Oakwoods and Cutties Hillock for the sum of £600 from Mr and Mrs E.S. Harrison, the Bield.

Jly 23 **Mr and Mrs Thomson, Baron Street received news that their son was now a prisoner of war.** (The B.A. had this originally down as in Germany before correcting this to read of the Japanese.)

Corporal John J. Sinclair Home Guard was accidentally killed at the Drill Hall, Buckie, on Thursday 16, 1942. He was 30 years of age and a baker with McWilliam and Sons.

Jly 30 **Arradoul Youth Club held their last meeting before the summer break** on Friday 24 July with Mrs Brander presiding. She thanked Mr G.R. Coutts, Buckie for producing the plays and Mr Anderson for making the scenery. A Social evening was then held and much enjoyed by both members and friends. Songs were sung by Driver Crowley and Pte Murray while Driver Fairlanb amused all with is impersonations.

Aug 6 **In the Playhouse this week you could have seen the film 'Blood and Sand'** with Tyrone Power and Rita Hayworth.

A poem is found on page three written by L/S RA Jappy - 'Dedicated to Paddy - A Hero of the battle of the Atlantic.

Aug 13 **Previously reported missing now reported killed in action** - Captain Andrew Henderson, 1st Regiment Indian Army. He was 26 and a native of Findochty. (This was again wrong, happily, since Andrew survived the war to return to his local area and marry Miss Bunty Cole, Buckie. They eventually moved to Aberdeen where Andrew was employed by the Civil Defence for some time.)

Rags and Bones Wanted - John Wilson, 10 Bridgend. Prices offered - 2/- a stone for rags; 1/6 stone for scrap iron; penny-haepenny a LB for lead; 1/- cwt for old sacks; 7/- - 8/- for old herring nets; 2/- - 2/6 for herring baskets. Money or a dish for all your waste.

Killed in a flying accident - LAC John P. Clark, only son of Mrs Clark, Photographer, East Church Street.

Aug 20 **A Variety Concert is to take place in the Playhouse cinema on Sunday 6th September** in aid of British Sailors Society.

A POW - Word had been received by his parents Mr and Mrs Thom 20 Anton Street that their son, Driver John A. Thom had been captured by the Italians.

A report is given of the wedding of Sapper William Forbes, RE to ACW Anne M. Geddes.

A poem is found on page three titled 'The Rising Sun', written by J. C. Portgordon.

Aug 27 **Buckie Youth Club- Girls Section** - An opening meeting is to take place on Tuesday 1st Sept. in the Lady Cathcart School . New members cordially invited to attend.

Sept 3 **The Girls Training Corps** parades to resume in the High School on Monday 7 September.

Thistle Squadron - ATC parades to resume on Thursday 3 September.

A poem is found in this edition written by 'Nil Desperandum' after it had been said at an **Invasion Committee** meeting that in the event of an invasion the Buckie Fish Trade - i.e. Curers, Salesmen and so on would provide the necessary personnel. (He was taking the mickey as it was written in a humourous tone but some people were deeply offended.)

Sept 10 **Poem - 'An Ode To a Holiday in Buckie'** written by E.B.C., a female who evidently had enjoyed herself while here

This week C.S. Busianus wrote a poem in answer to that of 'Nil Desperandum' It was obvious that he had taken offence.

Sept 17 **We still desperately need you** - The front page of the B.A. again had a big notice calling for volunteers for the Royal Airforce. Men could have a choice of 48 different trades with some being open up to an age of 55. Women had a choice of ten trades and open in some cases up to 43.

'Nil Desperandum' came back with another offering. This is worth reading , titled 'Buckie Town Council' and is found on **page 4** .

Sept 24 **Communist Party Meeting** - The Communist Party were holding a public meeting in the Town House Buckie, addressed by T. Baxter, Aberdeen.

Oct 1 **People that I knew well** - The wedding took place in the North Church, Buckie on 24 September, 1942, of Miss Sophia Gordon, daughter of Mr and Mrs James Gordon, 16 James Street to Corporal Archibald Miller, Reconnaissance Corps, Annan.

The Buckpool Estate that since 1925 had been owned jointly by Mr George A. Cumming, Banff and Mrs Catherine S. Levie, wife of William E. Levie, Advocate, Aberdeen, had now been acquired by Mrs Levie. The estate includes the western part of Buckie with sea salmon fishings there formerly belonged to the late Mr Alexander E. Anton, Solicitor, Buckie, whose wife Mrs Levie then was.

The Buckie Lodge of Good Templars reopened for the winter session when Bro. J. D. Cowie L. D. presided over a good attendance. Owing to the war office bearers were returned enbloc. C.T. Bro. Smith, secretary, Sister Hay, 8 Yardie, treasurer, Sister Clark.

We are using a new type in parts - The Banffshire Advertiser was informing its readers that a new type was being used in some of the columns which it was hoped would make the print easier to read.

Oct 8 **They held a Soiree** - The bairns from the Cluny Hall, (off Cluny Terrace)Sunday School held a soiree.

The Cullen Town Hall was destroyed by fire on Saturday 3 October 1942. The fire began while a cinema show was in progress. A report is given on **page three column 3.**

He went back where he came from _ A former Buckie town councillor, Mr Yuill who had for some time acted as firemaster, a paid position, gave up the post and returned to the council via co-option. This action displeased many as the number of letters received by the B.A. clearly showed.

Oct 15 **All your reading requirements found here** - W.F. Johnston and Sons had a Lending Library with this weeks additions amounting to a fair number. (I can remember borrowing two cowboy books every week when in my teens and when the shop assistants were Miss Joyce Morrison, Miss Violet Innes and Miss ? McGregor)

Killed in action – CPO William Stewart, RNR, 37 of 48 Wallace Avenue. He was a native of Portsoy and prior to the war was an engineer on the Aberdeen trawler, Misten Braes.

Appearing in the Playhouse, this week was Nelson Eddy in 'The Chocolate Soldier'.

**** **In the collection for "Tanks in Action" the Buckie and district target had been £56, 500 but this was well surpassed with the sum of £68,000 collected.**

In Buckie alone the target was beaten by £12,000 so that many tanks were likely to have the name Buckie blazoned across them. The Aberdeen Savings Bank , which had set itself a target of £16,000, reached the amazing sum of £36.307.

Oct 22 **A new Ratepayers Association was formed** following a meeting that took place in Fowlers Corner House. (In the year 2000 this was the Thistle Bar and lounge) Dr Gibson was appointed president.

Oct 29 **Death of Buckie WREN** - Mary Cowie, WRNS, 22, of 34 Linn Crescent , died as a result of a motor accident at Kirkwall.

He was not in favour of Mr Yuill's shifts - A poem was written about Mr Yuill who first left the council for a well paid job as firemaster then gave this up and was able to return to the council . The poem is called 'Topical Verse' by Mares.

A second poem is found on page four, column three- 'Lines Written in a bombed Village' by Bec Jaune.

Nov 5 **If you were of a mind you could have seen Eric Portman** etc in the film "One of Our Aircraft is Missing" or Spencer Tracy, Ingrid Bergman and Lana turner in "Dry Jekyll and Mr Hyde".

The Sailors Home new management team - Mr and Mrs Coutts, came from Aberdeen to take up duty as manager and mistress of the Sailors Home, Cluny Square, in place of Mr and Mrs Nicholson, who had been temporary in charge.

Nov 12 **The front page of the B.A. is dominated this week by adverts for dances, as follows** - National Fire Service in the Town House on Tuesday 17 November. **Music by Ideal Band, Craigellachie.** Admission - 2/- and 1/- On Monday 16 again in the Town House but by the Order of Eastern star. Music by Geddes' Band. Admission - 2/6 - Forces 1/6. The Findochty Home Guard are to hold a Whist and Dance on Thursday 12 (tonight) with music by **Duncan's Band.** Rathven W.R.I. are to hold a Whist and Dance in the Portessie Church Hall in aid of War Work.. Music by the **Rhythm Club Boys Band.** Arradoul W.R.I. are to hold a Whist Drive and Dance in the Arradoul Hall on Wednesday 18 November in aid of Aberdeen Royal Infirmary. **Music by the Nightingale Band.** The RAF are to hold a dance in the Town House on Tuesday 24 November in aid of the RAF Benevolent Fund. Admission 3/6 - Forces 2/6. **Music by the RAF Dance Band** by kind permission of Group Captain A.H. Owen MC. Portgordon W.R.I. are to hold a dance in the Masonic Hall, Portgordon in aid of Local Men's Fund. on Friday 13 November. Music by the **Rhythm Boys Club.** The notice had the additional notice - Please bring own sugar. And finally The Royal Artillery are to hold a Gala Dance in the Drill Hall on Friday 13 November with music by **the R.A. band.** Admission below sergeant single ticket - 2/-, double 3/-; Above sergeant single ticket, 3/-, double 4/-. Civilians 3/-, double 4/-.

Nov 19 **The Playhouse Cinema was showing this week** - 'They Flew Alone' starring, Anna Neagle and Robert Newton. Also - 'Smilin' Through' starring Jeanette Macdonald and Brian Adherne.

A poem is found on page 2 column 5 titled 'Chrysanthemums' or Lines by a Buckie Lass . J. B.

Who are the members - A letter to the B.A. asked who the members of the Executive Committee of the Welfare Association were and what qualifications were required to become a member. The editor had a note attached in which he said that they would try to find out.

Later it was said that if the writer of the letter was to approach Provost Merson, who was responsible for setting up the organisation this information would be given.

The new president of Arradoul Youth Club was Miss Isabel Macdonald, Cairnfield. (In later life Isabel was to become Mrs Tommy Paterson, Jun. and lived for many years on East Cathcart Street.)

The B. A. had a new column headed Youth Activities. Apart from Arradoul Youth Club information was also given on the following - Buckie Youth Club, Boys and Girls Sections. The G.T.C. and A.T.C. and Portgordon and Enzie Boy Scouts.

Nov. 26 **In the Playhouse Cinema this week one could have seen the film** - "How Green Was My Valley", starring Walter Pigeon and Maureen O'Hara etc.

The RAF say thanks - A note in the B.A. told of how the RAF thanked all who had helped to make their recent dance in the Town House such a success. The sum of £30 had been raised for the RAF Benevolent Fund. F/Lt P. Roberts O.C.

A strong boy was needed for the Slaughterhouse to serve his time as a butcher or otherwise. Apply Sandy Middleton, Manager.

Missing at sea - Word had been received by his wife that Peter Thomson, MN South View, Cluny Terrace, was missing at sea believed drowned. He left a widow and two children.

Wounded in the M.E. - Pte. Peter Henderson, Gordon Highlanders, son of Mr and Mrs Wm. Henderson, 24 Land Street was wounded during fighting in the Middle East. He was 19 and formerly a message boy.

Wounded in the M.E. - Word had been received by his mother Mrs Geddes, Roadside, Enzie that her son, Pte. Andrew Geddes, Seaforths had been wounded during fighting in the Middle East. He was in a hospital in the Near East. (Andy suffered extensive injuries but returned to the Enzie to run the Post Office by the roadside for many years. He married a woman from the Edinburgh area who was a nurse in a hospital in which he was a patient.)

Missing believed killed in action - Trooper Wm. McPherson, R.T.R. was reported missing believed killed during fighting in the North African desert. His father was grieve at Burnside of Tynet.

Missing - Sgt. Wm. Rae, RAF, nephew of Mrs Sandison, West Cathcart Street, was reported missing. Sgt Rae was brought up in Buckie and formerly worked in the Burgh Surveyor's office. He also played for Buckie Thistle.

You could have got a nasty knock had you tripped over them - Two local farm servants were both fined 2/6 with the option of five days in jail for leaving their bicycles unattended during the hours of darkness outside the Kings Café on West Church Street. This was the first offence of the kind.

A poem is found on page 3 titled - "The Ratepayer's Lament", written by Jackdaw.

'Blimey' makes a come-back - A note told of how the former Buckie Thistle goalkeeper, Norman 'Blimey' Wood had kept goal for the Navy against the RAF. This was the first time that he had played for two years. The report said that although beaten four times he had saved his side from a real hammering.

Lost at sea through enemy action - John McKenzie Stewart Hotchkiss, Paymaster Sub Lieut. RNVR, 23, only son of Mrs Hotchkiss 28 Gordon Street, Portgordon.

Accidentally drowned while on active service - John Grant Wilson, Chief Engineman, 60 St Peter's Road, Buckpool, lost his life in a north east port when he fell between his boat and the pier in the dark. He was the husband of Mary Flann.

The Playhouse, Cinema was showing this week - "The Day Will Dawn", starring Deborah Kerr and Ralph Richardson.

The majority of shops were now closing much earlier than they had done some years before. The evening closing time being 5.30 pm with Wednesday being 1 pm.

Dec 10 **Missing presumed lost at sea in November** - Ernest M. Murray MN, 31, only son of Mrs Murray, 3 Admiralty Street, Portknockie.

Missing presumed killed by enemy action - CPO Martin Thain, Aircraft Carrier Avenger, 7 Mid Street, Findochty. Husband of Maria Herd.

Grand All Professional Boxing Match in aid of 'Jocks' Box was to take place in the Fishermen's Hall on Friday 18 December.

The M.C. to be Mr R. E. Kingsley ('Rex') of the Sunday Mail.

Admission - ringside seats reserved - 6/-, 4/- and 2/6.

Ladies welcomed

Tickets may be had from T. Lang, Optician.

The Royal Artillery is to present a concert titled 'Slope Bofors' on 25 and 26 December in the Fishermen's Hall. In aid of Regiment Charities. Admission charges – 3. /-, 2/- and 1/- Servicemen ½ price. Tickets may be purchased from the battery officer also from W.F. Johnston or J.P. Pozzi.

Whist drives galore - On the front page this week there were no less than five organisations giving notice of their Whist Drives with dances to follow. In addition two were holding Whist Drives only.

The organisations were – Red Cross, National Fire Service, Craigenroan Masons, Portgordon W.R.I., Rathven W.R.I., and British Sailors Society –Ladies Guild, Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem – Aurora Shrine No 20.

A photograph on page three, column 2 shows three Buckie servicemen. It called them soldiers but it is known one at least was in the RAF. He was John Gordon of 16 James Street. The other two men were Bert Donaldson, of Seaview Terrace and Jim Wilson, 3 Gordon Street. They were then serving in the Middle East at the time.

Road improvements post –war - A note spoke of the improvements that would require to be made to roads in the local area after the war. One road that was sorely required ,it said, was a direct link from Buckie to Keith via Drybridge and Newmill. The people living on the slopes of Aultmore on either side were badly off for access. The note went on to say that after the junction at the Toll Bar the road towards Drybridge was not tarmacadamed then south from Drybridge it was rough and rugged a mere apology for a road made of clay and stones. A cart track led from Hillfold Brae to Inkerman then past the ruins of Kingscain and Rumbling Wells to the Drodland there is nothing but a footpath and a dangerous one at that. It spoke of the journey children had tramping to and from the school either to Shielburn or Clochan over such 'roads'.

The Recruitment Team is to pay another visit to Buckie looking for volunteers – both men and women. An interesting trade open to men up to 50 years was a pigeon keeper. It was odd to see that men to become wireless operators were only being accepted up to the age of 30 while the age limit for women in the same trade was 43. Why was that one might ask?

Dec 17 **Killed by enemy action** - James Geddes, 30 Yardie, second son of Mr and Mrs James George Geddes, Aingarth, St Peter's Road, Buckpool. He was 38.

The following bakers were to be closed on Christmas Day and 1st and 2nd January – John McWilliam and Sons, C. Forbes, A.M. Valentine, Wm. Young and D.L. Fowler and Sons.

Buckie Welfare Society was advertising that they were to run dances on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Admission 4/- with Forces 4/ and 2/-. Admission by ticket only. Geddes' Band. 8pm – 2 am.

The RAF were advertising that they were to hold a second dance in the Town House on account of their first one being such a success. This was to take place on Monday 4 January and from 8 pm until 1 am. **Ticket 5/-** There was to be spot and novelty dances also an open buffet. Music by the **RAF band.**

The crowd to be strictly limited to 150. Tickets could be had from F/Lt. Roberts, Sergeant Williams, Cpl. Brown and A/C Meadows or ring Buckie 100.

He is to be provost again - Provost Merson who had already been 15 years in office was re-elected. This didn't please everyone it seemed reading from the letters received by the B.A.

Dec 24 **The B.A. had the first wedding photograph seen for a long time in this edition.** This was of Sec. Officer, John Reid MN, 38 West Cathcart Street and Miss Roberta E.T. Rose of Leith.

Dec 31 **Killed in action in the M.E.** - 2nd Lieut. Wm. Williamson, Gordon Highlanders, HD, son of Mr and Mrs James Williamson, 44 Wallace Avenue. Prior to joining the army Lieutenant Williamson worked in Lipton's, Grocers. His brother C.S.M. George Williamson was also serving with the Gordons in the ME.

Boxing Tournament paid off handsomely - Stoker E.A. Smith RN had a short note in the B.A. stating that the Boxing Tournament held recently in aid of 'Jocks' Box had raised the sum of £40. He thanked all that had contributed to the success of the event.

In a POW camp in Italy - It has now been confirmed that Driver John Thom, 20 Anton Street was a prisoner of the Italians and held at Transit Camp, No 66 pm 3400 Italy.

A poem is found on page three column 3 titled 'The Ootlin o the Flock' by Magpie.

The newly installed master of Lodge Gordons No 589, is Frank MacGregor, 4 West Cathcart Street. The Past Master was D.L. Fowler, Jun. of Laurelbank, Cliff Terrace.