

1946

Jan. 3 **Thank you note from former POW's** - Andrew Buchan, 13 Reidhaven Street, Ianstown was thanking the people of Ianstown and Gordonsburgh for the generous gift of money he had received from them. He was also thanking the Portessie Methodist Women's Guild for the wallet of notes given on his return from the Japanese POW camp.

Pte H. Noble 13 Rathburn Street was also thanking the people of Ianstown and Gordonsburgh for the generous gift of money he had received and which was much appreciated.

Pte Niven, 11 Blantyre Terrace, Ianstown had a similar note of thanks.

Business announcement - G. S. Barclay was giving notice that he had taken over the Radio and Cycle business formerly carried on by Mr Wm. McHardy at 31 East Church Street, Buckie.

Re-opening of business - R. Menzies, Butcher, Schoolhill, Findochty was giving notice that his shop would be re-opened at an early date.

Forces and dances etc - There were still members of the Forces stationed locally since in the whist drive and dance adverts notice was being given that they were being allowed admission at a cheaper rate.

Football Pools - An advert on the front page of the B.A. was for Yarnleys's Pools, 34 Milton Road, Swindon. "Open a commission football and racing pool account".

Football - Buckie Thistle versus Deveronvale on Saturday January 5th in the Aberdeen and District League. Kick off 2.15 pm. Admission (including tax) 1/-. Stand and enclosure 1/- extra. Boys and Forces in uniform 6d.

Playhouse - Showing this week was the film - "The Enchanted Cottage", starring Dorothy McGuire, Robert Young and Herbert Marshall.

British Sailors society - Ladies Guild, Buckie - A General Business Meeting was to take place in the boardroom of the Sailors' Home.

Girls' Club of All Saints Church - held a Christmas Party last week when the rector and Mrs McCallum were presented with gifts from members of the club and friends. Tea was served and games enjoyed.

BSc for Buckie girl - At the December graduation at Aberdeen University Margaret E. Stephen was awarded the BSc. She is only 19 and only daughter of Mr and Mrs J. T. Stephen, Edindoune, Cliff Terrace. She was recently awarded the Coutts Prize of £25 for coming first in the advanced chemistry class.

Football - Buckie High School 1st XI beat Elgin Academy 1-0 at Merson Park on Saturday. The team was - Taylor, McLure and Thain; McLure, Valentine and Garden; Flett, Hendry, Walker, McKenzie and Garden.

Lodge Gordons - Masonic Lodge - Bros. Archie Adams was appointed RWM. The IPM was Frank McGregor.

Football - King the Thistle keeper was to have a trial with Liverpool. Kelly the Thistle O/L was attracting the interest of Chelsea and was likely to go on trial.

Buckie Welcome Home Fund - This had now reached the sum of £5,000, made up as follows -

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| Donation | £2708.18.10 |
| Whist drives | £1406.15 01 |
| Fun Fair | £0698.05.09 |

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| Rathven Landward | £0148.12.02 |
| Arradoul " | £0050.00.00 |
| Shielburn " | £0011.15.10 |
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Those eligible were men and women who had served in the Forces before VJ Day. **It was revealed that Buckie Welfare Society had give the Welcome Home Fund Committee the sum of £500.**

Welfare Society dances - These were no being ran in the Drill Hall and supervised by the ladies on the committee. They wished to have the Townhouse Hall as formerly but some members of the town council were opposed to this. The ladies were having a problem with rowdyism at the Drill Hall.

Children's Parties - As a follow up to the VJ Day celebrations the children from Bruce Avenue held a party in the Drill Hall.

The same venue was chosen for a party for children and grown ups from West Cathcart Street. The children had their party first with games etc while songs were sang by Elsie Packman and Maria Sluyter, while Cathy Falconer and Verity Hutchieson sang a duet. Gordon Fyffe played the violin.

The adults let off steam after this, with dancing continuing on until midnight. Messrs Bruce and Chisholm provided the music. John Sandison was MC.

As on the previous occasion the event was organised by Mrs Bruce, Roselea and Mrs Coull, Fairfield. both West Cathcart Street.

Football - Buckie Thistle lost the services of Harry Brierley who had been a regular in the side at inside forward. A member of the Royal Air Force he had left the district on being demobbed. He was a most attractive player and one. It will not be easy to fill his place.

Jan 10 **More thank you notes** - Pte Peter Patty Donald, 7 Bryson Crescent, was thanking the people of Craigo for the gift of money he had received, also the Ladies Work Party for providing the entertainment. Pte Charles McLean, ex POW, 11 Blantyre Terrace was thanking the people of Ianstown and Gordonsburgh for the generous gift of money he had received. He was also thanking the Portessie Eastern Star for the gift they had given him.

Transfer of coal business - The coal business in Portgordon belonging to Mr Alex Pirie had been sold to Mr James Slorach.

British Legion - Buckie and District Branch- were to hold their AGM in the Townhouse Hall on 22 January. A social was to follow the business meeting. It is hoped that there will be a large attendance of members. Ex servicemen and women are invited to attend.

Tea ticket 1/- from members of the committee.

New dance band - The Gordonians Dance Band was advertising that they were open for engagements. 6 Duke Street, Portgordon.

Lossie fishermen to the fore - A report said that Lossiemouth fishermen were again showing their initiative with orders being placed for four new seine boats, fitted with the latest modern equipment and Gardner Diesel engines. Three were to be built by Herd & McKenzie, Buckie, with the other at Macduff.

Football - The Rovers had not joined the Welfare League at the start of the season but had played a number of 'friendlies'. They beat Portknockie, at Strathlene by three goals to two in a close fought contest.

Body recovered - The body of James Thomson, 18, 99 Main Street, Buckpool, was found in Cluny Harbour. He had been reported missing and dragging was carried in the harbour near to where his bicycle was found.

Rathven statistics - There were 35 fewer births in Rathven in 1945 compared to 1944. The figure was 231 as opposed to 266. There were ten more deaths, amounting to 149 as opposed to 139. There were 30 more marriages. In 1944 there were 87 and in 1945 - 117.

Columnists - There had been no contributions from 'The Skipper' up to this date but 'Weekender' had a column titled Conversation Pieces.

Jan 17 **Transfer of business** - Wm. McBeth, sold his butcher and flesher's business at 19 West Church Street to John A. Wilson, 1 Gordon Street. (The shop at 19 West Church Street had passed through a great many hands with a variety of uses. Some of them being a Cycle Agent, Boot and Shoe and Tobacconist)

Re-opening of business - Charles Bonnyman and Company, Portgordon were giving notice that they were to resume business on February 4th.

Portessie café advert - A notice read - The Cosy Café, Portessie, was now licensed to supply teas, coffee, and other refreshments. Comfort and cleanliness assured.

Request for radiogram - Second hand radiogram required for airmen's recreation club. Price and particulars to RAF Base, McLaren's Brae, Buckie.

Fines for lighting offences- The going rate for riding a bike with only one light showing was 7/6. If the rider had no lights showing this was doubled to 15/-.

Slipway application shelved - George Smith and Son who had applied for the tenancy of the outer basin slipway when vacated by the Norwegian Government had been shelved until the premises became vacant.

Buckie soldier's photograph and note - A photograph, which was published recently in the Aberdeen Bon Accord (newspaper), shows Sapper Bob 'Bobbie' Paterson in bed at Woodend Hospital, Aberdeen. Since then he has been removed to Bangour Hospital, Edinburgh to undergo a head operation.

Spr. Paterson whose home is at 22 James Street, Buckpool, before joining up in the summer of 1940 worked with Clark and Chapman, Plasterers, Aberdeen. He was employed on the extensions to Lady Cathcart School and the unfinished new infant school.

Thirty-four years of age he was badly wounded in Burma in March 1945. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Woman fined for swearing - A woman from Bridgend was fined 10/- and given 14 days to find the money after being charged for committing a breach of the peace by swearing out loud and long on the street. She had been in the company of some Danish fishermen and was complaining about not getting a nip from one of them.

Buckie's first election of 1888 - An article is found on page three tells us something about the very first town council election when 39 candidates put forward their names -

George Anderson, Grocer, Cluny Square; John Anton, Banker, St Peter's Terrace; John Barclay, Slater, East Church Street; James Bowie, Fisherman, Main Street, James Bremner, Chemist, Main Street, George Christie, Auctioneer, Gordon Street; Alex Cowie 'Bullen', Gordon Street; Alex Cowie, 'Gullie', Yardie; James Cowie, 'Carrot', New Street; John Cowie, 'Bullen Strath', Yardie, Wm. Cumming, Builder, Cluny Terrace; Charles Davidson, Blacksmith, Cathcart Street; George Downie, Fishcurer, Low Street; Wm. Robert Duguid, MD, Cluny Square; Wm. Downie Flett, Fishcurer, Marine Place; James Gerry, Fishcurer, Union Terrace; James Gibson, Fishery Officer, Baron Street, George Jappy, 'Shake', Yardie; Wm. Logie, Sailmaker, West Church Street; Alex air, Solicitor, East Church Street; Alex James Mitchell, Sailmaker, Marine Place; Alex Milne, Builder, Low Street; James

Robertson Mortimer, Ironmonger, East Church Street; John Murray, 'Gike', Seatown; George Paterson, Merchant, Cluny Terrace; Wm. Reaich, Fisherman, West Street; Alex Reid, 'Mosh', Jun. Main Street; Robert Reid, Shipowner, East Church Street; Alex Smith, Cockie Sen, East Church Street; John Simpson, Leather Merchant, Junction Street (Bank Street); Wm. Simpson, MD, Cluny Square; John Bissett Smith, China Merchant, West Church Street; John Frederick Smith, Commission Agent, Gordon Street; Peter Smith, Merchant, Ianstown; Wm. Thomson, Merchant, Bridgend; James Thain, 'Thainie', Harbourhead; George Thomson, Boatbuilder, New Street; John Webster, Chemist, Cluny Square; George Winchester, Fishcurer, Main Street.

The 12 successful candidates were – James Gerry (351), W.R. Duguid (318), Wm. Simpson (349), Wm. Logie 269, J. Bremner, (342), Alex Mair (260) J. Cowie 'Carrot' (227), John Anton (223), John Webster (222), George Christie (222) Wm. Thomson (220), James Bowie (184)

The following fishermen pulled very few votes saying something of the electorate of the time – Alex Cowie 'Bullen' (8), John Cowie 'Bullen Strath', (8), George Jappy 'Shake' (6) and John Murray 'Gike' (5).

'**The Skipper**' was back with his column in this edition.

New Chairman - Baillie Hendry was appointed chairman of the Welcome Home Fund. He was following in the footsteps of at least two others.

Jan 24 **Opening announcement - David** Gardiner, Plumber and Gasfitter, 2 South Deskford Street, Cullen.

Ex soldier offers thanks - Charles Farquhar was thanking Guild members of Buckie Baptist Church and Portessie Eastern Star for the gifts of money he had received.

Two on a bike - against the law - A soldier Pte C. from 1 Bryson Crescent and a young lady from St Peter's Road, Buckpool were both fined for riding two to a bicycle. The soldier was fined £1 with Miss G. 10/-. Pte C. was fined a further £1 for cycling after dark without a front light. Pte C. was a former POW with the Japanese.

Lack of consistency - A Drybridge lad was fined only 7/6 and he had no lights on his bike, front or rear.

Football - In yet another friendly contest Buckie Rovers beat Fochabers by 6 goals to two.

Jan 31 **Seat rents** - The collection of seat rents in the North Church was to take place on Wednesday February 6th.

Fewer dances - The days when one could have attended a dance every day of the week, somewhere in the area, seemed to have gone. Only two dances were advertised this week on the front page of the B.A.

The Easter Star were to hold a dance on Monday in the Townhouse Hall with music by Geddes' Band. Admission 3/- (noticeable this applied to both men and women) with Forces 2/-

The Rathven WRI were to hold a whist drive and dance in the Church Hall, Portessie on Friday 1st February. Music for the dance to be supplied by the Regal band.

Admission for the Forces was again to be cheaper.

Poster - "Keep Death off The Roads" "Traffic has greatly increased since VJ Day and neither pedestrians, children nor drivers have got accustomed to it".

(Mrs C. Harler, China Store, Main Street, was complaining about the amount of traffic passing her shop back in 1926. I wonder what she and people in 1946 would say about the traffic if they were to come back today, 2000)

Webster's Garage - George Webster had an advert in the B.A. which included a sketch of the Austin 10. "Austin are making their 10 again". (George Packman, Plasterer, Glentor, West Cathcart Street, had a blue -coloured Austin 10 when I started to serve my time with on March 12 1945.)

Highland League meeting - A meeting was to take place in Inverness on February 9 to discuss starting the Highland League again next season.

Feb 7 **Church officer wanted** - A church officer was required for the South Church. Intending applicants should apply to George C. Sandison, Lyndhurst, Cathcart Street.

The Bluebell Accordion Band were to supply the music at dances in both Findochty and Portknockie.

Bill Geddes was to play at a dance in the Townhouse Hall ran by the Buckie Local Labour Party.

Firewood blocks for sale - Willie 'Dilly' Ogg was advertising fir firewood blocks for sale at 1/6 a bag or 30 a lorry load. Gordon at Commercial Road was asking the same price.

Football - Buckie Rovers 5 Jones' XI 0
Buckie Thistle 8 Keith 0 George 'Ruff' had **seven** of the eight.

Buckie team - Pytel, Hector and Milne; Moses, Imlah and Thomson; Wallace, Johnston, Stewart, Daly and Kelly.

Keith - Wisnieski, Mitchell and Innes; Mclean, Munro and Kisel; McGregor, Duncan, Mann, Fraser and Logie.

Banffshire Agricultural statistics for 1945.

There were 117,004 persons employed in agriculture in Scotland in 1945, including casual workers.

Acreage of main crops in Banffshire for 1939, 1943 and 1945.

| | 1939 | 1943 | 1945 |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Wheat | 61 | 106 | 7 |
| Barley | 8141 | 14765 | 14166 |
| Oats | 38818 | 49855 | 46191 |
| Potatoes | 1529 | 3793 | 4233 |
| Turnips and Swedes | 16843 | 16320 | 16396 |
| Sugar beet | 53 | 89 | 51 |
| Total tillage | 66188 | 86225 | 83342 |
| Total crops and grass | 155454 | 153437 | 153657 |

Livestock statistics for Banffshire for 1939, 1943 and 1945

| | 1939 | 1943 | 1945 |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Beef cattle | 32980 | 32321 | 37689 |
| Sheep | 132783 | 80330 | 85155 |
| Pigs | 7716 | 5109 | 4415 |
| Dairy Cattle | 14662 | 12571 | 11738 |

'The Skipper's column' - He mentioned the thrashing that Buckie Thistle had give Keith in the football match the previous week when they had won by eight goals to nil and wondered whether it was right to 'rub it in' to an inferior team. (Had he still been around some years in the future he would have known that

the 'Maroons' gained their revenge, and more many times over. A pleasure to me, a Keith supporter from a long way back.)

Poles at Dallachy - With the air force now gone from Dallachy many of the huts were occupied by Polish soldiers. A notice in the B.A. said how the 4th Polish LAA Regiment were to be holding a dance, by kind permission of the commanding officer, at Dallachy on Wednesday 20 February, from 7.30 until 11.30 pm. Admission Force 1/6, Civilians 2/-.

Special buses were to run to the dance - leaving Buckie at 7, Portgordon, 7.10 and Fochabers 7.30 - returning from Dallachy after the dance.

14 Feb **Opening announcement** - Walker and Smith, Electrical Engineers, 36 Mill Crescent.

N.F.S. dance - The National Fire Service were to hold a dance in the Townhouse Hall on Tuesday 26 February with music by Geddes' band. Admission - Ladies and Gents 3/- with Forces 2/6

Cluny Lodge of Oddfellows No 1041 were also to hold a dance in the Townhouse Hall . Admission 2/- with Ladies and Forces 1/6.

Registration for National Service - Young men born 1st April 1928 to 30th June 1928 are required to register under the National Service Act, 1939-42 on March 2 Saturday, 1946. Young men who have already registered under Boys and Girls Registration Order 1941 must register again under the N. S. Act.

Death of Mrs Charlotte Harler - The death took place at her home on Main Street, Buckpool, of Mrs Charlotte Harler, who carried on a business as a China Merchant for 40 years in east Church Street, High Street and Main Street. Her father Mr Williamson was China Merchant and Horse Dealer and formerly had the shop on Main Street. Her daughter, Mrs West, and two granddaughters, both on the staff of Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, survive her. . She was 73 and a devoted member of the North Church.

Mentioned in Dispatches - Page two carries a photograph of Captain W. Slater, 9 Mid Street, Portknockie who had been Mentioned in Dispatches.

6th Seaforths disband - The 6th Seaforths (Morayshire Battalion) to disband in Germany. The wartime travels of the Battalion was unequalled by few other units in the British Army. They went to France in 1939 as part of the BEF, returning to Britain via Dunkirk in 1940. They then took part in the action in Madagascar, before moving to India, Iraq, Persia, Egypt, Syria and Palestine. Their next spell of action saw them involved in the taking of Sicily and the landings on Italy before returning again to Britain where they joined in the last stages of the Second Army's drive into the heart of Germany .

Manager of Buckie Thistle - Mr Rome Tocher was appointed the manager of Buckie Thistle. The Thistle were now being ran by the Buckie Welfare Society who owned the ground and pavilion.

'The Skipper's column' - He told of how the first large cargoes of bananas had arrived in Britain though none had as yet reached Buckie.

Feb 21 **New Column or new heading - Readers' Views** - This included a poem titled 'Macrae's Address and Farm Servants. The poem describes, in critical form, the feelings of farm servants towards the comments made by Councillor James Macrae.

James Macrae is reported to have said at a meeting of the County Council Law and finance Committee last week " God help the farmers if their servants are to come into communities where they will get fish suppers and the 'pictures'. They will never get them to work at all then."

There had been discussion about building new houses for farm workers in existing settlements rather than rural areas.

Feb 28 **Opening announcement** - Elias Sudding - Butcher, Portgordon was giving notice that he would be re-opening at an early date.

Football Trial Match - The Scottish Association of Boys Clubs were to hold a preliminary trial match at Victoria Park on Saturday 2 March.. The two teams in opposition to be the North East of Scotland versus Aberdeen. The rule would be run over players on both sides prior to the International Match, Scotland V Wales.

Admission to Victoria Park 9d (including tax) Stand and enclosure 9d extra. Boys and Forces in uniform 6d.

Local players chosen to form the Northeast team were - Ian Taylor, Portgordon (G.K), Jimmy Garvock, Arradoul (R/B), ?Innes , Portgordon (L/H), Jimmy Thomson, Arradoul (I/R). The N.E. beat Aberdeen by two goals to one.

Mar 7 **Bananas** - at last made their re-appearance in Buckie shops after an absence of 6 years. They were available only to those under 18 but most adults were able to cajole youngsters to give them a taste.

Football - Moses who had been player coach with Buckie Thistle was demobbed and had moved away. He was missed in a friendly game with Elgin City in which their old rivals beat the Thistle.

Social held in Victoria Park pavilion - A report is given on page four of the social evening that took place at V.P. when a presentation to George 'Ruff' Stewart, now with Dundee F.C. took place. It was said that the going away present, in the form of a wallet of notes, came to more than Buckie had got from Dundee.

Rationing - The rationing of many goods was still in force though the number of points given to each person had been increased, while some things required a fewer number of points.

Part of the same notice read - **"The world is short of Bread don't waste it"**.

Mar 14 **Playhouse** - Showing this week was the film - 'Blood and Sand', starring Tyrone Power, Rita Hayworth and Linda Darnell.

Special dance - A dance was to take place in the Townhouse Hall on Tuesday 19 March from 8 pm till 1 am. A lady would be selected by L. H. Clacey, Beauty Expert and holder of the world's record for permanent waving, to represent the district in a £100 Scottish Beauty Contest. Every dancer to be an entrant.

Admission 2/6.

The winners of the Buckie Beauty Contest and chosen from a short list of 6 were - Miss Sybil McLure, 7 Linn Crescent, Buckie and Mrs Winifred Smillie, c/o Merson, 8 Marine Place.

Miss McLure, works as a sorting clerk at Buckie Post Office, while Mrs Smillie, an Edinburgh girl, is employed at the photographic studio of Mr Ali Mohamed.

Over 200 girls from the area participated in the contest. The standard of good looks was very high. The two girls now go forward to the area final to be held in Huntly on Monday.

Re-Union - B Company 6th Battalion, Gordon Highlanders are to hold a Re-Union and Dance in the Drill Hall, Buckie, on Friday 29th March, commencing at 8pm. Ladies 4/- , Gents 4/-. Music by the Astoria Band.

For sale - A three-roomed sectional wooden house was for sale at Carnoch Sawmill. Apply to Watson at this address.

Opening announcement – A. Farquhar, Motor Hirer, 3 Hill Street, Portknockie.

Advert - George Batters, Hairdresser, 21 Main Street.

Mentioned in the Air Force News magazine - LAC Barry McBeath, RAF of Pringle Street, Buckie, former organist of Buckie West Church is reported to have been playing the organ in some of Italy's most famous churches, including the Cathedral of St Peter's in Rome and St ?? in Venice. He went overseas in 1942 and has seen service in North Africa, Sicily and Italy.

Football – Buckie Thistle lost their unbeaten home record when Aberdeen University beat them by the only goal of the game in the first leg of the County Cup.

ACF Football - Buckie ACF football team reached the final of the ACF Cup Northern Area when they beat Huntly by three goals to one on Saturday.

The team was – Thom, Costello and H. Stewart; Bowie, Stephen and Forsyth; C. Stewart, Cormack, Flett, Sinclair and Murray.

Mar 21 **For Sale** - Buckie Deep Sea Stores (owner Alexander Slater), Commercial Road, was for sale.

Cycle Repairs - For cycle repairs try Charles 'Poosie' Robertson, Cycle Agent, 4 New Street, Buckie.

Mentioned in Dispatches - Former CPO, Ernest Sargent, RNR, South Pringle Street, now demobbed and back in the MN received word that he had been Mentioned in Dispatches.

Town Council- At a council meeting it was said that the Linzee Gordon Park was again back in grass after being cultivated, with crops being grown, during the war years. It was intended that the two football pitches would be restored while the existing swings would be repaired where necessary and put back in a serviceable condition. An extra football pitch to be laid out in the Provost's Park. (Note the name. This is now commonly known as Merson's Park, but is this correct?)

Welcome Home Fund - George McIntosh VC, vice chairman, presided at a meeting of Buckie Welcome Home Fund. Provost Yuill was elected chairman in place of Baillie Hendry who had resigned. The target for the fund, provisionally fixed at £10,000 towards which £5,999.0 11 had already been received. Steps were to be taken to see about raising the balance

More Norwegians go home - Ten Norwegian fishing vessels left Buckie on Friday of last week to return to Norway. Two corvettes of the Norwegian Navy arrived at Cluny Harbour to act as escorts. The convoy left on Wednesday night but due to bad weather returned to Buckie. They left two days later after the weather had moderated and crossed the North Sea safely. Bergen was the port of destination for the ten boats from where they would be distributed. The crews said their goodbyes to Buckie that had afforded them the heartiest of hospitality during their wartime stay but were obviously delighted with the prospect of seeing their native country again. There are still over 50 Norwegians fishing out of Buckie, some of their boats, it was understood, would be taken across the North Sea by landing craft.

Polish soldier fined for lighting offence. A Polish soldier, meantime stationed at Dallachy was fined 15/- for riding a bicycle during the hours of darkness without lights. He had failed to turn up at a court the previous week to answer the charge with a warrant discharged for his arrest. Through an interpreter he said that he had gone to Findochty to see a girl friend but had a puncture which

made him late in returning so that it was dark and he had no lights. The bench said that he ought not to have been riding the bicycle in that case.

Buckie 'Prefabs' - *The first prefabricated houses in Buckie started to go up on Monday in the Freuchny housing scheme and eastern end of Well Road (Stripeside). A total of forty-three of the Arcon type are to be erected.*

The outside of the 'prefabs' are less impressive than the inside which show miracles of compactness and labour-saving devices. The main contractors are Scottish Tarmacadam Ltd.

The houses measure 33' x 22' with the apartments within being a living room, two bedrooms, kitchenette, bathroom, separate toilet and hall while outside a small shed is included. They are steel framed, with a steel roof both covered by asbestos cladding. The large windows are made of steel as are the doors. The house is well equipped with built-in cupboards including an airing cupboard. They are all electric with a hotwater tank that is used in the distribution of the duct heating system plus an immersion heater. The roof is pitched at a steeper pitch, this being used for the types being built in the north of Scotland in view of the severer weather conditions.

Buckie's allocation of 'prefabs' is good since only 1487 have been delivered to sites since manufacturing began. They are completely Scottish made.

Portsoy was the very first place in our area to have 'prefabs' and this edition of the local paper tells that one of its reporters went there to give his impressions on the houses. (I (saw the first ones going up in Portsoy since at the time we were finishing off the plastering of a block of housing on Hill Street that had been started before the war.)

Mar 28 **Fire at Carnoch sawmill** - Mr and Mrs J. Milton lost most of their belongings in the fire with a Public Subscription Fund being set up by among others Mr Milne, farmer at Carnoch and the Rathven Church minister.

Opening announcement - Robert Ross, 2 Seafield Street, Portknockie, was advising all that he had commenced in business on his own account as a Plumber and Gasfitter.

Thanks - George Bruce, Stationer and Tobacconist, 18 East Church Street, Buckie, had a note in the local paper thanking all those customers who had supported his business while he had been away in the services. He had now returned and promised to give all his personal attention at all times.

For pub license - Alex Gauld, Bus driver, 3 Gordon Street, Buckie, was applying for a license for 88 Main Street (Harbour Bar). James Cleland proprietor.

A.U. Charities slogan for 1946 - *Atleestamaik*

Football - Buckie Thistle beat Fraserburgh by six goals to one in the 2nd round of the Aberdeenshire Cup. (My brother-in-law *John Gordon* scored a hat trick playing at centre forward.) Perhaps he was the Gordon who played for the Rovers the week before or maybe he younger brother George 'Doddie'.

Mar 28 **Football** - Buckie and district Junior League resumed on Saturday after the winter stoppage. (Mr Carter, Portgordon, was President at this time.)

Buckie Rovers and Cullen were accepted into the Welfare League, which brought the number of clubs to eight. Fochabers, Whitehills and Portsoy also made application to join but the distance clubs would have to travel meant that they were voted against.

Obviously Cullen and the Rovers were considerably behind with their fixtures with half the season completed. It was thus quite amazing what the Rovers achieved with this leeway to make up.

Football - The Rovers drew their first game, three all, with the league leaders, Jones Shipyard.

The Rovers' team was Johansen, Smith and Murray; Niven, Reid and Davidson; Lobban, Calder, Murray, Cowie and Wilson.

Water scheme - The scarcity of water, especially during the summer months had been a problem for a number of places in the local area, not least Buckie, who had a warning notice against water shortage printed in the local paper every year. Now a one million-gallon water scheme to take water from the River Avon was recommended for Banffshire. This idea had been banded about in the years before the war.

Football - A note in the paper spoke of Dr Faber Smith being demobbed. It said also that he had twice been mentioned in Dispatches. Apart from playing for Buckie he was also with Montrose and Morton.

Apr 4 **Playhouse** - 'Within These Walls' starring Thomas Mitchell, Mary Anderson and Edward Ryan was one of the films being shown this week. Another was 'Son of Lassie' with Peter Lawford and Donald Crisp.

Notice - Strathlone Golf Club were proposing to re-commence club activities shortly. A meeting of all those interested was to take place in the room 5 of the Townhouse on Monday 8 April.

Whist - Banffshire Unionist Trophy - This was a big thing at this time. There were 40 tables in play at one of the rounds held in the Clochan School on Friday of last week.

Football - The Army Cadet Force dropped out of the Welfare League but this was offset with the admission of Fochabers and Strathlone.

Games were being played on Cullen Links, Strathlone, the Provost's Park and Fochabers.

Buckie man makes history - Dr Arnold W. Hendry was the first Doctor of Philosophy in Engineering at Aberdeen University. The youngest son of Baillie Hendry he received his PhD at a recent ceremony.

Another first for Buckie - The first dual-purpose fishing vessel to be built in the north of Scotland for private owners since the war was launched from Jones Slip and Shipyard on Tuesday. She was named RPW for James Pirie, Fishing Co. Grimbsy and is fitted out for both seine net and drift net fishing.

Apr 11 **Thanks** - were expressed from W. T. McIntosh, ex POW, Far East, to those who had helped his parents during his absence and also Rathven Parish Guild for their cable received by him while in hospital in Poona, India following his release from prison.

Library new opening hours - The library in Buckie Townhouse was to be open from 6.30 to 8.30 pm on Tuesdays and Fridays. Alex Christie, County Librarian.

Buckie North Church - Palm Sunday - 14 April 1946. Services at 11 am and 6 pm. At 6 pm it will be a Musical Service. Self denial envelopes to be placed in the plate on retiring at either diet of worship.

Still cheaper admission for Forces - A dance was to take place in the Townhouse on 15 April (no named organisation) Admission 2/- with Forces 1/6. Geddes' Band.

No 'prefabs' for Portknockie ! - Portknockie town council were not to be having 'prefabs' according to Provost Falconer. They were deemed to be unsuitable with people unable to live in them for the cold in winter and the heat in summer. (Did the town council members change their minds- were any ever built in Portknockie?)

Proposed book on fishing boats - A Mr Edgar J March, 3 Cedric Road, Westgate on Sea, Kent had a letter in the local paper asking if anyone could supply him with information on Fifies and Zulus. He had already written a similar book on other sailing vessels and was now writing one called Fishing Smacks and Trawlers.

Apr 18 **Thanks** - Mr and Mrs John Milton, late of Carnoch Sawmill, had a note in the local paper thanking, Rev A.M. Stuart, Rathven Manse, James Milne, Carnoch and James Milton, Schoolhouse, Rathven also Rathven WRI and people of the surrounding district who so generously helped after the recent loss of their house by fire.

Site for proposed nursery school - Ground at the westerly part of the Buckie Town Council new housing feu at Freuchny has been sub feud to Banff County Council for a proposed nursery school.

Death of the provost - The death took place on Wednesday of this week in an Aberdeen nursing home of Provost John Yuill, Buckie.

Apr 25 **Struan furniture sale** - A large dispenish sale was to take place at Struan, Cluny Square, of the furniture and other goods belonging to Mrs Robertson, former wife of the late Mr Robertson, Chemist, who had the house built.

Steam drifter to diesel trawler - History was made with the conversion of a steam drifter to a diesel trawler. A few months before the light diesel trawler now called the Hazelgrove was the steam drifter, Walkerdale. This was the first steam drifter to be so converted in this manner and done for Andrew Wilson, Ianstown. Hamilton Bros. Buckie fitted her out. She sailed back to Fleetwood this week with the work complete.

Football - Buckie Thistle won the County Cup, the first trophy since the pre-war years, when they beat Peterhead at Recreation Park, Peterhead, in front of a crowd of 4,700, 600 of whom came from Buckie and a further 300 from Fraserburgh. The aggregate score was 5-4 in Buckie's favour. The Buckie team was -Pytel, Taylor and Clark; Laing, Smith and Ross; Taylor (cpt.), Johnston, Watson, Standing and Kelly. Pytel, the former Polish soldier and Thistle keeper, on his way home for demob. made the journey north from a transit camp in Glasgow to play in this his last game for the Thistle.

Football - George 'Ruff' Stewart, the former Thistle player now with Dundee F.C. was in their first team at O/R against the Hibs at Easter Road on Saturday in a cup game. Although the Daily Mail gave Stewart as the best forward in the Dundee team they were beaten by three clear goals (only to be expected) by the Hibs.

May 2 **Football** - Buckie Thistle won the Aberdeenshire League after beating Aberdeen University by six goals to three at Victoria Park. The team was- Love, Taylor and Clark; Laing, Smith and Hendry; Gordon, Johnston, Standing, Pattison and Kelly. Love, Pattison, Standing and Gordon were all in the RAF at Lossiemouth, although John Gordon was a Buckpool loon from 16 James Street.

May 9 **Furniture sale** - at Preshome the property of Canon D. Mackay who was retiring

Arradoul Youth Club - were to present a concert in the WRI hall on Thursday and Friday, 9 and 10 May. A dance to follow the Friday performance.

Property sale - the property at 72-74 East Church Street, formerly owned by the late Mrs C. Harler was sold to Mr Nur Mohammed who aimed to carry on business there as a China Merchant and Draper.

Last Norwegian fishermen leave - three tank-landing craft arrived in Cluny Harbour last week to transport a number of Norwegian fishing vessels back to Norway. The boats were hoisted aboard the landing craft by crane with each craft taking four boats. They were to leave today, Thursday.

New provost appointed - Baillie Hendry was appointed provost to take the place of the late John Yuill who died recently. At the same meeting Mr Hugh McLeod, Headmaster of St Peter's School was co-opted to the council. This didn't please everyone who felt that there should have been an election.

May 16 **No dances nor whist drives** - For the first time for a long time, years in fact, there were no dances nor whist drives advertised on the front page of the B. A.

Another hotel for Captain Greenwood - Captain Greenwood the owner of the Marine Hotel, in Buckie and who had recently acquired the Saltoun Arms in Fraserburgh bought the Gordon Arms, Hotel in Elgin this week. Captain Greenwood lost an arm during the war.

Furnish a 'prefab' for £100 - The B.A. carried a story copied from a south paper, which told of an Arcon 'prefab' being completely furnished for the sum of £100. It was opened to the public as a 'show house'.

'Do' for the Cullen Ex-service - The ex-servicemen and women belonging to Cullen held a reception in the Strathlene Hotel last week. This was organised by the British Legion. Quite a number of 'brass' were present. A full report of the function is given in this edition.

Football - Buckie Thistle brought a successful season to an end with a win after beating Aberdeen University by five goals to three.

"The more things change the more - - - -" Judge Milton said at the latest meeting of Buckie Town Council that malicious damage (we would now call it vandalism) was costing the ratepayers of Buckie the sum of £400 every year. Those most responsible were youth between 18 and 20 years of age, it had been proved.

Football - Buckie Rovers were now league leaders, a remarkable turnabout, they had moved from bottom to top after having only played seven games and collecting 12 points. (It will be remembered that they only joined the league after the winter break.)

May 23 **Dances** - Just to show that dances hadn't lost their appeal for the young folk of the area no less than five different dances were advertised on the front page of the B. A. this week.

Among one of the bands playing was that of 'Curly' Mackay And Andy Findlay who were to be playing in the Townhouse Hall on May 23. This was the first time in Buckie but had been heard on radio for some time.

Notice - W. Robertson Chemist and Dentist - Mrs Robertson, widow of the forenamed had a notice in the local paper saying how the business would be continuing as formerly at 26 East Church Street. She thanked all customers for their support during the time that Mrs Hall had been manager and trusted that the same would continue under the new manager, Mr Gauld.

Playhouse - The films being shown in the local cinema this week were - 'Kiss and Tell' starring Shirley Temple and Jerome Courtland; 'State Fair' with Jeanne

Crain, Dana Andrews and Dick Haymes. Starring in the film 'Love Letters' were Jennifer Jones and Joseph Cotton.

Mentioned in Dispatches - The London Gazette announced that Lance Corporal Watson had been Mentioned in Dispatches. By this time he was again Mr Bert Watson, Mill Crescent having been demobbed in February from the RASC. During his attachment to the BAOR he served in France, Holland, Germany and Belgium.

Street names - A new street leading off Well Road on which the latest council houses were to be built was to be named Yuill Avenue after the late provost. The short roadway between Commercial Road and McLaren's Brae was to be named Freuchny Road. Both were agreed by the town council at their recent meeting, held on Monday of this week.

First prize for Buckie singer - Miss Daisy Marshall won first prize for singing Scots songs, unaccompanied, at Edinburgh Music Festival. She is a pupil of Sister Winifred Greyfriar's Convent, Elgin. Previously Miss Marshall had received high praise for her part in a Nativity play. Miss Marshall is the elder daughter of Mr and Mrs C. Marshall.

***** **Presentation and closure of the Scandinavian mission** - The Scandinavian Mission on East Church Street (the property in 2000 was the Hydro Board showrooms) had a 'get together' by Scandinavians on Sunday evening - the last Sunday of the Mission in Buckie.

Mr Fjalberg, resident minister, led the service and Miss Margaret McKenzie, Braehead, East Church Street, was at the piano.

Coffee and sandwiches were made by the Norwegian ladies and served by local ladies from Buckie and Portgordon, including Margaret McKenzie and her sister also Miss Cameron, Slackend, Portgordon.

Numerous solos were sung also community singing took place. In a speech given by a Norwegian employed at their shipyard he expressed thanks for the Mission and said how much their work had been appreciated. He presented Mr Fjalberg with a silver coffee pot on behalf of his workmates.

Mr Fjalberg returned thanks saying he was sorry to be going away but added that it would not be long before they all had gone home.

***** The Mission closes this week with Mr Fjalberg going to the Scandinavian Church in Edinburgh.

Findochty Welcome Home Fund - The money collected towards a 'Welcome Home' was ready to be disbursed. For the collection the village had been divided into different parts with collectors being responsible for the money gathered. They were also to have the job of handing over the sum of £4 to each person who was entitled to this. Who they were had been decided at the outset.

Buckie to lose both their Burgh Surveyor and his assistant - Mr Thomas Beattie, who had been 10 years as Burgh Surveyor in Buckie had received a new appointment at Selkirk. His assistant, Mr Pollock had also received a new position.

Arcon 'prefabs' for Findochty - Findochty Town Council were to apply for 20 Arcon 'prefabs'.

May 30 **Playhouse** - Showing this week in the local cinema was the film, 'Sun Valley Serenade', starring Sonja Hene and John Payne.

Notice - Buckie and District Ex Servicemen's Club Ltd - A meeting of intending members will be held in the Virginia Buildings (back entrance) on Tuesday 4 June to appoint office bearers, fix subscriptions and arrange for furnishing of the New Premises. Non ex servicemen are eligible for full membership. W. Smith, Secretary.

Victory dances - These were to take place at Portgordon on Monday 3 June in the Masonic Hall when the Music Maker Band, Rothies, 'especially engaged for your enjoyment' would supply music.

A Grand Victory Dance was to take place in the Drill Hall, Cullen. This had been organised by the Cullen Branch of the British Legion. Music here was to be by Beattie's Band from Foggielean.

Shift for garage - Webster's Garage, previously on the High Street, was now at 55 West Church Street in the premises formerly occupied by Miller's. He was advertising, besides repairs to and sales of cars, cycles, radios and the supply and charging of wireless batteries.

Butcher's shop let - Mr J. A. Downie, Butcher, 11 Church Street, Portknockie let his shop to Mr John Stewart, Buckie who was expanding his business considerably.

Mentioned in Dispatches - Captain A. B. Imlah, was Mentioned in Dispatches. he will be remembered as a keen footballer, having played for Buckie Thistle before the war. he was a son of the late Walter Imlah, Bank Agent and Mrs Imlah, Buckie. Captain Imlah, himself, entered the banking profession and served abroad in this capacity. He died at Lhanbryde in 2000.

Circus - The Robert's Bros. Mammoth Circus paid a visit to Buckie this week.

Fishermen's Choir - A photograph of the Buckie Fishermen's Choir is shown on page three, but the quality is poor. All the singers are named but unfortunately only the first letter of their Christian name is given.

Buckie man is awarded the MM and tells his story of his exploits- Pte James Smith, 32 Linn Crescent, tells of his exploits after first being captured by the Germans at St Valery. A story of adventure, capture, escape, recapture, espionage and prison hardship at the hands of the Gestapo. His story can be read on page three.

Pte Smith is the younger brother of Captain Alex Smith who won the MC in Burma, besides being seriously wounded which meant the loss of a leg.

Both brothers were well known footballers before the war, while Jimmy played for the Buckie Thistle and Inverness Thistle in the post war years.

Victory celebrations - A variety of events were to take place in Buckie on Saturday June 8 as part of the Victory Celebrations. Among the events was to be a Fancy Dress Parade.

New column - Although a number of columnists had disappeared including 'The Skipper' a new one was included this week titled - 'From My Study Window by 'Parish Minister'.

Presentation at Preshome - A company met at Preshome this week when a presentation to Canon Mackay took place. Mr Alex Smith, Wester Bogs, presided. Canon Mackay, a native of Tomintoul who had been in the Enzie for 30 years was presented with a wallet of notes. This was handed over by Mr John Adam Denvie, Enzie, one of the oldest parishioners.

June 6 **Army Cadet Week** - The Buckie company of Army Cadets were to hold a special Week from 10 June to 15 June. There was to be events taking place each evening from Monday to Friday which included drill and rifle exercises but also challenge football matches.

Poultry sale at Holmie, Clochan- A big sale of poultry, 12 poultry houses, brooders incubators and appliances was to take place at the farm of Holmie, Clochan, belonging to Forbes Howie, Farmer.

Victory Celebrations - Like the celebrations which took place following both VE and VJ day victory celebrations were to take place all through the town on Friday and Saturday 7 and 8 June.

Though a number of streets had joined together to hold their own festivities, such as West Church Street, and Cathcart Street area, Cliff Terrace, East Church Street, High Street and adjacent streets and lanes, Buckpool was to have a united celebration. On Friday a fancy dress parade was to take place in the Provost's Park with 60 prizes. Dancing to take place on St Andrews Square from 9.30 pm with a Bonfire and Fireworks at midnight

On Saturday a Picnic and Sports was to take place in the Provost's Park beginning at 1.30pm. Bring cup and spoon. Dancing was again to take place on St Andrews Square from 9 pm. **Adults Welcome.**

The bairns from the Cliff Terrace are etc were to have their picnic in the Cathcart Park (sic) behind the Post Office. More commonly known as Cowie Park.

Those from Cathcart Street, etc were to hold theirs in the Episcopal School Park. (Commercial Park)

New dance band - The band booked to play at a dance in Findochty was the 3 Polish Artillery, Dallachy.

They left - Among the estates published in this edition was that of the late Mrs Isabella Gordon, widow, 1 Union Terrace, Buckpool, who left £3350

Now senior referee - Mr J. A. Forbes, the well known Welfare League referee recently passed the SFA exam and as such is now available to take charge of Highland League games.

Column - The Day's Work by Spike - The B.A. had carried for a great many weeks' instalments of his latest story - 'The Curse of Bog O' Rannas'. He stated this week that this was definitely the last instalment.

Honour for Buckie girls - Two Buckie girls were chosen to represent Banffshire at an event in London to mark their fourth anniversary. They are Cadet Officer, Lily Cowie, 7 Titness Street and Cadet Helen Thomson, Gordon Street. The event will take place in the Albert Hall. The local girls are to travel to London in a party of 22 from the north east.

London Victory Parade - Mr William Smith, Craigendarroch, Cliff Terrace was chosen to represent Banffshire Special Constabulary at a Victory Parade to be held in London on Saturday. Mr Smith was an inspector in the Special Constabulary during the war.

June 13 **Open for business** - A notice read - The Star Garage, Main Street, Buckpool is now open. first class repairs guaranteed. Hiring both day and night. George McKnockiter, manager

Dance- Rathven and Enzie Ploughing Association were to hold a dance in the Arradoul WRI hall in aid of a hoeing match. Music by the Astoria Band. Admission - gents 2/6, ladies 2/-

Victory Day June 8 1946 - In Buckie this will be long remembered but mostly for its great disappointment. Heavy thunderstorms accompanied by torrential rain lasted throughout Saturday afternoon and washed out every one of the children's picnics.

Page three - No glamour girls but a whole page describing the celebrations that went ahead, both all over Buckie and further afield. Makes interesting reading.

Football - Two George Stewarts were in the Dundee F.C. side against the Hibs on Saturday. Both were also ex Thistle players. George 'Raff' Stewart played

most recently for the Thistle while George 'Ru' Stewart played for Buckie pre-war.

Though 'Ruff' had two goals it was not enough to see his side get the better of the Hibeas. (It took some team to do that then .)

June 20 **Playhouse** - Showing this week was a most popular film called - 'I Know where I'm Going' starring Roger Livesey and Wendy Hiller. This film was set in the west of Scotland. Also showing this week was 'the Lost Weekend' with Ray Milland and Jayne Wyman.

Boxing- On Friday and Saturday 21 and 22 June Mapplebeck's Boxing Show was to take place in Cowie's Park. On the bill were Billy Stevens (Tillycoultry) Paul Jones (Newcastle) and Phil Thornton (Aberdeen). Admission 1/6. "Anyone wishing to contest any weight apply to the above."

(Billy Stevens was often on the bill when boxing tournaments took place in the Fishermen's Hall during the war years.)

Notice - John 'Jake' Taylor, Butcher, 57 Main Street had the following notice in the local paper. with one son returned from the services I aim to restart a van round at the beginning of the new rationing period.

New Burgh Surveyor - The man appointed burgh surveyor to succeed Mr Beattie was Mr Wm. J. R. Guthrie , 54 Gordon Street, Huntly. He was chosen from a short leet of four.

Eastern Star dances - Though the practice of allowing servicemen into dances at a cheaper rate than civilians had more or less ended it was noticed that the Eastern Star was still giving this concession.

New shop for E. Tindall Scott & Co. - Tindall Scott Ironmongers and House Furnishers, who had their very first shop on Commercial road before moving to 1 High Street , later 17 High Street were now giving notice that they were to open a Furniture Department at 37 West Church Street on July 17. The new premises were formerly the shop and hall belonging to Wright's.

Advert - H. Anderson and Co. Painters, Decorators and Signwriters, 1 Craigview, Findochty.

"What a heat - 'am fair plotting" - Saturday (22 June) was the hottest day of the year so far with temperatures reaching above 80 degrees. After a fairly dreich summer so far sunshine made an appearance at last. it was the hottest day for several years in Buckie and district. Strathlene was a popular place with the swimming pool being the busiest yet. Those playing football were sair ca'ad awa wi't.

Football - Elgin East End, a strong-going outfit, were seeking admission into the Buckie and District Welfare League.

Football - Buckie Rovers won the **County Cup** after beating Fochabers by four goals to two at the Linzee Gordon Park.

Their team was - Jake Clark, Gordon Cowie, Jim Leask, John 'Jock' Niven, Taylor, Bill Geddes, Jim Hillocks, Reid, Jackie Calder, Willie Cowie and Bruce Fochabers - 'Shod' Harrold, Clark and George; Flett, Willie Young and Masson; McHardy, Wilson, Maxine, Fisher and 'Pow' Munro.

Fochabers had been the last winner of the County Cup in 1939.

The Rovers also won the **Duncan Shield** when they beat Cullen by three goals to one at Linzee Gordon. John Duncan was on honeymoon and not present to see his trophy presented but left the sum of £2.10 to treat the winners.

Local boxer wins - Jimmy Gordon won his fight at Mapplebeck's Boxing Show, when he outpointed Jackie Sheriffs, Aberdeen. This was a return fight, with Gordon again coming out on top.

Jly 4 **Playhouse** - In the cinema this week Margaret Lockwood and Patricia Roc were starring in the film 'The Wicked Lady'. Also showing this week was 'The Wizard of Oz' with Judy Garland and Frank Moran And 'This Love of Ours' starring Merele Oberon, Claude Rains and Charles Korvin. And 'The Rakes Progress' with Rex Harrison, Lilli Palmer and Godfrey Tearle. (Those films were still remembered in 2000.)

For Sale - Slipway, Machinery and furnishings belonging to the Norwegian Government at Cluny Square. Wm. Smith, Solicitor.

Football - Although it was agreed by a majority decision to allow Elgin East End to join the Buckie and District Welfare League Portknockie F.C. declared that that if East End were admitted they would go out. This attitude was widely decried by a great many people in the area who saw the admittance of East End as being greatly to the advantage of the League. The East End showed how good they were by defeating a Welfare League Select at Linzee Gordon Park in a day of pouring rain and strong winds.

Football - The Rovers suffered their first defeat when they lost to Cullen at Linzee Gordon Park in the final of the Brown Cup (formerly the Sunlight Cup) by a score of 4-3. Cullen - Findlay, Wood and Peterkin; Cummings, Grant and Menzies (Capt.), Kelbie, Smith, Duncan, McBeath and Blackhall. Rovers - Clark, Cowie and Leask; Niven, Taylor and Geddes; Hillocks, Reid, Calder, Cowie and Bruce.

Boy killed - Three year old Edwin C. Ross was knocked down and killed by a motor car outside his home at Carnoch Cottages. His mother, a widow, had four of a family, Edwin being her third.

Forces concession ended - There were now no cheaper admittance for Forces at the dances in the local area with even the Eastern Star having dropped the practice. Forces were still being allowed into football matches at Victoria Park at a cheaper rate if in uniform.

School holidays - The Arradoul bairns received their usual gifts of money before the school closed for the summer vacation. Each one got 8 three penny pieces given by Mr and Mrs R.G. Young, Arradoul Mains and Mr and Mrs W.J. Low, Beechview, Enzie. Mr and Mrs James Grant gave ample supplies of ice-cream.

School Prizewinners- At St Peter's R. C. School Isobel Gordon Sec. I was first equal with Isobel Maver for Drawing. At Enzie Public School, Margaret Fraser was a prizewinner in the Infant Class while Sydney Fraser came second in PIV.

Cruden Houses - Buckie Town Council agreed to accept the Department of Health offer of 10 Cruden houses (permanent prefabricated) on condition that a grant sufficient to cover the difference in capital between the Cruden houses and the town's own permanent houses is received.

Cluny's column - The attitude of Portknockie F.C. towards Elgin East End was still simmering. It was said that they should have left the league if they couldn't accept the majority decision. A hornet's nest of criticism was aroused from junior football fans, he said. the advantage of allowing East End and Garmouth into the league far outweighed the disadvantages. East End were ten times as good as Portknockie.

Welfare League - how it finished - Rovers were champions, amazing after only playing for half the length of time. The statistics read P15 W13 L0 D 2 F63 A 10 30 points. . Fochabers came second but ten points behind. The Home Guard were bottom played 16 with 10 points.

Jly 11 **Adverts** - On the front page there were three adverts stating who would be at Peter Fair and those who wouldn't. Thomson's Amusements were to be there also Madame Estelle, Palmist, but Young's Nurseries, Garmouth said that they wouldn't be present but welcomed people to visit their gardens.

Buckpool Golf Course - Nine holes were open for play as from today, July 18 1946. A lot of work had gone into to make this part of the course ready and was in fine shape. It was hoped that the 18 holes would be available for play next spring.

Findochty Head, Mr Olson and many townspeople - A row had been kept simmering following the great reluctance of the headteacher, Mr Olson to allow children in to the school on Saturday June 8 the day set aside for the Victory Celebrations when it had been so wet. He was being accused of not having the interests of the village at heart with his only interest being to keep his school clean and tidy. The row went to the highest levels locally being discussed, at length, by the town council and the Education Committee.

Buckie Rovers celebrated a most successful season with a 'do' in the Strathlene House. They were Welfare League Champions, winners of the County Cup and Duncan Shield besides being R/U in the Brown Cup and Commercial Shield when they lost in both by the one goal to Cullen and Fochabers, respectively. Music for dancing was provided by Davidson, Niven and friends.

Norwegian vessel - Quest - This week the Norwegian vessel, Quest, associated with Sir Ernest Shackleton and for his part in the Atlantic expeditions paid a visit to Cluny Harbour, Buckie. The vessel with its tall masts and stubby funnel bridged the gap between sail and steam and aroused much interest as she entered port.

She was in Buckie to transport stores and material for the Norwegian Government, which is soon to sever its wartime link with Buckie.

Buckie sign Jimmy Simpson for player coach - This week Buckie Thistle signed Jimmy Simpson, formerly of Glasgow Rangers, as player coach. Simpson was to take up his duties on 23 July. He was capped for Scotland 18 times, many times acting as captain. There had been arguments as to how old Jimmy Simpson was with Cluny informing all that he was 36.

Jly 25 **Keith Victory Show was to take place on Tuesday 6 August.** Like Peter Fair, there had been no Shows during the war years.

Cleaner wanted - A woman was wanted to clean a house for a few hours on a Saturday morning. Rate - 1/6 per hour.

Special dance and a new band - A dance was to take place in the Townhouse Hall in aid of the Commando Benevolent Fund. Music by the 'Select Band'

New owner for former Norwegian slip- Two offers had been made for the former Norwegian Slip. George Smith and Son, Shipbuilders and John Duncan, Engineers. The offer of John Duncan was the one accepted by the town council.

Home Guard 'Do'. - The Home Guard Rifle Club entertained the Home Guard football team to an enjoyable social evening in the Drill Hall when tea was served.

Peter Fair - A report said that Peter Fair was to be held for the first time tomorrow since 1939. Rationing had put paid to such as tea tents and sweetie

stalls for the time being but the amount of amusements already on the stance together with side-shows left little doubt that as in pre-war years all roads will lead to the fair.

Holidaymakers like Buckie said a report, despite the weather. Hotels and bed and breakfast establishments were reporting the biggest rush of holidaymakers since pre-war days with accommodation being eagerly sought for August and September.

Cluny's sports column - He was saying that there was depressing outlook for local Junior Football in the coming season not helped by Portknockie with their attitude towards Elgin East, who had not joined the Morayshire Juniors. Garmouth were still waiting a favourable acceptance.

The Morayshire League was, he believed, to include teams from Findhorn to Fochabers and from Grantown to Lossiemouth. It was fully expected that Fochabers would join, with the situation regarding Buckie Rovers not yet clear.

German POW escapees - Two German POW's who escaped from Brahan Castle, Ross-shire on Monday 15 July were recaptured in a small hut on the railway line between Portgordon and Spey Bay. Mr Newlands, Surfaceman had noticed smoke coming from the chimney and had advised the stationmaster who informed the police. The two men offered no resistance when the police arrived.

Conflict between Welcome Home Fund and Welfare Society over the use of the Townhouse Hall for dances. The W.H.F. had asked for the hall on either Wednesdays or Saturdays but the Society had a standing let of the hall on these two days and was most reluctant to give this up.

Aug 1 **Opening announcement** – Malcolm West, Stewart Street, Portgordon was giving notice that he was to start up in business as a Carpenter and Joiner and hoped to earn a share of public patronage.

St Andrew's Hotel - After being occupied by the army during the war years and following extensive renovations to both the hotel itself and hall it was now open. (I spent many hours getting lost in the building during the renovations. George Packman had the work of repairs to the plasterwork on a time and lime basis.)

Chad advert – (This showed an odd looking character looking over a brick wall uttering his famous phrase, "Wot No ????) In this case it was "Wot No Painters!. H. Anderson, Painters, Findochty, said of course there were.

Time - It was stated that the time taken to build a temporary hose from the time the site was first cleared and foundations laid until completion and ready for occupation was 1 month.

Gas masks - The Home Secretary said that ordinary civilian respirators must remain in the custody of the public who should take proper care of them in case they are needed again.

Player coach for Lossie F.C. – Lossiemouth F.C. had acquired the services of John Macauley as player coach.. Macauley, a former H/League player was coming to Lossie from Bolton Wanderers as a left half.

Money for eels - A New Zealander making a second visit to the Buckie area said that he could make £10 per week catching eels and found it odd that no one in this area thought about taking it up. He spoke of there being a good market for eels elsewhere and sent them south by train. He found them easy to catch in traps he set in reservoirs and burns.

Photograph - The B.A. carried a photograph of Miss Margaret Bruce, Portknockie, at Cluny Harbour saying goodbye to friends before embarking on the Norwegian boat, Quest, for Norway where she was to be married.

Cluny's column- He told this week that the Rovers had indeed joined the Morayshire League. He had known this the previous week but had kept silence in case something might arise which might hinder their admittance.

St Andrew's Hotel - A fairly long article on page three tells of the many changes that had taken place to the St Andrew's Hotel, especially the hall, which was now owned by Mr Watson Watson.

Peter Fair - In a report on the Fair it was said that only about half the park had been used the other half being in crop. The only thing it had in common with Peter Fair's of pre-war years was the name being but a shadow of its former glory. It consisted of amusements only and even these were few in number with Thomson's going elsewhere due to a misunderstanding. Despite this to children, the Fair being like a banana in its novelty, took full advantage.

There were no sweetie stalls, sideshows tea or refreshment tents nor canned music. The Star Inn was the only beer tent on the ground. Despite this there were those who made more that full use of this and got themselves into trouble. With four men, some well known, being arrested and fined £10 of sixty days for fighting etc.

A fair crowd attended the fair with the spirit still being there and money well spent. Cars carried them to and from the market stance.

Big purchase for Wm. Gray, Star Inn. For the sum of £4000 he bought the buildings on the south side of Cluny Square from the Town Clerk's office, the Aberdeen Savings Bank, the former shop of R.Tindall Scott and Sons and the Greengrocers next door on High Street. He said that he had no real plans what he would do with the unoccupied shop but thought perhaps a car showroom.

Aug 8 **Advert** - Highland League Cup (Morganti Cup) Thistle versus Keith Wednesday 14 August at 7 pm. Admittance 1/- Stand and enclosure 1/- Boys and Forces in uniform 6d.

New dance band - The band to provide the music at a dance being ran in aid of Portknockie F.C. was given as Fordyce Band - a new name.

Notice - Alex Ross, Painter and Decorator, 19 Cluny Terrace, Buckie, was giving notice that all his work in the future would be carried out by his son Alex Phillip Ross. Paper-hanging strictly in rotation.

New Law firm - Wink & McKenzie, Elgin, opened a branch office in Buckie in the shop on East Church Street formerly occupied by R.Gillan, Grocer. (This was formerly the Post Office and in later years up until 1999 was a chemist's shop. It was to open as some kind of health shop in July 2000.)

Keith Show - A crowd of 20,000 were present at Keith Show on August 6, the first Show since 1939. Enzie WRI won the Gordon Challenge Trophy. R. J. Young won prizes both for his horses and Friesian dairy cattle.

Football - The Buckie team chosen to play Keith in the Aberdeenshire League at Victoria Park was as follows - Jim Findlay, Wm. Clark and Jim Leask; John Niven, Ian Hector and Reid; Jimmy Smith, Wm. Cowie, John Gordon, Bill Geddes and Shanks. Reserves - Calder, John Valentine and Wm. Hay.

The Thistle were also playing at Keith during the afternoon - The team to play was as follows - Cameron, Taylor and A. Clark; Willie Laing, Jimmy Simpson and Kelly; Peter Bain, Neish, G. Smith, Patton and Ian McLean. Reserves- Ian Hector and John Gordon.

William Clark was an Elgin lad while Patton was a sailor. Morrison of Derby County was likely to be playing soon. John Niven, Jim Leask and Willie Cowie had all been signed from Buckie Rovers.

The Buckie Welcome Home Fund was now nearing £7,000. The target was £10,000. Provost Hendry had been appointed chairman in place of the late Provost Yuill.

Sports Day – The second annual sports meeting under the auspices of Banffshire Leaders Council of the Scottish Association of Boys' clubs was held at Strathlene. The meeting was dogged by rain but was nevertheless a success.

It was divided into two sections with a silver cup being presented to the winners of each section.

The following were prizewinners for Arradoul in the junior section – Islay Shaw, Arradoul House, Willie Anderson, Auchenreath Farm, and Jimmy Thomson, Tynet. And for Portgordon – Ian Tylor and A. Innes.

Arradoul won the Relay race and the five-a-side.

Prizewinners for Arradoul in the senior section were – John Murray, Joe Turner, Sydney McIntosh and Wm. Duncan.

Arradoul won the Relay race with Dufftown second. Arradoul also won the Tug of war and five-a-side football.

Portgordon beat Arradoul with the points score of 21 to 19 to take the junior cup while Arradoul had a runaway victory over Dufftown in the senior by 31 to 14.

When handing over the trophies the speaker, making reference to the senior section said that it had been a bit one-side but hoped that there would be more competition the next year.

Proposed Supporters Club for Buckie Thistle - The following had put their names to a letter which contained a proposal to start a Supporters Club – Messrs J. Cowie, J. Jappy, W. M. Cowie, J. Murray and E. Geddes. (As far as Buckie Thistle were concerned Supporters Clubs had been something that were started only to fade out after a period when success on the park was not as good as it might have been.. In July 2000, following a fairly successful season, there was talk of starting on again.)

Aug 13 **Inconsistencies in fines for lighting offences** - The size of the fines awarded for the same cycling offences was inconsistent to say the least. Two Polish soldiers from Dallachy were fined 25/- for riding bicycles through Portgordon at 12 o'clock, midnight, without any lights on their bikes. They said that they had been at a dance in Buckie and when they went to collect their bikes someone had stolen the lamps.

For a similar offence the following week another person was fined only 15/-.

Football- Buckie Thistle with their new player coach in their side were shocked when they were only able to draw 2-2 with Keith at Kynoch Park. A crowd of 2000 was present to watch the match, the first round of the H/League Cup.

At Buckie, however, in the Aberdeenshire League, Buckie beat Keith 3-1 with **Gordon scoring all three.**

Photograph - On page three of this edition there is a photograph of Mrs F. Thomson, Burnside of Tynet and president of Enzie WRI receiving the Gordon Challenge Bowl won at Keith Show.

Buckie Rovers - lost no less than six players of the team that played last season to the senior ranks .

They were – Leask, Niven, Willie Cowie, Reid, Geddes and Calder. All but the last signing for Buckie Thistle. Jackie Calder signed for Deveronvale for whom he score a hat-trick in his first game.

There was some reason for believing that full back, Gordon Cowie would be moving up also, while only their being at the fishing stopped Murray and Thain .

Johnnie 'Dyles' Cowie was quite phlegmatic about losing so many of his players to the senior ranks, and had this to say. "there is plenty of football talent among the lads of Buckie. I know where to find it. I'm having 20 or so likely lads up at the Linzee Gordon Park this week. The Rovers will be in a strong position to start the new season in the Morayshire League."

Aug 22 Move for Cycle Agent - Charles Robertson, Cycle and Radio Engineer moved from New Street to 14 East Church Street.

Death of James P. Pozzi - The death took place at his home, 63 High Street, of James Pozzi, Bookseller and Newsagent. High Street, Buckie.

Another new dance band - A dance was to take place in the Drill Hall, Cullen, ran by the Cullen Branch of the British Legion. Music was to be by Folley's Band, Macduff.

The Buckie Company of ACF were holding a dance in the Drill Hall, Buckie when music would be played by Andy Findlay's Band with 'Curly' Mackay.

Friendly football match - Buckie Rovers versus 30 TB(Pinefield) at Victoria Park on Saturday evening, August 24. Admission 7d with Boys 4d, Stand extra.

West Church, Buckie - The church didn't have a minister at this time but the congregation were against any union.

Familiar feature at Linzee Gordon goes - A familiar landmark at the Linzee Gordon Park, the former railway coach that acted as a pavilion for the cricket club was removed this week. It had stood on its foundation at the edge of the wicket for 30 years but during the war years it was ransacked by hooligans until it was beyond repair.

Football - A further shock to Buckie Thistle and followers took place on Wednesday, described as Black Wednesday, when Keith F.C. knocked the Jags out of the Morganti Cup with a five -four aggregate score. (Sweet revenge for a 8 goal thrashing some time before.)

The Thistle team was Taylor, Neish and Taylor; Laing Simpson and Kelly; Smith, Cowie, Gordon, Patton and McLean. Taylor was the Rovers' keeper helping the Thistle out after Cameron failed to appear.

In a match at Keith in the Aberdeenshire League the home side drew 2-2 with Buckie.

The team was - Findlay, Wm. Clark and Leask; Bruce, Valentine and Reid; Shanks, Pattison, Wallace, G. Clark and W. Geddes.

Aug 29 Squatters - With a number of former RAF huts standing disused in the town it was only a matter of time before Buckie had its squatters. The first family moved in on Tuesday. Mrs Cameron has taken possession of the former cookhouse and part of the airmen's dining hall. The cookhouse was chosen because it had a big range to cook on and big sinks for washing up.

Mrs Cameron has six of a family and is a daughter of the late Mrs Hepburn, Oran, who died recently. There is water and electricity on tap while she took her own coal along with her belongings. Mr Cameron has been in the MN since 1939 and chose to stay there since the family had nowhere to stay.

The huts taken over by Mrs Cameron and family stand at the foot of McLaren's Brae and were vacated a month or so ago by the RAF Air Sea Rescue Unit, based at Cluny Harbour.

The camp was first vacated by the RAF soon after the war ended but last summer was occupied by Glasgow students lending a hand on the land. After they had gone in September the RAF returned but left again quite suddenly.

Football - The Rovers team to play their first ever game in the Moray Junior League against RNA S Milltown was to be chosen from the following - Gray, G.

Cowie, Mackay; Geddes, Mair, McIntosh, Wallace, Thain, Murray, Innes, A. Geddes, Coull, G. Findlay. **They won 4-2.**

Last game for Ernie Kelly- Airman Kelly who had played for Buckie Thistle from the end of the war played his last game for the team at Pittodrie against Aberdeen 'A' in a game played to see who would be given entry into the Dewar Shield. He left then on his way home on demob. leave.

"He will be long remembered as a wizard on the left wing and simply outstanding as a left half. There was class in everything that he did." (Cluny)

Sept 5 **Addition to the Slochie tearooms** - Mr P. Deas was given permission to build an extension to his café on the understanding that he allow the extension to be demolished with any future road widening.

Former Norwegian slip - This was now in operation under the new owner, John Duncan, Engineers. The first vessel up for repairs was MB Freemad.

Teams in the Welfare League for season 1946/47 - The Rovers and Jones' shipyard had gone but this was offset with the inclusion of Garmouth Legion and Arradoul Youth Club. The teams were - Cullen, Portknockie, Findochty, Strathlene, **Home Guard Hibs**, Arradoul Y. C, Portgordon, Fochabers and Garmouth.

More squatters - There were now 12 families in the former RAF huts at the foot of McLaren's Brae, with 15 children all told and only 3 men. To all intents and purposes it was a women's camp that had much work to tidy the whole place up. All the huts were filled within 24 hours of Mrs Cameron taking up residence. Some of the families had been waiting ten years for a house.

Sept 12 **A modern Buckie riot** - A of three hundred were involved in a disturbance on the streets of Buckie following a fight that started in the Townhouse dance hall between Polish soldiers and local youths. The soldiers were stoned, by the unruly mob, before they could climb aboard their lorries and leave the town.

Former golf club house to be removed - the former Buckie Golf Clubhouse for many years a well-known landmark at the top of the Portessie Brae, near the railway station is to be demolished.

Portessie Hall - A new lease of life has been given to the Portessie Hall, erected in 1861 by public subscription by the fishermen of the village. The work of renovation on the building was started before the war but like most other things came to an abrupt halt when materials became unavailable.

The cost of the alterations runs into hundreds of pounds and has been raised chiefly by Sales of work and socials.

The firms which were involved with the renovations were - Mason work - Wm. Douglas and Sons; Joiner work - Alex Geddes and son, Painter work - J. Marshall, Buckie.

The refurbished hall is to be formally opened on September 26 although a sale of work is to take place in it this Saturday.

The main complaint by the committee is the lack of a decent path to the hall from lower Portessie but this out of their jurisdiction of course.

A girl of ten was charged with riding a bicycle on the wrong side of the West Church Street and came in collision with a car. A plea of guilty was tendered by letter with Baillie Anderson, on the bench, imposing a fine of 5/- (He would have a field day was to come back today, a high majority of cyclists have no road sense nor 'pavement' for that matter.)

Death of James Archibald - former provost of Buckie and Lord Lieutenant of Banffshire. A full report on the man is given on page three of this edition.

He was 83, unmarried, and lived much of his life at Rathburn House on March Road.

Shipbuilding boom - Buckie was experiencing the greatest shipbuilding boom since before the First World War. - 1914-1918.

Page four gives a good report - No less than five boats were in the process of being built at Messrs Jones Ltd Slip and Shipyard, Herd & McKenzie's and George Thomson and Son, Low Street, who re-entered the industry in July 1946. When their first boat is launched it will be their first for ten years. On the other side of the Power station towards Baron Street, George Smith, and Son, Queen Street, a veteran with 33 years experience in shipbuilding is not yet ready to make a start to build with the lack of skilled men being a problem.

The new infant and junior school - The new school on West Cathcart Street that was begun before World War II was now completed and in use. It was reputed to be the most up to date school in the north of Scotland with hot and cold showers etc. (I don't believe they were ever used.)

Sept 19 **More football pools** - Collectors were wanted for Screenpools, Ltd, 25 Gordon Street, Glasgow.

Portgordon Welcome Home Fund - A total number of 243 were to benefit with each receiving the sum of £4. 9 (Four pounds and nine shillings.)

Cruden houses - Ten Cruden houses were accepted from the Ministry of Health on Buckie's terms. The cost of the Cruden houses was £1271 against the cost of £1089 for Buckie's permanent houses. They were built on Scott Terrace, Buckie.

Rovers application - The town council received an application from Buckie Rovers F.C. for the use of Merson Park and Seafield Clubhouse. This was approved. The burgh surveyor was given the task of regulating the privilege and of settling any question between the Rovers' Club and others.

Findochty F.C. and the field at Strathlene - the town council also granted Findochty F.C. and Strathlene F.C. the use of the field at the junction of the Carnoch and Findochty roads.

Rents for 'prefabs' - The Findochty Town Council set the rents of the 'prefabs' at £26 per annum.

Teams in the Morayshire Junior League - Buckie Rovers, RNAS Lossiemouth, Forres Thistle, RNAS Milltown, 30 TB, Burghead, Findhorn, Elgin East End Rangers, New Elgin and RAF Lossie.

Sept 26 **Advert for Meal and Ale** - Grand Meal and Ale was to take place in a large marquee at Arradoul (now the grounds of the Eckersley's house) . the evening to comprise - Reception, tea, concert, and dance. The Betty Bruce Concert Party from Aberdeen including 'Corn Kister' Willie Kemp. Music for the dance by George Wood and his BBC Dance Orchestra. Come and enjoy the first Meal and Ale ever held in the district. Proceeds to local charities.

Ticket inclusive - 7/6. Dance only 2/6

President, R.G. Young, Arradoul Mains. Hon secretary, John H. Duncan, 4 Mill Crescent, Buckie.

New Medical practice - Dr Alex Cruickshank, formerly with Drs G and G.A. Hendry was giving notice that he was to carry on practice on his own account at Rosemount, High Street.

Buckie Welcome Home Fund Committee - The committee of management were to be asking for volunteers to collect subscriptions in order to have the business cleared up as quickly as possible.

Buckie Miniature Rifle Club was to hold their annual general meeting in the Ex-servicemen's Club in the Virginia Buildings.

Opening announcement - Wright Bros. Electrical and Radio Engineers, 29 Church Street, Portknockie.

Smiths Radio Service - We are now taking orders for the Sobell radio, in short supply, so to avoid disappointment order now.

Thank you notes - A number of people in Portgordon had notes in the B. A. thanking both the committee and those who had subscribed to the Welcome Home Fund for the money they had received.

Bill Forbes 'the lighting barber' had a big advert on the front page stating his charges - A haircut cost 1/-. Boys 10d but if on Saturday 1/-. Shaving - 6d, Shaving with hot towel and antiseptic 9d. Shampooing, 1/3 with massaging 2/- . Ladies haircut 1/6, on Saturday 2/- singing 1/-

Football - Peterhead 1 Buckie Thistle 0 2nd round Qualifying Cup. There was a crowd of 4000 at the game at Peterhead with a large number from Buckie.

Team - Findlay, Taylor and Leask; Smith, Simpson and Laing; Gordon, Johnston, Wilson, Tough and McLean.

Demob for Buckie's full-back - Walter Taylor who had filled the full back position for Buckie Thistle played his last game for the club against Peterhead before being demobilised. He was from Blackburn, Lancashire.

Oct 3 **More thank you notes from Portgordon recipients of 'Welcome Home'**

Youth Centre - A meeting was to take place in the Lady Cathcart School on Friday. Business - The appointment of office bearers, schedule and programme - ideas and suggestions. All youths interested are invited to attend. D. McNiven, Leader.

Lighting offence - A sixteen-year-old girl caught riding a bike without lights was fined 10/-.

The Co-op expands - The SCWS bought the butcher shops belonging to John A. Wilson at 19 West Church Street and 1 Gordon Street.

Crudens in the country - Banff County council were to build 8 Cruden houses at Drybridge and four at Connage.

Mentioned in Dispatches - People were still being told that they had been Mentioned in Dispatches more than a year after the end of the war. The latest to be given this news is Stewart Robertson, 9 Great Eastern Road, Portessie, who has been demobbed for some time. He saw service with the Royal Engineers in Italy and elsewhere. He is an electrician by trade and is employed by Buckie electricity Station.

Rover's team to play Findhorn - Changes had to be made with fishermen not being available. Gray, Cowie and Mackay; D.Geddes, McIntosh, and Wallace; Hillocks, Reid, Cowie, Thain and Innes. Coull and Cowie to travel as reserves. Cars to leave Cluny Square at 1.30 pm.

Dances now paying less well - Dances organised by Buckie Welfare Society and Buckie Welcome Home Fund had seen a serious decline in numbers attending

them in recent weeks. Normally the Townhouse Hall was packed to the door but so low has been the patronage of late that on no fewer than three occasions within the past 10 days the dance was called off at the last moment. The fall off became most marked following the trouble between male civilians and Polish soldiers from Dallachy, which saw a riot, develop on Cluny Square. It is believed that their C.O. put a ban on soldiers attending local dances.

Drifters off to Yarmouth - Monday saw the first of the Buckie drifter fleet leaving for the East Anglian herring fishing, which starts within the next day or so. About sixty vessels, including hired vessels, will participate as against only 17 last year - 10 local boats and seven hired boats.

Linzee Gordon Park - The town council were being roundly condemned regarding the state of the Linzee Gordon Park. It had been agreed that it would be ploughed up and reseeded but on the advice of a 'learned person' it was decided that there was no need for this. Now the grass was being left too long and too long before being cut the result being that it was lying in thick bouts all over the field when football games were being played.

Success of Herd & McKenzie's shipyard - Since beginning operations in Findochty 43 years before, later moving to Buckie some years later, Herd and McKenzie had built 100 vessels- a proud boast.

Shipbuilding booming - Shipbuilders in Buckie had reached a new peak, busier now than they had been for over ¼ century. Two vessels were launched in three days - the Alornay from Jone's shipyard and the Winderemere from Herd and McKenzie's.

Oct 10 **Buckie Welcome Home Fund** - The target set was £10,000 with the sum of £6,900 being raised.

Victoria Park - Forces were still being allowed into football matches at a reduced rate of 6d although the practice had been phased out at dances.

The St Andrews Dance Hall - Why not dance at St Andrew's Hall. Banffshire's Premier Ballroom. Wednesdays and Saturdays - 8-11 pm; Mondays-8 pm - 1am ?

Music by St Andrew's Dance Band under the direction of Stanley Stewart. Vocalist - Miss Chrissie Jappy.

The opening ball took place on Monday.

Buckie Youth Club - The opening meeting took place when the following officials were appointed - President - A. Thomson; vice president - George Innes; secretary- A. Murray; sports master - R. Cowie; treasurer- J. Jappy and George Smith. Committee member - George Cowie. (Mr D. McNiven - Leader) The club to be affiliated to the Scottish Association of Boys' Clubs.

Meal and Ale at Arradoul - The first such event was hailed to have been an outstanding success. A report is given on page three. (Despite this I don't believe another one was ever held, but being in the services and working away this is perhaps not correct.)

Death of Portgordon chemist - The death took place this week of Charles Anderson Macdonald, chemist Portgordon. He came from London to take over the chemist's shop 11 years before from Mr Robert Webster. He was a brother of the late Police Judge W.J. B. Macdonald, Buckie.

Oct 17 **Opening announcement** - James A. Farquhar was giving notice that he was to open a fish shop at Harbourhead, Portgordon.

Buckie – new street names – Hendry Terrace after Provost Hendry and Scott Terrace after Baillie Scott.

Driving tests – These were to be re-introduced from November 1st. Those who held a Provisional licence for 12 months will automatically receive a licence.

First bride from Letterfourie for 300 years - The bride, Miss Rose Mary winifred Gordon-Shee, only daughter of the late Patrick Gordon-Shee and Mrs Gordon-Shee, Letterfourie was married to Edward Anthony Herraghty of Rossie Bridge, Inverness. The wedding took place in St Gregory's Church, Preshome, Clochan. A choir of monks from Fort Augustus took part in the ceremony.

Football - Buckie Thistle were anything but consistent with as many 'ups' as 'downs' They beat Inverness Thistle byt 5-1 at Victoria Park then lost to Peterhead by four goals to one at Peterhead. The first in the H/L the second in the A/L

Buckie Rovers were playing in bright yellow jerseys with white shorts and stockings. The strip was gifted to them by Father Purcell, RN Chaplain, Portsmouth. He also gave the club a 'T' panelled football- the supreme type of ball at the time.

Cartoon - A new introduction to the B.A. was the cartoon called 'Midge', shown on page four.

Polish soldiers and lighting offences - There must have been a tremendous number on bikes at this time with very few having lights. Almost every week one could read of some being fined.

New licensee for Marine Hotel - The Marine Hotel was now being ran under the supervision of Angus Hugh Munro although still owned by Captain Grimwood.

Railings on Cluny Square - The town council discussed the condition of the railings on Cluny Square overlooking the railway. They were in a dangerous condition, it was agreed, and were to be renewed. Two offers had been received, the one from Hamilton Brothers of £95.10, the lower being accepted. This excluded the railing overlooking the bowling green, which had been more recently renewed, also the coping needs to be done by a mason.

Oct 24 **Mentioned in Dispatches** – WAAF Corporal Stewart, 6 Rathburn Street, Ianstown, received notification that she had been Mentioned in Dispatches.

Allocation of 'Prefabs' - The families to occupy the last ten 'prefabs' had been notified. They were to be ready for occupation soon.

Tarran houses (temporary prefabs) - Eight of these were to be built at Westerton, Arradoul on the 'Spashdubs' road, with a further five at Horne's Croft, Inchgowar. (They were actually built on the road leading to Arradoul farm from near the end of the Barhill Road. Although those at Westerton were in time replaced by permanent houses no houses were built on the more eastern site once the 'prefabs' were removed. In the year 200 the site was still lying vacant.)

Oct 31 **Playhouse** – Showing this week was the film 'The Postman Always Rings Twice' with Lana Turner and John Garfield

Fruit and Vegetable round - G.R. Lyle, Findochty was giving notice that he was to open a fruit and vegetable round calling at Cullen, Portknockie, Findochty and Buckie.

Townhouse dances - There had been no notices advertising dances in the Townhouse Hall now for some time. The goose that had laid the golden egg had stopped laying.

Whist Drives - Though not as often advertised as formerly one was to take place in the Sailor's Home with another in the Virginia Buildings (The Ex - Servicemen's Club) during the coming week. The people running the event in the Sailors' Home was the British Sailors' Society Guild.

Nov 7 **No Welfare Association for Buckpool** - A report said how Buckpool people had shown a lack of interest in forming a Welfare Association, voting with their feet with only 12 people turning up for a meeting to discuss the project. This apathy was astonishing, it was said. (Should the writer have been alive in 2000 he would have found the situation even worse, with the majority of people taking little or no interest in almost anything.)

A second report asked, "What's wrong with Buckpool?" A project to organise a Christmas treat for the bairns of Buckpool has fallen through owing to lack of interest. Mr Hugh Macleod had been the instigator with Mr Willie Scorgie being one of the few who supported the idea.

Findochty Town Council decided to purchase the Masonic Hall. They aimed to borrow the sum of £1500 to do so.

Buckie Cinema to raise £1050 to build a house for a war hero. (This was done with a bungalow in time being built at the corner of Blairdaff Street and Duguid Street. There is a plaque on the wall giving the information. Mr Willie Fraser, Postman, and his family stayed there for a number of years.)

Killed on the line - Some Buckpool youths taking a short-cut home along the railway line came across the body of a woman near to the iron bridge near the end of West Street. She was Mrs Isabella Thom, a widow, of 42 and half West Church Street.

***** **Football - Buckie Thistle's highest score to date? 30 TB (Pinefield), Elgin 3 Buckie Thistle 11.**

The match was played at Boroughbriggs. Paton, playing at centre forward had 8 goals.

The team was - Cameron, Leask and A. Clark; Laing, Simpson and Smith; W. Clark, Johnston, Paton, Tough and McLean.

Cullen Welcome Home Fund - A letter in the B.A. spoke of the Cullen Welcome Home Fund. It was said that it had closed at £2000 but the money up to that date had still to be disbursed and wished to know for what purpose it was being kept.

Nov 14 **Buckie coal business for sale** - Murray and Cowie, Coal Merchants, Low Street was selling up. Among the items for sale was one horse and two 4 wheeled lorries.

For all electrical installations - try Andrew Whyte, Electrical Contractor, 11 Reidhaven Street, Portknockie.

Home Guard Rifle Club was to hold their AGM in the Drill Hall on Nov. 12. Business election of officials and AOCB. J. B. Reid, secretary.

Buckie Library new hours - Open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 6.30-8.30 pm and Saturday from 3 -5 pm.

On and after 11 November all members need to re-register.

Sale of tractors and tractor implements at Cullen belonging to James Bremner, Cullen.

Chocolate milk powder for Buckie schoolchildren - Schoolchildren in the Buckie area were to receive approximately 1 pound of chocolate milk powder, part of a large consignment gifted to Banffshire by Kinsmen's Club, Canada. The donation has been made by the Club through the WVS for Civil Defence.

Foreign fishermen in trouble with police - There were still a number of foreign fishermen in Buckie. This was apparent from the number who found them up in court almost every week for some charge. In this week's paper one Dane was charged for riding a bike without lights while another had entered a house on High Street, without permission, and fallen asleep on the settee.

Buses for country school children - The matter was discussed by Buckie and District School Management Committee at their recent meeting but no decision was taken on the provision.

Advert - Rabbits- freshly trapped and supplied daily. Orders taken - delivered to any part of Buckie. W. A. Smith, Butcher, Portessie. (Most people in 2000 will have forgotten or have never known just how tasty a rabbit was. Following a horrible disease, called Myxmatosis, induced in the 19 60's, which decimated the rabbit population, but during the time left many rabbits moving about in a deplorable state, the thought of eating rabbits put most people off them completely.)

Letterfourie Gardens were advertising that they could supply fresh flower wreaths.

For sale - Morris Oxford, 14hp- good running order- £110. Apply Baguski Gan, Dallachy Camp. S.B.

Home Guard Rifle Club - The officials were re-elected - President - D.Chisholm; secretary /treasurer - John B.Reid. Committee- W. Hay, D. Logan, G. Skinner, C. Farquhar, J. Burgess, G. Lawtie, G. Legge and V. McWilliam. It was agreed to commence shooting on Tuesday 19 November and to enter all national Competitions open to Home guard Rifle Clubs. The treasurer presented an account of the financial affairs, which were seen to be in a healthy state.

Enzie collection for Poppy Day - The collectors were- Sheena MacPherson, Margaret Dow, Mary Grant, Kathleen Gowah, Mary and Charlotte Mackay, Margaret Geddes, Isobel Hay and Peter Mitchell.

Cullen Welcome Home Fund - Probably encouraged by the letter in the local paper the town clerk, Wm. Findlay stated that the Welcome Home Fund stood at £13.14.6 He said that he was not influenced in any way with the letters in the paper in which the writers hid behind a Nome de plume. He reminded all that at a well attended meeting the matter of what would be done with the money was fully discussed. It had been agreed then to spend the money on the erection of some property memorial to those who had made the supreme sacrifice and what would also be of value culturally and recreationally both for those who returned and the community as a whole. This decision had been communicated to the local branch of the British Legion. The plans were for inspection in the Town Hall.

Football - *In his column 'Cluny' mentioned that Johnny 'Jocky' Gray, Fochabers, the Rovers keeper had sustained an injury the previous week playing against Burghead. Unfortunately this was likely to cost him the chance of being capped for Scotland in a Youth Club International. He had been asked to play in a trial game but the knock had prevented him from taking up the offer.*

Buckie Army Cadets football team beat their counterparts of Banff by four goals to nil. The scorers were - Rumbles (2), R.Gordon and Scott.

Buckie and District Youth Football Association - At a meeting in the Drill Hall on Friday of last week a new football association was formed with a view to providing matches for clubs not affiliated to any other association. President – D. McNiven; secretary – Davie McQueen, committee – J. Ross, Portessie Youth Club, George Innes, Arradoul Youth Club, Lt. McQueen, ACF.

Teams - Buckie Youth Club, Arradoul Youth Club, Portessie Youth Club and Buckie ACF. It was hoped that Buckie High School would put in a team also Portgordon Youth Club.

Garmouth – A large crowd were present at the War Memorial in Garmouth on Sunday afternoon to pay homage to the fallen of both wars. A memorial tablet was unveiled carrying the names of those who had paid the supreme sacrifice in the Second World War. This was built into the base of the 1914-1918 memorial. Part of the money collected for the Welcome Home Fund went to pay for the tablet.

Nov 21 **GTC Sale of Work** - The GTC were to hold a Sale in the Morven Hall, Cluny Terrace, in aid of the Scottish GTC Appeal Fund.

For sale – Now that Findochty Town Council had bought the Masonic Hall in the village the Town Hall was up for sale. (In 2000 this was used as a hall attached to the Church of Scotland.)

Dairymens' Ball – The Dairymen's Association were to hold a Dinner and Dance in the St Andrew's Hall. Cost of ticket 10/6

Playhouse - Showing in the local cinema this week was the film –'The Captive Heart' with Michael Redgrave and Mervyn John.

Shift for Wm. G. Cowie ('Poet) - William G. Cowie, MA, a graduate of Aberdeen University and present PT of English and History at Invergordon Academy has been appointed teacher of History at Elgin Academy. He is the elder son of Mr and Mrs Cowie, 39 Mill Crescent.

Taking a chance – While checking the roof of his house **80-year-old** Charles Nicol, Painter of his house on High Street, Buckie, fell off the ladder and landed on the pavement. Apart from breaking several ribs he sustained other injuries.

From DC to AC - Buckie is gradually turning from DC to AC electrical current. All the new houses are on AC while a big job, just completed, has seen the laying of a HT cable to Seafield Hospital to supply AC for the projected X-ray plant.

From air raid shelter to café - Findochty Town Council approved the application made by John Miller, 5 Seafield Street, Findochty, to change the former air raid shelter into a café.

Island in the Square - It had been suggested that it might be a good thing to construct an island in Cluny Square at the intersection of East and West Church Street with North and South High Street. It was thought that this would be of benefit to pedestrians. This was not favoured by the councillors, however, who said that there was already an island with the war memorial and another would look odd. They did agree that 'slow' signs on both Church Streets would be an advantage to drivers to let all know who had 'Right of Way'.

Nov 28 **Football** -The Thistle team chosen to meet Elgin City will be chosen from – Findlay, Leask and A. Clark; Laing, Simpson and Dr Smith; with forwards from – Morrison, W. Clark, Johnston, Paton and Mclean.

The 'A' team Cameron, Dyce and Hector; Peter Logie(Elgin), Valentine and Reid; Murdoch(Keith), Gervaise (Elgin), McHardy (Elgin), Cowie and Shanks.

The GTC sale raised the sum of £25.7 towards an Appeal Fund of £5,000. The Buckie branch of the GTC was now the only surviving unit in Banffshire and a great credit to Miss C. S. Scott, teacher of History at Buckie High School, and her officers who have all graduated through the ranks.

New contribution - Children's' corner with Uncle Bert. (It is believed that this item formed part of the local paper some years before.)

Buckie player in Glasgow - Gordon Paton the Thistle forward was now working in Glasgow but Buckie Thistle were prepared to bring him north for games on a Saturday. He was in the team for the Elgin match.

High scoring Fochabers' school team - The football team from Milne's Institution were making the news. One Saturday recently they scored 15 goals against Rothes School. The centre forward scored ten himself. The following week they knocked in 8 against Forres Academy.

Quiz - Each week a football quiz is given in the B.A. This week one question was.- At one time in the 1930's a complete forward line of ex Thistle players were playing for 1st Division clubs in Glasgow. Who were the players and what were the clubs?

Badly burnt at Clochan - Mrs K. Smith, Rosemount Cottage, Clochan, was severely burned about the neck, face and hands when a paraffin stove exploded. She was seriously injured and ended up in Seafeld Hospital. Where was Rosemount Cottage?

Another award for ex Private Jimmy Smith - Ex Private Jim Smith MM, 32 Linn Crescent, Buckie was recently recognised for his deeds of heroism while in captivity and with the French 'Underground' when he received a Certificate of Appreciation. This was given for the help he gave soldiers, sailors and airmen of British Commonwealth of Nations to enable them to escape. The certificate was signed by Air Marshall Lord Tedder and sent from the Awards Bureau, Ambassade de Grand Bretagne, Paris.

First drifter home from Yarmouth after 7 week successful fishing was the 'Bruces'.

Building change of use - The building on East Church Street occupied during the war years by the Scandinavian Mission was taken over by Edward Hillocks, Electrical and Motor Engineer.. It will be opened tomorrow as showrooms for a wide variety of electrical and car accessories, radios and cycles etc. The premises have been attractively fitted out.

Dec 5 **No change in shop hours** - Buckie shopkeepers agreed to leave the shop closing hours as they were. Wednesday at 1 pm. Saturday 6 pm. All other weekdays 5.30 pm. Closed on Christmas Day and January 1 and 2.

Opening announcement - Wm. Mair, 8 Mid Street, Portknockie, was giving notice that he was starting in business as a Carpenter and Joiner also Undertaker, working from 14 Victoria Place.

Re-opening of shop - Donald Cameron Grant- was giving notice that he was to re-open the Grocer's business at 28 Land Street, Buckpool, on 9th December, the beginning of a new rationing period.

Death of Master Joiner - Arthur Campbell, Seaview Road, Buckpool, took ill when on a walk with his grandchildren across the Buckpool Golf Course. He never really recovered and died shortly after. He was 72 and began the business of Arthur Campbell and Sons in which his four sons were involved.

Keith's' go nap against Buckie's second string - Cameron the Buckie keeper was said to have had an off day. ('Doddie' Barron, Keith , an uncle of Joe. 'Dovie'Legge, Plasterer, Buckie, had four of the goals.)

Dec 12 **Enzie Welcome Home Fund** - A meeting of the committee is to take place in Clochan School on Friday 20 December at 7.30 pm. Business – Treasurer's report; to decide original remit . J. H. Duncan, Hon President.

Presentation for former Rovers' player - Mr John Niven, former Rovers' player now serving with the Control Commission in Germany was home on leave and attended the Rovers versus New Elgin match. He was made the recipient of a cheque to mark the occasion of his wedding in Banbury, Oxon, recently to Buckie girl Miss Elizabeth M. J. (Bertha) Gordon.

Fund raising for ST Peter's RC Church - Over £700 was raised (£716.7.9) for St Peter's RC Church Renovation Fund at a Sale of Work in the St Andrew's Hall last Wednesday.

Heckling meeting – "Who said there was no interest in municipal affairs"? The Fishermen's Hall was packed last week when the 7 candidates who spoke came in for some spirited heckling.

Arradoul WRI funds swelled - Arradoul WR funds were swelled by over £140 last Wednesday. The sum of £127.7.10 was raised at a Sale of Work while at the dance that followed a further £13.5.9 was gathered.

Football - Thistle steal points at Keith! Buckie Thistle beat Keith by two goals to one in a spirited game, which saw the visitors snatch a lucky goal in the dying minutes to go home with the points. Well may the writer say "What a game!". (I remember it well.)

Buckie Town Council - Newcomer –John Young topped the poll at the local election with John Scott, John H. Duncan and Alex Anderson coming second third and fourth. The last three were re-elected.

It seemed as if the reporter took delight in saying the two Socialist candidates unsuccessful. "They actually polled fewer votes than the last time they had stood", he said.

Buckie's Social Event of the Year - As always the Dairymen's Ball one of the biggest and most popular of the season was again a great success , much enjoyed by the 300 people who attended.

Dec 19 **Dance in the Townhouse Hall** - Not for a many weeks had there been a dance in the Townhouse Hall, ever since the riot involving Polish soldiers, and the ban on them attending local dance had seen a great downturn on numbers attending. Buckie Welfare Society, however, were advertising a dance to take place on New Year's Day from 8 pm until 1 am. Open buffet, dress optional, Music by Geddes's Band.
Admission 4/- Forces 2/6.

Coal business sold - John Mair, Coal Merchant, 12 Victoria Street, Portknockie sold his coal business to James W.J. Ettles , Elliesmill, Lintmill. He was offering sincere thanks to all who had supported him while in business.

A. Farqhar had the chip shop on the Square, Portgordon, and also sold potatoes. He was also 'something' of a poet. The following is his 'poem' titled 'Kerrs Pink Potatoes –

**Your Potato worries we can fix,
Our price 112 lbs. at shillings six
That sum you will know is not too large
A small delivery sum will be our charge.**

Business announcement - Cars for hires by day or night – John Munro, 24 Gordon Street, Portgordon.

Polish soldiers still being caught and fined for cycling without lights - The RSM was the last to be named in the local paper being fined 7/6 for having no rear light.

Death on church minister – The first minister of the united charge at Enzie, Rev. Alex Nicoll, died at Foss Manse, Pitlochry this week.

Arcon 'prefabs' at Portgordon- A further five 'prefabs' were occupied at Portgordon this week.

Provost re-elected – The kenspeckle and controversial provost of Portknockie, Provost Falconer was re-elected to the post. He had now served in this capacity for 12 years.

Division of money from Enzie Highland Gathering - When all the business in connection with the Gathering had been completed the treasurer could say that Enzie and Arradoul Welcome Home Funds stood to gain £617 each. By agreement Arradoul's share was added to that of Buckie Welcome Home Fund.

Navy request berths in Cluny Harbour- these were to be used by five small craft operating in connection with RNAS Lossiemouth. They were also asking for two of the former RAF huts at the foot of McLarens's Brae. Most of them are now occupied by squatters. The council agreed to make all available,, fortunately one hut was unoccupied.

Dec 26 **Big sale at Glenglassaugh Distillery** - During the war the distillery was used by the NAAFI as a bakery and stores, with goods of all kinds being sold off.

Highland League top scorer - Jimmy Pines, playing with Forres Mechanics led the field with 18 goals from 14 games.

Union of churches in Cullen - The union of the historic 13th century Old church of Cullen together with Seafield Church (former Free Church on Seafield Street) took place on Sunday by Rev John Greenlaw, Moderator of Fordyce and Strathbogie Presbytery.

Attempts at a union took place in 1931 and again in 1936 following the death of Rev W.G. Plowman but with no avail. In 1944 there was a special wartime link. Rev. John Guthrie is to be the minister of the both congregations. Services are to take place time and about. (How long this took place is unknown but the building on Seafield Street has not been a church for a long time – 2000)

The Enzie Welcome Home Fund closed with the sum of £1028.11.7 being collected. A meeting is to take place to discuss the disbursement of the money in the New Year.

Dec 31 **Buckie Rovers dance** - The Rovers were to hold a Grand Dance in the Townhouse on Tuesday 21 January 1947. ***At the dance a Selection of official 'Weekly News' Top Ten from Buckie will be chosen.*** (This involved selecting the ten bonniest quines at the dance with their photographs then appearing under Buckie, in the paper, 'The Weekly News' the following week. It created a lot of interest and is still remembered well by a certain age group.)

A number of whist drives was advertised - One is to take place in the Virginia Buildings, entrance off Newlands Lane. (Play for Whist Championship on Friday 3 January at 7.30 prompt.

Carnival Dance in the St Andrew's hall tomorrow January 1st from 8-1am.

Novelty hats, prizes, open buffet.

Music by 3rd Polish Artillery Regiment Band.

Admission Ladies 2/6, gents 3/- Forces in uniform 2/-

Weekly dances at usual prices.

For sale - Five Exchequer cockerels , pure bred, five months old, 12/6 each. Chatfield, Braes of Enzie, Enzie.

Promotion for Buckie teacher - John Scott MA, 34 High Street, , Assistant Maths teacher at Technical High, Inverness, was appointed PT Maths at Portree Secondary School.

Special Parade of Buckie ACF - On Christmas Day the presentation of 'Stars' took place. The 'Stars' represent a stage of proficiency in a cadet's programme of training. Army officers from Aberdeen and Pinefield conducted the tests.

The following gained 'Stars' in Part I, those being handed over by their O/C Captain S. McQueen. to Cpl A. Costello. Lance Corporals - H. Thain, G. Hendry, R. Gordon, J. Smith, G. Murray, W. Hay, also Cadets - A. Smith, R. Newlands, J. B. Scott, G. Stewart, A. Lawson, L. Duncan, I. Hay, J. Anderson, P. Drummond, R. Thomson and W. Sinclair.

Part II - CSM H. Stewart.

The ceremony of holding a company parade for the presentation was conducted by 2nd Lieutenant A. Lyon and Piper C. Glennie inspected the platoons. He picked out Cadets J. Goodall, J.B. Scott and J. Scott as the smartest recruits on parade with their respective platoons. He adjudged Cadet Goodall as the smartest man in the company.

A social followed at which parents and girl friends of the cadets attended. Mrs Grieve's concert Party entertained while music for dances was provided by Coull's Band. Mr A. D. Reid acted as M.C.

Death of Mrs Slater ' Mary Ann' - The death took place this week of Mrs Slater, better known to many in Portknockie as simply 'Mary Ann'. Mrs Slater was one of the unfortunate victims of the raid by a German bomber over the town which resulted in her house being destroyed and all its contents lost. She also suffered severe injuries that were to affect her for the remainder of her life.

New post for Buckie headmaster- Mr Hugh Macleod, MA, Headmaster of St Peter's RC School has been appointed Headmaster of St Joseph's RC School in Blanrye, Lanarkshire, one of the largest RC schools in Scotland.

Mr Macleod is a native of Lochaber and came to Buckie from Fort William

He took a keen interest in the affairs of the town being a town councillor and during the war years was the C.O. of the ATC with a rank of Flt/ Lt.

Football- Buckie Thistle lost what interest they may have entertained of taking the Highland League when they lost to Deveronvale by three goals to nil, and at home, in the last match of 1946. 'Cluny' said that the Banff team was the best he had seen of them since they joined the league, Nimmo, their player coach, making a difference.

The Buckie team was Findlay, Leask and Smith, Laing, Simpson, Thomson; **Gordon**, Tough, Johnston, Mclean and Geddes. Not all players were available including Paton, Clark and McHardy.

Charlie McHardy was an odd case. He was prevented from playing for Buckie against the Vale, under rule 9, because he had played a game for Elgin City in September. He had, however, played a number of games for Buckie since that time without any quarrel.

George 'Rough' Stewart - on loan from Dundee to Montrose was hitting the high spots and scoring regularly. Dundee were well of players at centre forward and let Stewart go on loan.

West Church get new minister - The West Church minus a minister since the departure of Rev Andrew Meek have now got a replacement with Rev W.R. F. McGhie MA BD, Glasgow being appointed.

Playhouse – One of the films showing this week is 'men of Two Worlds' starring Phyllis Calvert and Eric Portman.

Advert – Wright Bros. Boyne Mills, Portsoy and Portknockie, Electrical and Radio engineers.