

## 1947

**The Banffshire Advertiser cost 1d in 1881 and in 1947 only cost a penny more, at 2d. To post it anywhere in Britain was one penny.**

Jan 9 **British Legion** was to hold their AGM in the Townhouse. Business – Minutes of the previous AGM; Financial Statement; Chairman’s report; Election of office bearers; AOCB.

The views of members on the Welcome Home Fund Committee are invited.

New members enrolled at 7 pm. Tea will be served and a short musical programme to follow. Members’ ticket 1/- A. Smith, secretary.

**Playhouse** – A special two-feature programme was to take place in the cinema on Sunday 12 January.

One of the films is shown is ‘Four Just Men’ featuring Hugh Sinclair, Griffiths Jones and Anna Lee.

The entire proceeds of the evening in aid of The Scottish Veterans Garden City Association which aimed to build a house(s) for ex-servicemen. Admission charges – 2/3, 1/9, 1/6 and 10d.

**‘Do’ for Buckie Thistle officials and players.** This was to take place in the Strathlene Hotel where they were to be entertained to a Dinner and Social by Buckie Welfare Association.

<b>Rathven statistics -</b>	Births	(1946) 338	(1945) 231	(1944) 266
	Deaths	“ 141	“ 149	“ 139
	Marriages	“ 110	“ 117	“ 87

**Provost Falconer (Portknockie) makes the news again -** He accused Findochty Town Council of lack of neighbourliness. This didn’t go down well with Provost Slater who was asking for an apology.

**Football -** The Thistle drew 3-3 with Rothes. Trialist Joe Skene, from Aberdeen Junior team Sunnybank playing at centre forward scored all three goals. He had been offered terms, it being hoped that he would sign, which he later did.

**Rabbits were making the news -** Jake Taylor, Butcher, Main Street, was a second butcher in the town to advertise them.

Jan 16 **Man and wife die in the Enzie within a week of one another- -** Both parents of Councillor John H. Duncan died within a week of one another. His mother, known to one an all as ‘Dodo’ died first at the age of 81. She had stayed at Broadley for 61 years. She was the daughter of Wm. Henderson, Blacksmith, Arradoul. Only a few days later his father James Duncan also died. He was a native of the Keith area where his father was a farm servant. He served his time as a blacksmith moving to Broadley to work then taking over the business 58 years before.

**Proposed to start a Buckie Thistle Supporters Club -** All interested are invited to a meeting in the pavilion at Victoria Park.

**Farm Servants Union -** A meeting of the local branch of the Scottish Farm Servants Union is to take place at Carnoch Cottages. Business – Important. J. Anderson, Secretary.

**Black day for Buckie Thistle - Forres Mechanics 8 Buckie Thistle 1 Was this the Jags highest defeat?**

**‘Cluny’ said, “Depleted Jags Couldn’t Stem Forres Brilliance”.**

**Forres had 6 Polish players in their side – Raninski (goal), Mworinski and Becci, Ellis, Taylor and Buchannan; McLachlan, Colwin, Pines, Lenz and Kalpar. Top scorer Jimmy Pines had three goals.**

**Gordon Paton, former Thistle player in Glasgow Rangers' side** - Paton who had been training at Ibrox through the influence of Jimmy Simpson, was in the Rangers reserve side against Clyde.

**New manager for Buckie Thistle** - Captain Alex Smith MM took over as manager of Buckie Thistle from Rome Tocher who tendered his resignation.

**Thistle 'Do' at Strathlene** - Ex Provost Merson giving the toast to Buckie Thistle spoke of the first match involving the Thistle that he could remember. This he said took place at Inchgower Distillery in a field now occupied by huts. (In 2000 the huts had long gone with the land used for warehouses.) The match he remembered saw the Thistle play Fochabers. The Thistle later played in the Cluny Park before later moving to the first Victoria Park off West Church Street. Some players from his early days that he could remember were - Shand (came from Stonehaven), who was manager of Yeadon's book shop on High Street, Massie, a foreman with McCombie, Fishcurer, R. Nicol, Cabinetmaker, John James Moir, schoolteacher and another Moir who was keeper.

Jan 23 **Playhouse** - Showing this week - 'Theirs Is The Glory' The story of Arnhem. Also - OSS with Alan Ladd and Gerald Fitzgerald.

**Portgordon and District 'Top Ten' Dance** - Special attraction music by the Grosvenor Band from Huntly. 'The Dancer's Choice'. Neutral Judges - Cullen Football Club. No Parading  
Bus leaves Keith at 7.30 pm.

**WRENS Association** - A branch of the WRENS Association was to be set up in Buckie.

**Buckie Rovers dance and 'Top Ten' selection** - the judges were - Jimmy Simpson, Buckie Thistle Manager, Councillors Macrae and Young, Buckie Town Council, W.G. Gray, Star Inn and A. Fraser, Crown Bar.

**The 'Top Ten' girls selected were -**

Sheila Murray, (17) Thistledoune, Buckie, Janella Paterson (17) 48 Gordon Street, Nancy Cormack (18) Richmond terrace, Portgordon, Bella Barrie (18), 6 James Street, Buckpool, Betty Lyon (17) 8 Harbourhead, Mary McAndie (16) C/o Star Bar, Sybil McLure (19) 7 Linn Crescent, Jessie Watson (19) Slackhead, M. J. Innes (19) and Isobel Innes (20) sisters both of 7 Gordon Street, Buckie.

**Buckie Thistle Supporters Club** - An enthusiastic crowd of supporters gathered at the Pavilion of the Victoria Park when it was decided to go ahead with the formation of Supporters Club. Bert Nicol was appointed Chairman. Secretary, David Gordon, Treasurer, Captain A. W. Macdonald MC, Committee - Messrs W. Gray, F. Booth, Alex Campbell, J. Hendry, J. Burnett, J. Farquhar, F. Smith, A. Gowie and A. Middleton. Abbie Gowie and Frank Smith were the prime instigators behind the formation of a club.

**Membership to be 2/6 with a weekly subscription of 6d during the season.**

A further meeting was to take place in the Townhouse to collect subscriptions and invite suggestions.

Jan 30 **Polish soldiers and lighting offences** - Polish soldiers had been up in court this week and also last week for riding bicycles without lights. They often blamed people for taking the lamps off their bikes when they were left unattended. The fines were more consistent now with 7/6 being the going rate for one and 15/- for having no lights at all. They more than not got a week or a fortnight to pay.

**Call for a third Buckie Thistle team** - 'Cluny' spoke of people suggesting that Buckie Thistle should look towards encouraging the development of local talent with the creation of a Thistle 'B' team which could play in the Welfare League.

**Death of G. R. Coutts** - 'Geordie' Coutts, P. T. Art at Buckie High School was found dead near Buckie railway station this week. A good and full report on the life of Mr Coutts is given on page five. It tells how he played for Buckie thistle both before

the first world war and after but was probably better known as a cricketer, playing both for Elgin and Buckie and being part of representative teams from the north. He was also an expert angler and had a huge collection of flies, which he had made himself. The Ythan was his favourite river. He was also very interested in amateur dramatics both as an actor and behind the scenes.

**The Buckie Welfare League began again after the winter recess** - It is probably correct to say they intended to begin but some of the worst weather for many years soon put a stop to all games taking place.

**Thistle Supporters' Club** – There was now almost 100 signed up members of the Club.

Feb 6 **Enzie Welcome Home Fund** - A Public meeting was to take place in the Clochan School. Business – To consider the recommendations of the committee regarding the fund and arrange the final dispersal of the fund. John H. Duncan. Hon President.

**Innovation at Buckie Welfare Society dance** - A competition was to take place to choose the five best-matched couples. No parading.  
Ladies 2/-, Gents 2/6, Forces 1/6. Music by Geddes' Band. Tea.  
Miss Janella Paterson was one of the ladies chosen.

**Polish soldiers fined for cycling offences** - **This** week the culprits were warned from the bench that if they made no attempt to comply with the law fines would be made steeper.

**New West Church ministers** – Rev McGhie was an army chaplain.

**Football- It** was not a good week for football in Buckie with both Thistle teams going under and also the High School first XI.  
Buckie Thistle went down by 4 goals to two to Lossiemouth at Lossie, where according to 'Cluny' Skene was well held by Norman Kellas.  
The team was Findlay, W. Clark and Leask; Laing, Simpson and Reid; Johnston, Tough, Skene, Paterson and McLean.  
Thistle 'A' also lost, this time to Aberdeen University by six goals to two at Victoria

Park.

The team was – Choate (Portgordon), D. Wood and Sandison; Murdoch, Hector and Thomson; J. Smith, Gervaise, H. Morrison, W. Cowie and W. Shanks.  
Elgin Academy 2 Buckie High School 0. (North of Scotland Cup)  
The team was – Taylor, Fraser and Merson; Lobban, Valentine and McLure; J. Wilson, Cowie, Souter, Hendry and A. Wilson. (J. Wilson and A. Wilson were brothers. Alex Wilson went on to play for Portsmouth and was capped for Scotland at fullback against Finland.)

Feb 13 **Playhouse** - Showing this week is the film 'Boys' Ranch' starring Jackie 'Butch' Jenkins etc. Another film being shown – 'Anna and the King of Siam' with Irene Dunne, Rex Harrison and Linda Darnell

**Polish/Scottish wedding-** The first announced wedding between a Polish soldier, stationed at Dallachy Camp and a local girl took place the previous week. The girl was Miss Margaret Esslemont, Gordon Street, Portgordon. The soldier's name began with P this being changed in time to Paiton. The family later had a shop on High Street, Fochabers, for some years.

**Street – change of name** - Millbank Avenue to be renamed Well Road since it forms part of this street.

**Stormy weather – heavy falls of snow and hard frost** - This put paid to any matches taking place and caused a number of accidents on the roads. A hearse carrying a coffin skidded on ice and landed in a deep drift between Rathven and Portessie.

**Fist launch from shipyard in ten years - (Report on page four)** A large crowd turned out to watch the first launch from George Thomson and Son's yard for 10 years. The boat was the North Star BCK 107 built for Messrs John Edwards and Wm. Smith, Portessie. The vessel is dual purpose fitted to prosecute seine net as well as ring net.

Feb 20 - Playhouse - Anna and the King of Siam starring Irene Dunn and Rex Harrison

**Enzie Welcome Home Fund - A** list of all ex service personnel who will participate in the above fund is open for inspection at Enzie and Clochan Post Offices for 14 days. Any person objecting to any name on the list or claiming inclusion must notify Hon President Co. John H. Duncan 4 Mill Crescent, Buckie or Miss Corr, Letterfourie House.

**Film on Sunday - in** aid of the Scottish Veteran's Garden City Association. Captain Caution.

**For Sale -** Virginia Buildings, High Street, Buckie. Including 3 large shops, and large upper floor space.

**Archibald's Garage, Petrol and Diesel Engineers, 34** Harbourhead, Buckpool, 24 hour repair service.

**Townhouse Buckie -** Hall available for lettings on Friday nights in ordinary course. Apply Town Clerk's office.

**Plans for new thoroughfare.** Buckie Town Council plans to construct a passage from Admiralty Street to Cluny Terrace alongside the railway and the Coastguard ground. During discussion it was agreed that the passage be 12 feet wide and should be bounded on the Coastguard side by a 4'6" wall of cement blocks. Baillie Scott pointed out that a passage of this width would enable light traffic to use it.

**Buckie Thistle Supporters Club.** At a meeting held last week the design for a badge was agreed upon. This to show a seashell - a buckie in the forefront with a thistle in the background surrounded by the words Buckie Thistle Supporters Club. It was also agreed to write asking for quotations.

**Enzie Welcome Home Fund -** This was to be disbursed, it was agreed at a meeting of the committee, with the money collected being divided equally among all members of the Forces serving or were serving up to the cessation of hostilities or next of kin to receive equal benefit. The disbursement to take place at a Social Evening to be held in Clochan School on Friday 14 March. It was established that 90 would receive monies, 65 male, and 17 female with the next of kin of the 6 who didn't return.

**Buckie Rovers manager resigns -** John Cowie 'Dyles' resigned as manager of Buckie Rovers stating that this had been forced due to pressure of business.

Feb 27 **Playhouse -** Showing this week the film - Courage of Lassie.

**Buckie Welfare Society - A** Fancy Dress Dance will take place in the Townhouse Hall on Wednesday? March at 8 p m. Fancy dress optional. Ladies 2/- Gents 2/6. Forces 1/6. Geddes' Band. Tea served. Another dance will be held the following Wednesday.

**For sale Rathburn House** belonging to the late Lord Lieutenant of Banffshire, James Archibald.

**New Street names -** New street name plates are meantime being fixed on each of the 112 thoroughfares in the town. 20 have already been done so far. The plates are made from cast aluminium with an enamel finish and raised black letters on a white background with a black border.

**For tea offence – fined** - A Buckie man who obtained 8lbs of tea without surrendering coupons was fined £2 or ten days in prison. He purchased the tea from a person in Banff and divided the tea up among his friends.

**Ministry of Food poster** - Food Facts – How to Pot Roast or Braise.

Mar 6 **Matches at Victoria Park** - Forces in uniform were still being allowed admission for half price.

**Advert - Buckie** Harbour Joinery Works, Albert Smith, and Manager. The works occupy the premises formerly the Buckie Deep Sea Stores. House and Ship Carpenters, Joiners and Upholsterers.

**Footballer** - Hugh (ie) Morrison who made a number of appearances for Buckie Thistle signed for Buckie Rovers and scored 6 goals on his debut.

**Buckie Rovers - Sandy** Spence (Mason) took over as coach of Buckie Rovers in the Morayshire Junior League.

**Last of Scotland's Sail drifters scrapped. The Buckie built veteran had made her final voyage. Built by McIntosh at Ianstown in 1903 she was christened the Muirelag SY486. She was sold for £50 to be broken up into fencing posts (See page 4 column 2)**

Mar 13 **Opening announcement - George** Howie, 14 West Street, Buckie, Joiner, town, country and ship. Quotations gladly given.

**Sale of furniture** - The sale of furniture at Rathburn House was scheduled to take two days. There was a large library of books.

**Four week trial bus service** - Buckie Town Council are to give a four week trial to a bus service between Seafield Hospital and Strathlene, during which time they will guarantee the Bus Company (Messrs Alexander and Sons against loss.)

**Football** – Deveronvale 3 Buckie Thistle 3 County Cup. Findlay, W. Clark and Leask; Tough, Hector and Laing; Gervaise, Johnston, Skene, Simpson and Mclean.

**Football - Thistle 'A' 0 Keith 'A' 1**  
Slater (Pk), Wood (Pk), McLean (Arrad), Sandison, Valentine, A. Reid; Moffatt, Cormack (H.G. Hibs), W. Reid, Lyness and Thomson.

**Football** - Buckie Rovers – Gray, G.Cowie and Fraser; Thain, Murray and Scott; Reaich, A. Cowie, Morrison, Hillocks and McKay. Reserves- Gordon and Campbell.

Mar 20 **Hard frost** - The Rochomie Reservoir was frozen to a depth of 6". The building trade was laid off for a month. As apprentice plasterers, we, Willie Legge and Allan Fraser both employed by George Packman, had to work. We had the job of nailing on plasterboard. One of the houses we worked on at this time was the first bungalow past the St Andrews Hotel pub door on St Peter Peter's Road, Buckpool.

**No lights**- William Legge, Apprentice Plasterer, and James Ewen, Farm Servant, were fined 15/- for riding their bicycles on Newlands Lane, Buckie, without lights. They were coming from band practice. Police Judge Anderson and Baillie Mowat were on the bench.

**Death of bus pioneer** - The death took place this week of Alex Miller, 19 Cluny Square. He was a bus pioneer and formerly ran buses between Buckie and Keith. **A full report is given on page 3 column 4.**

**Football** – The following Welfare League players were selected to play in a match against Buckie Thistle 'A'. Horne (Garmouth), Murray (Strathlene), E. Slater (Strathlene), Thain (Strathlene), Sievwright (Garmouth), Hay (Home Guard Hibs.) Thomson (Fochabers), Cattnach (Garmouth), Menzies (Cullen), Forbes (Fochabers).

Mar 27 **Opening announcement** – H. Malcolm, Joiner and Undertaker, Harbourhead, Cullen.

**Licence application** – Cecil Smith, Barman, Cullen Bay, Hotel, Cullen is applying for a licence for 27 Rannas Place, Portessie A licence for this premises had been applied for on many occasions but defeated, largely by objections from those of the Methodist Church.

**Licence application** – George Campbell, Berrie, Hotel Manager, Dunbar is applying for a licence for the St Andrews Hotel, Buckpool.

**Boat launches** - The second launch in ten days from the shipyard of Messrs Jones, saw the 'Girl Elma' take the water. The previous boat launched was the 'Paradigm'.

**Poem** - 'the Holy Land' by D. T. is found on page 2, column 4.

**Squatter's camp**- The town council decided to take over responsibility for the 'Squatter's Camp' at the foot of McLaren's Brae, the former Air Sea Rescue Camp.

**Spate on the Buckie Burn** - A spate caused by the recent thaw has enabled the Buckie Burn to force an outlet to the sea at Bridgend through a bank of shingle which has dammed it up for many years. The large pool below the bridge is now gone.

Ap 3 **Situation vacant** - A caretaker/grave digger is required for the Rathven Churchyard. The wage offered is £4.6 (which includes the current war increase). A free house in Rathven village is also supplied. Buckie District Joint Committee – 51 East Church Street – Allan G. Hamilton, Clerk.

**Buckie Unionist Association** - Lady Grant MP will address a meeting in the Townhouse on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April.

**Dance in Portknockie** in aid of Aberdeen University Charities Campaign. Novelty dances and **Shinwell Shuffal** Bluebell band.

**Rathburn House** failed to reach the upset price, sticking at £3,600.

**Invitation to ex RNVR - Buckie** seamen who served in the RNVR during the war are invited to become members of the RNVR Club (Scotland), open to all officers and ex officers of the RNVR who reside in Scotland and who are Scotsmen. It is intended to obtain premises in central Glasgow with a club licence, catering permit and sleeping accommodation.

**Death of local author - The** death took place in Garmouth of Mrs Dawson, who as Mary M. Dawson, contributed to a number of journals and magazines and had a number of books published the best known being – "Tinkers Twa" and "Veldt and Heather". She was an authority on Moray and Northern Folklore with a wide knowledge of the history associated with the Garmouth district.

**Buckie's busy shipbuilding yards, experiencing their greatest boom ever, have in recent month been playing a considerable part in the building up of the seine net fishing fleets of the north. Friday saw the launching of the 'Orion' from the shipyard of Herd & McKenzie. This was the third dual-purpose craft to come from the Buckie yards in 14 days.**

**Columns** – "From My Study Window" by Parish Minister.  
"London Letter" by Carteret

"Children's' Corner" by Uncle Bert

"Strangler of the Sloch" Chapter 1. A new serial from the pen of 'Spike'

"Fireside Talk O' Aul' Freens".

"Football News and Views" by Cluny.

"What Exports Mean" A Board of Trade poster

**Football -** Elgin City 1 Buckie Thistle 3 "the best display for months"  
Findlay, Sandison and Leask; Tough, Hector and Laing;  
Skene, Johnston, R. Smith, Simpson and Mclean  
Bobby Smith, from Aberdeen Junior side, Caledonia, was making his  
debut in this game. Skene, another Aberdeen Junior with Sunnybank,  
made his debut some weeks before when he scored three times against  
Roths.

The second was a knock at Rev. McGhee, South Church, following some controversial  
remarks that he had made.

**New bakery -** Mr W. J. Reaich, was granted a licence for a bakery in Craigbo,  
Portessie.

**Football -** There is an increase in admission to matches played by Buckie Thistle at  
Victoria Park. Admission now 1/-(including tax) with an additional 1/- to Enclosure and  
Stand. Boys and Forces 6d.

Ap 10 **Some adverts -** Charles Nicol, Painter, High Street. The Studio, Portessie, Ali  
Mohammed. Cycle and Radio Stores, Jamieson's, 22 Seaview Road. Christie'  
Nurseries, Fochabers, Tomato Plants and Floral Art. Get Ivy Balm from G. P. Gibson,  
Chemist, 12 West Church Street. Fur Coat Remodelling, Frederick Ayams, Aberdeen.  
Granite Works, James Robertson and Sons, Aberdeen and James R. Henderson, Elgin.  
Little Wonder, 37 East Church Street, Ladies and Maids Suiting. James Mackay,  
Drapers etc, 5 East Church Street. Seafield Furnishing Coy, 72 Mid Street, Keith.  
Wright Bros. Portknockie and Boyne Mills, Portsoy, Electrical and Radio Engineers.  
Edward Hillocks, Electrical Showrooms, 28 East Church Street.

Car Hirers - J. Munro, Gordon Street, Portgordon, Phone 22; James Mayne, 6 Cathcart  
Street, Buckie, Phone 319; Farquhar, 3 Hill Street, Portknockie.. James Mackay, Dry  
Cleaning. The Ladies Shop, 39 West Church Street, Coupon-free printed linen. Elgin  
Equitable Drapers, 124 High Street, Elgin. Thomas W. Lang Optician, 29 West Church  
Street.

The Millbank Garage, 18 High Street. Wolsley 8 - Price 3360 plus tax of £100.15.0  
J. A. Forrest, Electrical and Radio Engineer, 22 Low Street. George Robertson, Draper,  
Grant Street, Cullen.

Walker and Smith, Electrical Engineers, 25 East Church Street. Doans for Backache  
etc.

Webster's Garage, West Church Street. Phone number 26. Austin cars and lorries, e.g.  
10 hp car - £345+ purchase tax of £96.11.3

"Invest in National Savings" "Food Facts" Ministry of Food poster.

**Mr Watson Watson purchased St Andrew's Hotel, Buckpool some time ago,**  
renovated and redecorated after being used by the army during the war was sold by  
him to Mr and Mrs Blackburn of Dunbar.

**No public house for Portessie yet -** The application made by Mr Cecil Smith was  
turned down.

**Rathven Rural** raised the sum of £100 from a Sale of Work to help clear off a deficit  
incurred as a result of renovating their hall after occupation by the army during the  
war.. the Sale of Work took place in the Portessie Public Hall. The Rural were granted  
the sum of £60 as compensation. **A report is given on page 3.**

**Lady Grant (Later Lady Tweedsmuir)** was described as Westminster's most  
beautiful MP. The Tory member for South Aberdeen completely captivated a packed  
audience in the Townhouse Hall on Monday night.

**Enzie Amateur Dramatic Society** scored an outstanding success with the Scot's Comedy – "Mains Woon", by Gavin Greig, in the Clochan school on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

The players were George Grigor, Peter Grigor, John Hendry, Willie Potts, Willie Palmer, W. F. Johnston, George Allan, Robert Guthrie, Danny McBride, Sydney McIntosh, Allan Fraser, Alex Wylie, George Lawtie, Daisy Geddes, Mary Duncan, Margaret Johnston, Sarah Forbes and Dolly Guthrie.

Stage direction was by John Bonnyman, with make up by L.G. Cochrane, Speybay Mr W.F. Johnston was producer and Father Robertson musical director of an orchestra with around 12 players.

**Death of master painter** - The death took place this week of James Duncan, Master Painter, at the age of 93. He was associated with the Christian Brethren since their beginning in the town 65 years before and one of the leading spirits. At his death he was the town's oldest citizen. He was a native of Urquhart, serving his time in Garmouth before moving to Buckie in his twenties to commence in business. He had a family of five sons and four daughters. One of the sons is a painter in Glasgow, one an architect in Belfast, one a doctor in Dundee, one has a draper's business in Aberdeen while one carries on his father's business.

**Corn Rig** - The drifter Corn Rig was launched from the shipyard of Herd and McKenzie this week. It was built completely under cover to defeat adverse weather conditions.

**Ministry of Transport poster** - "Keep Death off the Roads" The poster showed a cyclist hanging on to a lorry.

**Advertisers** - George C. Howie, Joiner, 14 West Street. George S. Barclay, 31-33 East Church Street. Radios, Cycles, Electrical Appliances. A. Robertson and Sons, Fordyce. Sutherlands Furnishing Store, High Street.

Electrical Installations by W. Morrison, 6 Lennox Place, Portgordon. Hirers, by day or night, Gordon Brothers, 3 Harbour Street, Phone 118.

**New Radio Valve Aid For The Deaf can be tested at the Grand Hotel, Elgin .**

Ap 17 **Playhouse** - The film of the book Black Beauty.

**Notice** - Charles Dyker, Market Gardener, Buckpool has retired from business and wishes to thank his many customers over the years. John, C. Forbes, has bought the business.

**Buckie Pipe Band** - wishes to express their sincere thanks to all donors of prizes for the raffle and to the ladies who helped at their dance.

**Buckie Hairdressers** had a notice in the local paper telling of the revised prices. Gents haircutting charge was now 1/3, with boys 1/-. Prices to operate as from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May. Saturday was to be the new permanent closing half-day, commencing on Saturday 10 May.

**Notice** - "Make the most of your priority dockets at James Mackay's"

**Town Council** - The town council decided to drop the proposal to start a local bus service. It was now considered that it would not pay.

**Poem** - "A Mother's Day" by E. M. S. Ianstown. This is found on page 2.

**Town Council** - A committee of Buckie Town Council is to meet with representatives of Buckie Thistle Supporters Club, The Welfare Association and Buckie Cricket Club with a view to considering the development of sporting facilities at the Linzee Gordon Park.

**Advert** - 'Buy your Utility Bedroom Suites at Sutherland's Furniture Store.'

**Buckie Radio Enthusiasts agreed to form a club following a meeting held in the Townhouse.** It was also agreed to build an experimental radio station. It is proposed to buy an ex-army hut and set it up as a transmitting and receiving station on the outskirts of the town.

**Officials appointed** – President – George Smith, Secretary and treasurer, Ian Sutherland. Committee members – George Gray, Millbank, G. W. Wallace, Blantyre Terrace, and A. J. Stevenson, both of Findochty. A certain amount of apparatus has been ordered and is on its way.

**Springbank Hotel – Cliff Terrace, open for bookings .**

**Football** - The 30TB (Pinefield) beat Buckie Thistle by four goals to one at Victoria Park to law low a bogey. This was the first time that the soldiers had triumphed over the Thistle.

Ap 24 **Jimmy Simpson – Buckie Thistle Player Coach and former Glasgow Ranger player.** He was to have a Benefit Match on Monday 28 April when Third Lanark are to provide the opposition. Admittance to ground 1/-. Enclosure 1/- extra with admittance to stand 5/- and 3/6. No cheaper admittance for Boys or Forces.

**On Sunday 29 April a retiring collection, by plate, will take place in the North Church on behalf of the church extension scheme. Absent members are required to send donations to the minister or John Birnie, 2 Wallace Avenue. Members who were not at Communion on the 20<sup>th</sup> are asked to return cards as soon as possible.**

**Sunday film** – The film being shown in the Playhouse on Sunday in aid of the Scottish Veterans Association will be 'No Limit'.

**E.A.D.S.** are to put on a performance of 'Mains Woon' in the Rathven WRI hall on Friday 2 May.

**Buckie War Fund Committee is to be wound up.** A total of 7,421 parcels had been dispatched payments for wool, postal orders and donations to the Red Cross. 1188 wool vouchers at 5/-; postal orders- various sums – 4714; 15,000 garments knitted. Collection tins, opened once per week and 305 times during the war yielded a total of £2,276.2.10, giving an average of £7.9 per week. Money from all sources amounted to £2,977.17.3. £2,397 was paid for wool etc with expenses amounting to £460.19.3.

**A Buckie Welfare League player signed for no less than three clubs. J. Murdoch, 16 Sterlochy Street, Findochty was suspended sine die.**

**Football** – Arradoul Y. C. 2 Portgordon 4.

**Arradoul** – S. Turner, Jim McLean and G. Duncan; Willie McGill, Jimmy Garvock and Frank McLean; Crosbie Stewart, Wuldie Duncan, Cecil Benzie, Jimmy Ewen and Jimmy Thomson.

**Portgordon** – Dennis Choate, Geddes and Wood, Wheeler, J. Green and Adam Cowie; Leslie Cowie, John Esslemont, Albert Geddes, W. G. Reid, and James Coull.

**Football – Robertson Cup Final – Buckie Rovers 5 RNAS(Loss) 6 \*\*\*\*\***

**This was the first cup final in which the Rovers had been involved at junior level. It was apparently a tremendous game, which may be gauged from the terrific write up in the local paper. (See page 6.) The heading read " Glory of Ten Gallant Rovers"**

**Rovers** – Jocky Gray, Gordon Cowie and Johnnie Fraser; Zander Thain, George Murray and Scott; Jim Hillocks, Alex Cowie, Hughie Morrison, Raich and Jim Murray.

**Fraser broke his ankle only 10 minutes after the start meaning that the Rovers had to play the whole game with only ten men. There were no substitutes in these days.**

May 1 **Workmen needed** – Three temporary workmen were wanted for the New Cemetery and Burnside, Rathven for from May until October. Wage £4 per week, apply Mr Spence. Isobel's granda was one of those taken on.

**St Andrew's Hotel** - 'Dancing at its best in the St Andrew's Hall on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May.' A visit to Buckie to be paid by the Lido Professional Ballroom Orchestra with Johnnie Home of broadcasting fame also a special floorshow. Cliff Scott and Peggie Nun, professional teachers of dancing will give a demonstration of the modern waltz, quick step, slow foxtrot, tango and Valetta.

**Loads of jars** - 9010 jam jars were collected by Buckie Boy Scouts and Girl Guides to be sent to Baxter's Preserve Works, Fochabers.

**Enzie Welcome Home Fund** - At the latest meeting of the committee it was established that the total number of Forces to share the sum of £1028.11.7 was 91 men, 20 women with the next of kin of five deceased. The money to be handed over at a Social Evening to be held on Friday May 17 in the Clochan School.

**Football** - Buckie Thistle 1 Third Lanark 6 - Jimmy Simpson's Benefit match. Findlay, Leask and Nimmo; Tough, Simpson and Allan; Munro, Johnston, Bowie, Cormack and Mclean. Third Lanark – Fraser, Balunas and Kelly; Bolt, Palmer and Mooney; McCulloch, Baillie, Nelson, Ayton and Mitchell. Referee – Colin Harrower – Keith. Unfortunately the weather was poor, this having an effect on the size of the crowd which numbered between 3-4,000. The B. A. carried a thank you note from Jimmy Simpson. (This is found on page 6.)

May 8 **Circus** - Robert Bros. Circus and zoo are to pay a visit to Buckie on 16<sup>th</sup> May.

**Opening announcement** - Window and Rone cleaning- Norman Hay, 12 Robert Street, hopes by good workmanship to merit a share of public patronage.

**Lighting offence** - Some Polish soldiers were still at Dallachy as can be gathered from the fact that a warrant officer was fined 7/6 for riding a bicycle on Main street, Buckie with no rear light showing. A youth was fined 15/- for having no lights on his bike at all.

**Death of Master Baker** – The death took place this week of William Young, Master Baker. He was a native of Gight, near Fyvie and son of a farmer. He started his working life on a farm before serving his time as a baker. He had shops in Cumineston, Gamrie and Torphins before coming to Buckie in 1922 when he opened a shop on Low Street., later moving to West Church Street. He twice had the misfortune of seeing his premises being burned down. He sold his business in 1944.

May 15 **Opening announcement** – Robertson and Green, Broadley, Carpenters, Joiners and Funeral Undertakers,. Phone Clochan 212.

**Thank you notes**- There were a number of thank you notes in the local paper from those who had received money from the Enzie Welcome Home Fund.

**Letter about a nightingale** - In a letter to the local paper the write said how he had heard a nightingale sing in the Freuchny area of Buckie. It had been heard by a number of people who were certain that the music was by this bird.

**Coffee stall for Cluny Harbour** - Archie Angus was given permission to open a coffee stall at the harbour.

**New owner of Rathburn House** - Mrs Stephen sold Springbank Hotel as a dwelling house bought Rathburn House and aimed to rename it Springbank Hotel.

**Town Council** – Buckie Town Council were of a mind to extend the Linzee Gordon Park to the seaward side to provide more land for recreational purposes. They intended to approach Banff County Council on the matter.

**Objection-** The town council received an objection from the Ministry of Works against the proposal to construct a path between East Carlton Terrace and Cluny Terrace on account of the planned width. The town council felt that a narrower path would simply become a place of disrepute and it was decided to do nothing further with the matter meantime but intend to bring it up again at a later date.

**Grocer's business** – Hay and Co. had a shop at 32 West Church Street, formerly a draper's shop owned by Munro at one time.

**Capped for Scotland** - Cadet Tommy Hornby, Red Lion, Fochabers, has been selected at outside right in the Scottish ACF team. He has been playing for his home side, Fochabers.

**Report on Welcome Home Social at Clochan. (page 4)** A total of 93 received a cheque for £11. , consisting of 68 servicemen, 20 women and the next of kin of five. Many were in uniform proudly sporting medals. John H. Duncan presided. Mr P. Urquhart, former headmaster, and committee member, presented the cheques. Two of my uncles, Charlie and Arthur Burgess were among the recipients since their home address was given per my mother at Burnside of Enzie though they were both regular soldiers.

**Admiralty want huts** - it seemed likely that some of the squatters would be removed from the huts on McLaren's Brae with three of the huts being wanted by the naval authorities.

**Buckie ACF and Football** - - The Buckie Company ACF under Captain A. McQueen have given a strong lead to summer football for the youngsters of the district by instituting a league, which is limited to players under 19. Run under the title of the MCC League, McQueen's Challenge Cup League has drawn an entry of 10 teams- Buckpool Celtic, High Street Strollers, Bruce Avenue Rockets, High Street Vics. Arradoul Wanderers, ACF Hotspurs, Buckpool Rovers XI, Seatown Rangers, Portessie Swifts and Gordon Street United.

**Buckie's 'keeper helps out the Dons** - Jimmy Findlay played for Aberdeen on Wednesday against Falkirk in the Dewar Shield, both Johnston and Watson, his deputy were unavailable. Aberdeen won 2-0.

**Silver in the sea** - This article found on page 3 written by Walfric is a short account of herring and the herring fisheries in the seas of Great Britain 200 years ago.

**Buckie Amateur Experimental Radio Club** - More enthusiasts have been attracted to the club. A number of lectures have been planned. It was agreed to hold a basket whist and dance in the near future.

**New Riley car - Millbank** Garage, High Street, was advertising the new Riley car. The advert included a sketch of the car.

**ACF exams** - Sergeant Robert Gordon passed the Part II Certificate A exam. Cadet Ian Hay had top marks.

**Norman Taylor-** Postman Higher Grade, who was to have a long association with Buckie Rovers at a later stage from the 1960's through to late 1980's, took an interest in the Juvenile League assisting Captain McQueen.

May 29 **A nightingale sings again** - The local paper received a letter from some who had described himself as a sceptic when he had first heard about a nightingale singing in Freuchny. He now said that he was convinced that there was such a bird in Buckie at the present time since he had heard its call near the Victoria Bridge and recognised the call from a gramophone record of birdcalls.

Jn 5 **Bedding plants** - Christies' Nurseries, Fochabers - 2/6 per dozen plants.

**Letters of thanks** - The local paper this week carried notes of thanks from those who had received a gift of money from Portknockie Welcome Home Fund.

**Giving up business** - Mr J. Morrison, Boot and Shoe Repairer, Blantyre Terrace, Ianstown was giving notice that he was giving up his business, with his successor to be Alex Taylor, Rathven Village.

**Head to retire** - Mrs Sinclair, Headteacher at Arradoul Primary School was to retire at the end of the session. It had been decided to collect money for a testimonial. Subscribers were asked to hand these to either Mr R. G. Young, Arradoul Mains or Mr C. Grant, Inchapie Lodge.

**Staff required for Speybay Hotel** - Wanted for the season were five waitresses, 2 chambermaids and one greenkeeper. Some of these came from Glasgow and other parts, as I came to know when I made the acquaintance of one young lady from there the next summer.

**Buckie Welcome Home Fund** - Progress being made to reach the sum which had been set was extremely slow and the Eastern Star undertook to mount a door to door collection. They were also to hold a basket whist and dance.

If the collecting was done in a systematic way the fund could be completed and the money disbursed said the President of the Fund committee, Provost Hendry. He proposed that the town council should give the 'Star' a donation to cover the cost of the hall and every encouragement for what they were doing. (The Provost was not to know then that it would be a further five years - 1952 - before the money was disbursed.)

**First School of Motoring** - The Star Garage had an advert in the local paper stating that their instructor would teach people to drive. A car would be supplied and expert tuition given. (My oldest sister Mary Fraser, Burnside of Enzie, then clerkess at Inchgowar Distillery, must have been one of the first pupils.)

**Football** Buckie Thistle won the Commercial Cup when they beat the holders, Fraserburgh, with an aggregate score of 5 goals to 3 over two games. Jimmy Simpson, who was playing his last game for the Thistle here, collected the cup.

**The team was - Valentine, Sinclair and Leask; Tough, Simpson and Laing; J. Smith, Allan, Johnston, Cormack and McLean.**

**Reaper's Hotel** - "The House of Pleasant Bread" (West Church Street, later to be called 'The Highlander'.) open to non-residents. Phone number 23.

**The New Springbank Hotel** - (formerly Rathburn House) was to open with a Dinner and Dance. Tickets priced at 7/6.

**Fochabers Recreation Club** was to hold a fete in the grounds of Milne's Institution in aid of funds to build a hut.

**New column in the B. A.** - 'The Farm Scene' by Herd Loon.

**Flooding in Ianstown** - when the Rathven Burn overflowed its banks the water in some of the houses reached to a foot in depth. A letter was written in the local paper complaining of this and asking for something is done before there was repetition.

**Advert** – Dunn and Campbell, Electrical Engineers, 153 Mid Street Keith.

**Football** - Arradoul Y. C. 2 Portsoy 8 The A.Y.C. team was – J. Ewen, J. McLean and C. Stewart; F. Mclean, G. McIvor and J. Garvock; J. Murray, W. McGill, W. Duncan, C. Benzie and S. Turner.

Jn 19 **Grand Tartan Ball** – Rathven WRI.

**New tearooms in Findochty** - The Northhaven Tearooms were now open for Afternoon Teas, home baked cakes and pastries a speciality.

**Dux Medallist at Buckie High School** - Alistair M. McKenzie won the Miller Medal as Dux and the Muir Medal for Latin. Margaret Cruickshank was Dux of the Junior School.

**Springbank Hotel (formerly Rathburn House) opened** - The proprietor Mrs Stephen came to Buckie from London at the time of the 'Blitz' and offered her services to the Sailor's Home canteen. She worked there for over four years becoming in time assistant matron. She took over a house Springbank Hotel on Cliff Terrace, which she sold before buying Rathburn House.

**Cure for vandals** - At a meeting of the Banffshire Food Leaders, held in Buckie High School on Saturday, it was suggested that in order to stop vandals entering gardens and doing damage, householders should think about planting brambles round the edge.

**Poem 'The Grey Toun O' Cullen', written** by G. P. Dunbar, Stoneywood, is found on page 5 column 5. (It is worth taking a copy of the poem.)

**Football** – Keith F.C. signed Harry Sneddon, ex Dundee player, as their player-coach.

Jn 26 **Playhouse** - Chips Rafferty in the film "Overlanders" also "A Matter of Life and Death" starring David Niven etc.

**'Paint your houses not your wagon'** – Municipal tenants requiring paint for the outside work are asked to call at the Burgh Surveyor's office on Friday at 4 p.m. W. J. R. Guthrie.

**'The Little Wonder'** for sale ladies' khaki jackets, ex ATS, coupon free, 14/6.

**Outings** - Bus trips were all the rage. Local farmers went to Grantown – Railway staff to Fort Augustus – Enzie Church of Scotland to Braemar, Crathie Church and Balmoral.

**Buckie revives old custom** - At the end of the working day on Friday Lewis Penwright, 21, 12 Yardie, a plasterer with George Packman, who on the occasion of his marriage, was tarred and feathered by his workmates. Later he was hurled down the High Street, preceded by piper Charlie Smith and drummer Davie Grant. The noise brought a large number of onlookers on the scene. Lewis 'Louie' was unceremoniously tipped out of the Hurley at Cluny Square, left to make his way home. (It is believed that someone did, in fact, give him a lift.) (His bride to be was Miss Chrissie Benzie of Hay Street, Buckpool. The couple, great grandparents in August 2000 were still hale and hearty. )

**Buckie Welcome Home Fund - Provost** Hendry, who was the chairman of the Fund, admitted that it was a hard struggle to achieve the target that had been set. For whatever reason there was a certain apathy now, he said. Still they had to carry on because they couldn't let the men and women down.

**Football** – Fochabers swept the Welfare League winning every trophy – Duncan Shield, Duncan Cup, Brown Cup, Challenge Cup and League Championship.

Jly 3 **Enzie Public School** - The school bairns had their annual picnic at Strathlene, where they enjoyed glorious weather.

**Two new kippering firms** - Last week Cowie Bros. Set up shop on Commercial Road, this week John Young & Son commenced business at the east end of the harbour.

**Students** - The following students have been granted endorsements of their Leaving Certificates as "students in training" – Jane A. Flett, Alice S. Mair, Elsie M. Packman and Violet Fraser.

**Puzzle Pictures** - At this time the B. A. would have a photograph of a scene from Buckie without a caption given. Readers were then asked to say where it was. The answer to the previous week's puzzle was Marine Place before the new harbour had been built. It also said that Cowie, Carter, lived in the wee house in the foreground and McDonald the tailor. Next to Merson's building was Peter Hay's Porter and Ale shop. (The information was given by W. Dallas, Glasgow, who was something of an authority on the history of the town.)

**School pupils celebrate** - To mark the end of the school year the fifth year pupils of Buckie High School went on a bus run to Grantown. The return journey was broken with a visit to the Playhouse cinema in Elgin. The fourth year, not to be outdone, held a dance in the Townhouse Hall to which pupils in the third year were also invited.

**Hoing match at Auchintae** - 70 competitors took part in the contest held at Auchintae by kind permission of R. G. Young, Arradoul Mains. The winner in the champion class came from Rothiemay with the winner in the ordinary class from Ladysbridge. Sandy Grant, Enzie Station, at 13 years of age, was a prizewinner in the 'Boys Class'.

**Enzie Public School** - Margaret Fraser, Burnside of Enzie, was 1<sup>st</sup> in Primary 1

Jly 10 **Thank you** - Mrs Sinclair who was headteacher at Arradoul for 21 years, and who was given a presentation on her retirement had a thank you note in the B. A. Mrs Sinclair received a fountain pen and pencil plus a handsome cheque. The presentation was carried out by Mr R.G. Young who said a few words to which Mrs Sinclair replied.

**A Tartan Ball** will take place in the Rathven WRI hall on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July. Old Time and Modern Dances. Geddes' Band. Admittance 3/-

**Buckie Town Clock** - the newspaper report said that the town clock on the steeple of the North Church which had been erected in 1862 (I don't believe that this is correct.) had stopped because mechanical wear and tear had taken its toll. It was said that it would be on holiday for a fortnight before a replacement parts could be got.

**Long sight of Provost Falconer** - Provost Falconer, Portknockie, said at a council meeting how he could see the day coming when all town councils would disappear and the centralisation of local government. (This did occur but not until 1974.)

**Tragic death of farmer's wife** - Mrs Mary M. Chalmers, (45) Westerside, Rathven, lost her life when as she clambered through a hole in a five foot high dyke it collapsed on top of her killing her instantaneously. She was discovered by her husband.

**Opportunities for building workers in South Africa** - Craftsmen, carpenters, masons, etc are offered £11 for a 44-hour week. Food is cheap and ration-free. A married man earning £500 per annum pays no Income Tax.

**Football** - Buckie Rovers decided to enter the Scottish Junior Cup. This was agreed at their AGM held in the Sailors' Home. Mr P. Scott, Chairma, presided at the meeting. The treasurer, reported that their finances were sound with a profit on the year's working. A total of 15 players had been signed.

The following officials were appointed - Hon. President - Father Purcell -; Hon Vice Presidents - Messrs - James Ross, Wm. R. Murray and Councillor J. Young. Chairman - P. Scott, vice chairman, James Cowie, secretary/treasurer, George Craig. Committee - Messrs G. W. Findlay and Johnston Coull. Trainer - A. Spence. Representative to Moray Association - G. Craig.

**Spike** - Final chapter of his serial, 'Strangler of the Sloch'

Jly. 17 **Do not trespass** - People have often said that there is no law against trespassing in Scotland but in 1947, Cluny Estates followed Seafield Estates to say that anyone caught trespassing on their estate would be prosecuted.

**Beach shoppie** - Mrs Esslemont has opened a hut at the west end of Portgordon selling ices, minerals and light refreshments. The hut is open daily and you are welcome to pay a visit.

**Playhouse** - 'King Kong' with Fay Wray etc.

**Grand Swimming Gal at Strathlene on Monday 28 July.**

**Shorter holiday for the town clock** - Mr D.G. McGregor, Watchmaker had thought that it would take a fortnight to obtain the piece required, in the event it was made locally by John Duncan, Engineers, with the clock repaired and back in action on Tuesday evening.

**Poems** - A couple of poems are found on page 6. One is titled 'Strathlene' written by Georgie, the other 'Bonnie Strathlene' written by EMS. Ianstown.

Jly 24 **Slochie Gala** - **This** will take place on 28 July.

**Fete** - Fochabers Recreation Club will hold their Grand Fete on Saturday 2 August.

**Drowning accident** - Peter Reid, 28 James Street, Buckpool lost his life in a drowning accident at Buckie Harbour.

**Football** - Buckie United won the Juvenile Trophy.

**Football Friend-** Buckie Rovers gifted Buckie Thistle a set of stockings. These were handed over by the chairman, Mr P. Scott.

Jly 31 **Playhouse** - 'The Jolson Story' starring Larry Parkes.

**Football** - Buckie Thistle trial match - Possibles versus Probables on Saturday 10 August at 7 p.m. **Collection on behalf of Junior Football.** (I wis 'ere, saw it and got the 'T' shirt.)

**Dairy round sold** - R. J. Cameron, Slackend, Portgordon, sold his milk round to Andrew Chalmers of Westerside.

**Arradoul Youth Club** were to hold a dance on Friday 8 August at 8.30 p.m. Admittance 2/-.

**Findochty Welcome Home Fund** - Questions were again being asked in the village, seen by letters to the local paper, about when the money was to be distributed.

**Slochie Gala** was badly spoilt by torrential rain. With something like a downpour heavy rain lasted for over an hour.

Aug 7 **Football** - First game of season 1947/48. Buckie Thistle versus Rothes in the H/L Cup. Admittance 1/- stand and enclosure 1/- extra. Boys and Forces in uniform 6d.

Team selected – Valentine, Wood and Leask; Tough, Hector and Laing; John Hendry, Allan, Johnston, Rae and McLean.

**Phone number** - The phone number of the *Banffshire Advertiser* was given as 2265. (In the year 2000 the phone number was 83265.)

**Possible new use for former Rathven School** - An Aberdeen man made tentative enquiries about acquiring the former school at Rathven, which had lain empty for 7 years, as a textile factory.

**Flower Show** - Arradoul WRI held their first Flower Show for 8 years. There was a large entry in all the classes.

**Portgordon against plans for former air raid shelter** - An objection was lodged by Mr J. Coull on behalf of his mother against changing the former air raid shelter, occupying a space in front of her house on High Street, into a public convenience.

**Poems** - Two poems are found on page 5 column 1. The first – “Scattlin’ Margarine” by R. Jappy and “The Aul’ Mannickie and Wifickie” by G. P. Dunbar, Stoneywood . (About Cullen)

**Peter Fair** - There was no mention of Peter Fair/Rathven Market this year.

**New manager for Buckie Thistle** - Captain A. W. Macdonald is to be the new manager of Buckie Thistle, taking over from Captain Alex Smith MC.

Aug 14 **Football** - Buckie Rovers versus New Elgin on Saturday 16 August at Victoria Park at 6.45 p.m.. Admittance 9d, Boys 6d, Stand and Enclosure extra.

**Advert** - R. Johnston, Painter and Decorator – ready to re-commence after being absent on service during the war years. Interior decoration and outside painter work. 4 Low Street.

**Note** - People were making sure that they got to Keith Show, with some taking the coat bus to Fochabers to catch the Aberdeen bus. A number were queuing for buses quite early in the morning.

**R. G. Young, Arradoul Mains** won prizes both at the Elgin Show and Keith Show with his Clydesdale horses and Friesian dairy cattle.

**Presentation** - Miss Frances Strachan, cashier at Jones Shipyard received a presentation on her forthcoming marriage. The gifts were handed over by Mr John Cole.

**Findochty Welcome Home Fund** - Following a meeting of the committee it was decided that the money would be distributed at an early date.

**New columnist** - Johnny Butler – reads ‘Laugh with Johnny Butler.’

**Buckie phone system is now automatic**

**Football** - The Welfare League team – Home Guard Hibs was disbanded. They had lost a lot of their players to the new team, Buckpool Celtic.

**Football** - Buckie Thistle beat Rothes by 1 goal to nil  
The team was Cameron, Wood and Leask; Tough, Hector and Laing; J. Smith, Allan, Johnston, Rae and Grant. Quite a number of changes from that first selected.

Aug 21 **Exhibition of nylon ropes** - An exhibition of nylon ropes considered to be of interest and important to fishermen is to take place. Trawlers and seine net boats working out of Aberdeen are meantime using nylon ropes, which is used as a fibre.

**Death of Miss Jessie Smith, better known as Jessie Pozzi.** One of the largest funerals seen in Buckie for some time took place following the death of Miss Smith, 63 West Church Street. She worked for J. P. Pozzi for 45 years.

**Long time drought** - Buckie had been plagued by a water shortage for many years and in 1947 following a long spell of dry weather it was again a problem, Householders and others are requested to refrain from the unnecessary waste of water.

**Shooting rights** - Mr George Packman, Plasterer, Glentor, West Cathcart Street, was granted permission to shoot over Minduff for a season at a time.

**Buckie Rovers' ground** - The Rovers were granted the use of a piece of ground lying between Easter Gollachy and Seafield Road for a one year. The lease to be reconsidered when the Provost's Park is resown. The golfers created a big noise about losing part of their ground.

Aug 28 **'Mackie' McIntosh's German bride** - A bit is written on page 3 column 1.

**Football** - Rovers 3 **RAF Elgin 2**

Gray, Lynch and G. Cowie; Hay, Begg and Niven; Wallace, Smith, Morrison, W. Cowie and Adam.

**Football** - Rankine, a navyman at Lossie, first played in the Highland League with Ross County, turned out later for Buckie

**Football** - First Scottish Junior Cup-tie ever played at Buckie will see the Rovers take on New Elgin on Wednesday 3 September. The Rovers won 2-1 with goals from Westbury and Morrison.

Sept 4 **Caretaker/Gravedigger for Rathven Cemetery-** the wage being offered is £4.13.6 (includes current war increase), insurance deducted and free house. Mr Dalgarno resigned from the post after only beginning in May.

**Photograph** - The first photograph in the B. A. is poor in reproduction. It is the wedding photograph of A. McIntosh and his German bride.

**Buckie had its first rain in 26 days this week.**

**Findochty boats sinks** - the Findochty motor boat, Springfield BCK 323 sank 90 seconds after being in collision off Fraserburgh. A Portessie man, Wm. Smith DSC, 17 Oglivie Street lost his life.

**Poems** - Two poems are found on page 5 column 1. The first 'Just A Soldier-Palestine MELF 1947' and the 'Grant Street Boys' written by Mrs Eleanor M. Smith, Ianstown.

Sept 11 **Whist League** - Buckie Thistle Supporters Club propose to inaugurate a Whist League during the winter. Other clubs and organisations interested should get in touch with Mr John Burnett, secretary, 14 High Street who will call a meeting at a later date.

**Football** - Cannon Cup - Rovers versus 30 TB at Victoria Park on Saturday 13 September at 3 p.m.

**Scottish Farm Servants Union** - A Harvest Home Dance will take place in the WRI Hall, Rathven, on Tuesday 15 September at 8 p.m. Admittance Gents 2/6, Ladies 2/-. Music by Duncan's band. J. Anderson, secretary.

**Thank you notes.** The B. A. carried a number of notes from Findochty people who had received money from the Findochty Welcome Home Fund.

**Bad state of pavements** – The town council had received a number of complaints about the state of the pavements in the town and was considering the question of repairs.

**Poem** - "Thoughts on Sunset on the Moray Firth" . Written by Georgie (a woman) this is found on page 3 column 2.

**Football** - Hughie Morrison, who had been in cracking form for the Rovers, signed again for Buckie Thistle for whom he had formerly played.

Sept 18 **Letter on vandalism** - Someone who paid visits to the town wrote a letter to the local paper describing the various acts of vandalism he had witnessed in Buckie. Windows were smashed, trees and bushes destroyed with stealing from gardens of fruit, vegetables and flowers a common occurrence. Foul language on the golf courses was as bad as he had ever heard.

**Labour Party** Buckie Labour Party held their first meeting of the winter in the Morven Hall when Police Judge Milton presided.

**Football** - A plea had been made on behalf of the German POW's at Cairnfield for a football match between them and local teams. The first match saw the POW's beat Buckpool Celtic by 7 goals to one at Cairnfield.

Sept 25 **Bridge Competition** - Ex-Servicemen's Club, in the Club Rooms, Virginia Buildings, Open Bridge pairs competition.

**Dances** - In the St Andrew's Hall with music by Curly McKay etc -2/6 and 2/-  
In the Townhouse Hall, Juvenile Football Association – Music by Bill Geddes and his band.

In the Arradoul WRI Hall, Rathven Unionist Association  
In the Townhouse Hall - B. Thistle S. C. W/Dance Foley's Band.  
Portknockie – bluebell Band.  
St Mary's Hall, Cullen, Hill Billy Band.

Arradoul Meal and Ale Concert and Dance St Andrew's Hall in aid of Nursing Assoc.

**Call to unionise** - Buckie workers are being advised to get together. A meeting of all municipal and general workers is to take place in the Morven Hall. This is the only way to improve conditions.

**Save Waste Paper** - 'The recovery of waste paper is not only essential to the country's internal economy during the present crises but it can help to reduce local rates. Local Authorities in the past 6 years received well over £10 million from the sale of waste paper, most of which was collected at home'.

**Outing for lady pensioners** – Six bus loads of old ladies of the burgh went on an outing last Wednesday. There was a party of 200, excluding councillors, office bearers and wives. The trip went via Banff, Foggie Loan Grange and Keith. They had a tea at Banff Castle with a set tea at Aberchirder. They had a walk through the grounds of Rothiemay Castle besides stopping at various points where ice cream was served.

**Appointment of Dean of Guild** - In compliance with a new local Government Act, which is to come into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> October, Buckie Town Council is required to appoint a Dean of Guild court., and an Honorary treasurer. The Act is one of the most important documents ever circularised with many revolutionary changes.

**BUCKIE THISTLE team** chosen for Saturday was only one man away from that which was to play for a long time and which many people, my own family too, can repeat even to this day in 2000.

**Findlay, Wood and Leask; Allan Rae and Tough; Sandison, Johnston, Morrison, Rankine and McLean. Ian McLean, Cuttlebrae, Clochan, was to make way for another navy man Day shortly after.**

Oct 2 **Rovers' dance - There** were 80 couples at the Rovers' dance in the Townhouse, where the Melodymakers Band from Macduff supplied the music.

**Roths F.C. Supporters Club** held a dance in the Institute Hall, Fochabers, Dance music was played by the Night Owls Band.

**A dispute about first Scottish Junior Cup-tie - Two** letters in the B. A. one from England and one from Portknockie disputed what had been said about the Rovers v New Elgin cup-tie being the first game to have been played in Buckie in the Scottish Junior Cup. Both said that Jones Shipyard had played Keith Sports in or about 1931. (Having gone through all reports on games played from before this date and after and could find no evidence to say that there was ever any game played in Buckie under the heading Scottish Junior Cup.)

**Football's twelve commandments.** The following were copied from the B. A. of October 2<sup>nd</sup> 1947-

- 1) Eleven comprise a team, not one.
- 2) The ball is made round to go round.
- 3) Thought is the parent of action.
- 4) Think before you shoot not after.
- 5) No prohibition – put spirit into your play.
- 6) Play football – dance elsewhere.
- 7) Never carry on you may be carried off.
- 8) Let spectators do the shouting – players the shooting.
- 9) Never lose your temper you may lose your life.
- 10) Blows count in boxing, goals in football.
- 11) Self-conceit is the footballers greatest sin.
- 12) Stop with the whistle not before.

**Note -** In 1947 a short note in the local paper stated the difference between Buckie Welfare Society, Buckie Welcome Home Fund and Buckie & District Welfare Football Association. (Even in the year 2000 there were people who did not appreciate that the Buckie Welfare Society and the Buckie Welcome Home Fund were two different organisations. The Buckie Welfare Society as owners of Victoria Park is still accused by some of using money from the Welcome Home Fund to pay for the wall around the park. This of course is quite wrong. The Welfare Society in fact gave the Welcome Home Fund a donation of £500.)

Oct 9 **Playhouse - 'My Brother Talks to Horses'** starring Butch Jenkins and others. Also this week 'Odd Man Out' with James Mason and Robert Newton.

**Opening announcement -** Messrs Cowie and Reid, Plumbers, 25 West Church Street.

**Message boys wanted -** Almost ever advertisement said the same thing they had to be 'strong' and 'able to cycle' (There must have been very few boys of 13 or 14 who couldn't cycle.)

**Wedding photograph -** Dr Cowie, 39 Mill Crescent, Buckie, who married a girl from Herts. The groom was then a lieutenant in the RAMC.

**Opportunity for crooners -** Girls who fancy themselves as crooners have the opportunity to prove their quality on Friday when a contest, sponsored by 'Ole Man Moe' and his band will hold a heat in their search for Scotland's top lady crooner.

**New houses in Fochabers** - The first two tenants of the houses being built at Burnbank in Fochabers are to be Mr J. Inglis, 8 South Street, and Mr K. Moir, "Kings Cross", Mosstodloch.

**Poem** - "The Harbour" is found on page 3 column 6.

Oct 16 **Special Mission** - in the Morven Hall (Calder's Steps) (In earlier times the place where the steps were made was known as Jock Grant's Brae.)

**Methodist Church** - Buckie Boys Brigade meet on Friday Evenings at 7.o'clock. boys from 12-17 are invited to join our company.

**Filmgoer's Feature** - Edited by Johnny Butler. This is new column giving a review of this week's films being shown in the local Playhouse.

**Stories by Wulfrun** - ( A series of short stories. This was another new feature. ) This week's contribution was called 'Forgetfulness'.

**Rathven School up for sale** - The building hadn't been used as a school for twenty years.

**Port Gordon or Portgordon.** The Banffshire Advertiser went for two words - Port Gordon but railway and bus timetables, also the Educational Authorities wrote the name as one word - Portgordon.

**Another name change** - In a letter to the B. A. someone said that the area known as Morayshire today had been this before. Later it had been changed to Elginshire ,only to be changed once again to Morayshire. They were asking when and why this had occurred.

**Football** The POW's at Cairnfield beat Buckpool Celtic again by three goals to one.

**Football** - Reggie Day, a navyman from Lossie, was selected at outside left for Buckie Thistle on Saturday, taking the place of Ian Mclean.

Oct 23 **Opening announcement** - G. Taylor, Poultry Dealer, Rathven Village, Buckie.

**Garages for sale** - Wm. Alexander and others were selling garages on Cluny Lane with a vacant loft.

**Football** - Buckie Thistle 3 Clach 0 (H/L)

This was the team that played together for so long that many could chant their names - Findlay, Wood and Leask; Allan, Rae and Tough; Sandison, Johnston, Morrison, Rankine and Day.

Day had a dream start, scoring all three goals. . Jimmy Pines and Davie Siegal were playing in a very good Clach side.

**Letter from Sandy Middleton** - Former Thistle player, Sandy Middleton criticised a previous letter writer who had shot down the present Buckie team , comparing them poorly with that of pre-war. He said that had he been 20 years younger he would have been proud to take his place in the half-line . they were a great bunch of lads full of enthusiasm.

Oct 30 **Spike** - The first chapter of a new serial by Spike called - "The Ghoul of Portgordon".

**Big catch** - At Great Yarmouth the drifter Coreopsis brought in a catch of 190 crans of herring, which sold for £795. This was one of the highest prices paid for a catch this season.

**Good Templars** - A meeting of the Buckie Lodge of the Good Templars is to take place in the Morven Hall on Monday 3 November to resume the winter session. A. Hay, secretary.

Nov 3 **Big roup** - A big furniture is to take place at Auchlunkart House, Mulben. This was the seat of the laird of Auchlunkart and Tannachy estate on the outskirts of Portgordon.

**Opening announcement** - Roy Donaldson, Radio and Electrical Engineer, Morven View, Portknockie.

**Poem** - 'Autumn' written by Georgie. This is found on page 3, column 3.

**Britain facing a crises** - Write ups and posters in the local paper told of the economic crises that was facing Britain. Described as an economic blizzard.

**Big defeat for Buckie Rovers** - A nine - nil defeat of the Rovers away to Burghead on Saturday November 1<sup>st</sup> in the Nicholson Cup came as a big surprise to all. This was by far their biggest defeat since stepping up to Junior level. The only excuse that could be made was that the strong gale cancelled out all the good play of the Rovers.

Nov 13 **Playhouse** - 'Till The Clouds Roll By' There was a big cast, among the stars being Kathryn Grayson and Judy Garland.

**Opening announcement** - **Kerr** and Campbell, Diesel Engineers, 40 Commercial Road.

**Buckie nurse passes** - **Miss** Anna Grant, Baron Street, passed her exams to become a State Registered Nurse, in Edinburgh. She did her training at the Falkirk Royal Infirmary.

**Indoor swimming pool for Buckie?** There was the possibility that Buckie might have an indoor swimming pool. A committee has been formed to investigate the project.

**Identity Card offence** - A Buckpool man living on James Street failed to produce his Identity Card when asked for this by a policeman on duty. He was fined £1 with the option of five days in jail.

**Football** - Willie Mills, the ex Aberdeen player and who had a spell with Huntly was now with Lossiemouth.

Nov 20 **Change of shopkeeper at Portgordon** - Wm. Morrison, took over the newspaper and general store at 1 Station Road that had been previously owned by the late A. E. Gardner. He is still intending to carry on doing Electrical installation and repairs as usual.

**Advert** - **Scottish** Radio & Sounding Co. Ltd. 18 Marine Place (next to the Food Office). Marine, Domestic, Electrical and Radio Engineers, Armature Winders.

**Situation vacant** - Young girl wanted for draper's shop. Apply to the Little Wonder.

**Poem** - 'The Vice Called Rumour' by Georgie. This is found on page 3, column 3.

**Prospective Labour Candidate for Moray**- **Richard** Murray, Elora, Commerce Street, Buckie, was chosen to stand as the Labour candidate for Moray in the forthcoming election.

Nov 27 **Fined for loitering** - Three men were each fined £1 for loitering. One of the men was recently fined for an Identity Card offence.

**Poem** - 'The Pipe Band' written by Mrs E. M. Smith, Iainstown. This is found on page 5 column 4.

**Sine die - The** Welfare League committee are to ask the Scottish Welfare Football Association to remove the sine die restriction imposed on Findochty football player, John Murdoch after he had signed for Findochty, Portgordon and Fochabers.

Dec 4 **Awards for local railway stations - In** the annual competition for cleanliness and tidiness, Cullen and Portgordon were placed in the first class category while Buckie and Portessie were placed in the third class.

**Poem** - 'The Poll' written by N. C. Pirie. This is found on page 5, column 5. The theme is on the forthcoming town council election.

Dec 11 **Unsuccessful - Mrs** Milne, Harbour Street, who has been active in many spheres in the town stood as a candidate in the recent election but was unsuccessful. Dr Reid came top of the poll.

**Thistle matches** - Boys and Forces in uniform are still allowed into Victoria Park for the reduced rate of 6d.

**Photograph-** A photograph of L/Cpl James Reid, Dorset Regiment, who died in a hospital in Berlin following an accident is found in this edition. He was the son of Mr and Mrs G. B. Reid, 25 Anton Street. L/Cpl Reid was a regular soldier and was serving as a Regimental Policeman at the time of the accident.

**Gambling by playing cards for pennies** - This was seen as a heinous crime by the powers that be. A number of schoolboys were caught by the police playing cards for pennies on a piece of land between Elsie Gibbs Brae and Merson Street. Two pennies were found when the police pounced. At the police court Police Judge Milton lectured the accused on the gravity of their offence and intimated that he would defer sentence for a month.

**Poem** - 'Parting' written by C. Cowan. This is found on page 3 column 4.

**Cullen Welcome Home Fund - The** local paper received a letter from 'An Old Soldier' who was complaining that the money collected for the Cullen Welcome Home Fund had still not been paid out. At a heckling meeting in Buckie the same subject was raised.

**Union of Churches in Fochabers** - The Bellie and Pringle churches took the oath of union on Sunday. It was agreed that services would take place in each church alternatively and during the current month in the Bellie Church.

Dec 18 **Playhouse** - On Monday and Tuesday 29 and 30 December a 'Holiday Parade' will take place in the local cinema. On parade will be a wide variety of artistes. During the evening a Search For Talent Contest will take place. Those who won through in the contest would be offered a contract to appear at Butlin Holiday Camps during the summer months. The contest to be ran by Archie McCulloch and W. E. Butlin.

**Enzie Amateur Dramatic Society** are to present four one act plays - Yellow Leaf, Black Bun, Red Roses and Braidland in the Clochan School on Monday and Tuesday 29 and 30 December.

**New appointments made by the town council** - Two new honorary appointment necessary by the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1947 were made at the statutory meeting of Buckie Town Council on Friday. Councillor Duncan became Honorary treasurer and Councillor Cowie Honorary Dean of Guild.

Dec 25 **Christmas lunch at the Sailors' Home** - A notice read - The House committee and Management of the Sailors Home extend a very cordial invitation to the seamen on Christmas Day at 12.30 am.

**Boy for adoption** - Wanted a party to legally adopt a healthy male child of 4 months. Neither payment nor premium .

**Poem** – 'God's Cherished Night' written by Wm. H. Millard, Montrose. This is found on page 4 column 5.

**Canteen opened at Buckie High School** - Buckie High School meals centre, built in the school playground, which has been in operation for some time, was officially opened on Wednesday of this week when members of Banffshire Education committee dined with pupils and later inspected the arrangements made for feeding of the children.

**Uproar at the Squatter's Camp**- There were still families occupying the huts on McLaren's Brae formerly used by the Air-sea rescue . This became known when a man living in hut four was charged with wilful destruction after damaging the dividing wall between hut number four and number 6. He used an object to smash the party wall so that objects fell on a child lying ill on a bed. He was fined £1 with the option of 10 days.

**Buckie Thistle going strong**- Being unbeaten for a great number of weeks had led to an increase in the number of followers. A crowd of nearly 3,000 was present to see them play Deveronvale at Princess Royal Park. The game was also a benefit for two former 'Vale stalwarts, Caley Murray and John Burnett. Buckie won 2-0. With half the season gone and still unbeaten the Thistle had set a record.

