

**1948**

Jan 1 **Cluny Revellers** - This new concert party will stage a Variety Concert in the Fishermen's Hall on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January.

**Advert** - Visit Buckie's latest and best all electric showrooms - Walker and Smith, 25 East Church Street.

**Advert** - Edward Hillock's Electrical Showroom, 28 East Church Street was selling all the same articles and advertising doing the same kind of work.

**Buckie Welcome Home Fund** received a contribution of £33.11.2 from the Aurora Shrine No 24.

**Buckie Rovers Football Club** - Two hundred couples were said to have been present at the Christmas Carnival Dance held in the Townhouse Hall. Wm. Smith, vice chairman of the club was MC and wished the Rovers the best of luck when they played Cumnock in New Year's Day.

**Cycling Lighting offences** - Three boys were charged with riding their bicycles on Low Street without rear lights. They were each fined 7/6 with the option of five days in a Remand Home.

**'Northie' was now writing column - 'Farm and Field'.**

**Article** - "Life Story of a 'Cruden House". This is found on page 4 column 4. It was said how this type of house had become very popular, with a number having been built in both town and country areas in the local area.

**Photograph - The B. A.** carried a photograph of the funeral of L/Corporal James Reid of Buckie who had died in a Berlin hospital from injuries sustained in an accident. The caption said that he had jumped from a truck as it approached a level crossing when he thought that this was to be struck by the train, unfortunately he fell in front of the engine himself.

**Poems** - Two poems are found on page 5, column 2. One written by N. C. Pirie is titled "The Tattie", with the other, "The Rowers' Lament" by C. Cowan.

**Football** - Buckie Thistle who have going great guns, and top of the Highland League, were beaten at Victoria Park by Deveronvale by the odd goal in five. This was quite unexpected since they had swept the Banff team aside the previous week. The Thistle, however, went on to lose their next three games.

**Football** - Jimmy Simpson, the ex Glasgow Rangers' player and who was player coach with Buckie Thistle last season is now manager of Alloa.

Jan 8 **Opening announcement** - Alex Simpson, 3 Harbour Place, Portknockie, was giving notice that he was commencing in business as a joiner and hoped for a share in the public's custom.

**Buckie's 100<sup>th</sup> house built** - Buckie Town Council had just seen the 100<sup>th</sup> house built. The key to 19 Yuill avenue was handed Mrs Alex Flett, 1 Craigview, Portessie at a small ceremony in the Townhouse. Mrs Flett, wife of a trawl fisherman, with four of a family, two boys and two girls, had had her name on the housing list for 8 years.

**Buckie Rovers lose to Cumnock Juniors in the 4<sup>th</sup> round of the Scottish Junior Cup.** In front of a crowd of 4,000 the Rovers put up a great fight before they went down to a score of 3 goals to one. John 'Jock' Niven scored their goal. The game received a great write up in the paper with the heading - "Rovers Were Grand Fighters".

Jan 15 **Fatal accident at Bog of Rannes** - George Legge, 16 year old apprentice heating engineer with a Glasgow, whose home was at Rochomie Cottage, Hilton, Buckie, was killed on Saturday evening when the shooting brake he was travelling in skidded on the ice. He was catapulted out of the rear door of the vehicle, which was torn off before being thrown through a hedge, bordering the road. He was found lying beside a tree. Other three men in the van were also injured with the driver sustaining severe injuries to his head.

**Poem** - "Thoughts on a Sleeping Child" by Georgie. This is found on page 4, column 3.

**Fishermen's Hall** - The Fishermen's Hall built in 1885 and the largest of the town's present halls was officially opened on Wednesday last by the new owners, Buckie Welfare Society.

The hall, which has been extensively renovated and redecorated, has been closed for the past seven years, since it was taken over by the military during the war period. (This is not correct since it was open for dancing both on VE Day May 7 1945 and again on VJ Day August 15 1945. It could have been open on other occasions too before the work of renovation began.)

The opening ceremony took the form of a supper and entertainment. Nearly 500 Buckie Old Age Pensioners were present who filled the hall, upstairs and down to capacity. Buckie Town Councillors and their wives were also present.

**Football** Buckie Thistle went down for the third time in succession when they lost five goals to one against Ross County in Dingwall. Following this defeat and the others 'Cluny', the sports columnist, received a poem written by four female Thistle supporters then students in Aberdeen. This is titled "Ode To Buckie Thistle" and signed 'Ane o' Them'.

**Buckpool man again in trouble** - A trawlerman who had within recent weeks had been up in court twice was again in trouble. Along with two others he was involved in a fracas on Cluny Square. For this offence he was fined £3.

Jan 22 **A move for Buckpool Chip shop** - Charles Grant who carried on a Fish and Chip shop at 41 Main Street was allowed to transfer his business across the road after he had been forced to move from 41 when the premises were sold. The new owner was not requiring the Fish and Chip business.

**Buckie Town Council** - Councillor Reid raised the issue of the disbursement of the Buckie Welcome Home Fund. He said that Buckie ex-servicemen in the town were seething at the delay in the distribution compared to other places. They had been waiting a long time.

**New Serial** - A new serial was begun in the local paper. This was entitled 'Meet Philip Drake' by Philip Drake.

**Call for a museum in Buckie** - Two letters to the local paper were on the same theme that there should be a museum in Buckie where relics and the history of its past might be kept.

**Two new youth movements for Buckie** - A company of the Boy's Brigade and Lifeboys has been formed. The recently formed 1<sup>st</sup> Buckie Coy. Boys Brigade, held their first parade on Sunday when they attended a special enrolment service in the South Church, conducted by Rev Walter Johnston.

The company sponsored by the South Church is under the command of Mr James R. Duncan, science master at Buckie High School.

The Lifeboys, under the auspices of the unit was formed in Buckie at a meeting held in the church hall on Monday night when over 50 boys between the ages of 8-12 were present.

Jan 29 **Museum** – In the editorial column the writer agreed with what had been said about the need for a museum or someone to write up the history of Buckie, since very little was known of the early days of the town.

**Poem** - "The Common Cold" This was written by Georgie and is found on page 5, column 1.

Feb 5 **Stealing**, especially from cloakrooms whilst dances are in progress, seem to be very common. A number of notes have appeared in the local paper asking for people to return coats, gloves etc. Someone also broke into a house on great Western Road and lifted ration books and coupons, also a seaman's ration card.

**The Co-op** – is to commence boot and show repairing again.

**Jobbing gardener** - Inglis, Letterfourie Gardens, and garden work done by hour or by the day. Phone 2162.

**Buckie Harbour** - The town council were saying how revenue from the harbour had decreased. The number of vessels piloted into Buckie in 1947 was 69 British and 13 foreign. In 1946 the figures were 79 British and 26 foreign, showing a considerable decrease.

Feb 12 **Playhouse** – 'The Yearling' starring Gregory Peck and Jane Wyman.

**Buckie Rovers** are to hold a 50-50 dance in the Townhouse on Thursday 12 February from 8 p.m. until 1 a.m. Music by George Foley and his Melodymakers. Admission 2/-. Special prizes to those who spot Mr X and Madam X. Novelty dances and prizes.

**St Andrews Hotel dance** - Monday 23 February – Leap Year Dance. Novelty dances and prizes. Band from HMS Fulmar, Lossiemouth - 7 players. 8 p.m. till 12.0.

Bus to Fochabers via Portgordon at approx. 11.30 p.m. Admittance Gents 2/-, Ladies and Servicemen 1/6.

Usual dance on Saturday.

**Horse to make way for tractor** - Cullen Town Council is to buy a Ferguson tractor to replace the old burgh horse. The cost of the tractor, with a fall in price, is to be £343. It will be used both in the cleansing department and on the golf links.

Feb 19 **Baptist Church to lose minister** - Rev A. J. R. McKenzie is to move to a new charge in Irvine, Ayrshire.

**Cyclists fail to halt pay penalty** - A mason and joiner apprentice were both fined 10/- with the option of five days when they failed to stop at the junction of Freuchny Road with Commercial Road.

**Forty years up for church minister** - Rev John Greenlaw celebrated 40 years as minister of the North Church, Buckie. He moved to Buckie from Orkney. He had been a minister for 45 years.

**Columns** – 'Herd Loon' was back writing the 'Farm Scene' column. 'Wulfrun' had a column titled 'Coast Gossip'.

**Witty saying** – A man who marries two women is a bigamist, how he can afford to keep them these Days is a bigamistry.

**Low School** - Buckie Town Council were told by the Education Committee that the old school was not to be available for a factory since their had plans to develop it as a Technical College were well advanced.

**Football - The** mystery of what had happened **to** the Thomson Cup, called the Consolation Cup, and played for in the Welfare League, was cleared up when it was found in a showcase at Buckie High School. It had been there since the early war years. The Welfare Association agreed to leave it there.

Feb 26 **North Church – seat letting** - **The** seat letting committee is to meet on Wednesday March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 7-8 p.m. to collect seat rents.

**First dance in the re-opened Fishermen’s Hall - Buckie** Rovers are to be the first organisation to hold a dance in the re-opened hall on Tuesday first. It was a great success with 200 couples present, dancing to music supplied by George Foley and his band. The football club held regular weekly dances from then on in the hall but crowds started to decline after a while.

**Story of a badger** – An unusual and rare visitor to this part of the British Isles, a badger was found and killed on Richmond Place, Portgordon, this week. The animal had been first seen at Burnside of Tynet where it was snared in a gin trap. It appears that it escaped from there trailing the gin trap three miles to the place where it met its death. E. Sudding threw a bag over it before killing it with a stake.

It was a male of the species, measuring four feet from nose to tail. Another badger has been seen in the Tynet Burn area, probably the female of the pair.

The hair of the badger is used for painter’s brushes while the hindquarters of a badger when salted and smoked make delicious hams.

(Badgers had become a lot more common by the year 2000 and were guilty of breaking into henhouses and killing hens. When a new piece of road was being made at Auldearn in the 1990’s a special culvert was left to allow the animals to cross the busy road.)

**Poems** – On page 5, column one of this edition no less that four poems are found.

‘Adieu’ written by C. Cowan, Buckie; ‘Sabbath’ written by N. C. P.; ‘to Findochty, Ladies’ Work Party’, written by Mrs Eleanor M. Smith, Ianstown and ‘A Song of the Sea’ by Daniel Henderson.

**Two boats launched** - Two boats were launched this week, only a day apart. The first was the ‘Souvenir’, built by Herd & McKenzie and the second, the ‘Hazard’, which was launched from Jones’ shipyard. They were both built for local owners.

**New A40 Austin** - See this at Webster’s Garage, West Church Street.

Mar 4 **Buckie Welcome Home Fund** - It seemed as if a step nearer the disbursement of the money had taken place when a notice was printed in the local paper asking that all those who had served in uniform in the Forces, including the Merchant Navy, before VJ Day should hand in their names to John McNaughton, secretary to the Fund. People involved from Buckie, Arradoul and Shielburn areas.

**Advert - M. West, Carpenter and Joiner**, - Portgordon and Low Street, Buckie. All enquiries should be directed to 8 Burnside Street, Findochty

**Situation vacant** - Church officer and cleaner wanted for West Church, Buckie. Apply to Wm. Murray, Session Clerk. Salary £40 per annum.

**South Church - The Penny Bank** is to be wound up. The Seatown Hall will be open on Monday

first , 6 March, from 6.30 –7.30 p.m. to receive claims.

**Fines for cycling offences up** - A draper's assistant living at the Rathven Station was fined 25/- when he was charged with riding a bicycle without lights, front and rear. When stopped by the police he said that the dynamo had packed in. It was found to have become clogged up with snow. (It would seem that the police were far stricter then than now.)

**Lifeboat Coxswain retires** - The coxswain of the Buckie Lifeboat, Francis Mair, Bruce Avenue, retired after 23 year's service as a member of the crew.

Mar 11 **Concerts are popular** - The front page of the local paper had adverts describing a number of concerts, which were to take place in the town within the next week or two.

Cornhill Recreation Club was to present 'Robert Burns' in the Fishermen's hall in aid of Buckie Thistle Supporter's Club.

A Scots Variety Concert given by the Fordyce Strathspey and Reel Society in aid of the Buckie Pipe Band

Robert Wilson, singer and Will Starr, accordionist, together with a large supporting cast , was also to appear.

**Rovers dance and choosing of Miss 1948** - An added attraction this week was to be a contest to choose Miss 1948. The judges are to be Matt Armstrong., Elgin City Player Coach , and a party of City footballers.

An innovation was the provision of a free bus after the dance, which will run to Findochty, Portknockie, and Cullen . This was something that was picked up by the organisers of dances over a wide area afterwards, continuing for many years afterwards.

**Rathven School and plans for a textile factory** - It seems that a hitch has taken place in the plans to convert the disused school into a textile factory.

**Newspaper articles** - The following articles and columns were in this week's edition of the B. A. - Continuing serial by Philip Drake; Filmgoer's Feature, edited by Johnny Butler; Fireside Talk O' Aul' Freens; Children's Corner by Uncle Bert; London Talk by Carteret; The Day's Work by Spike;

Ministry of Food poster giving facts and recipes; Scottish Savings poster.

**Nissen hut as sports pavilion at Linzee Gordon** - Bought by the town council it is to measure 36' by 16' and cost £25. A further £60 will spent on flooring, the two ends and partitions plus £80 for concrete blocks.

**No tennis courts at Low Street** - The town council decided not to proceed with the construction of tennis courts at Baron's Green adjacent to Buckie Bowling Green. A big discussion took place regarding room etc.

Mar 18 **Miss 1948** - The girl chosen as Miss 1948 at the recent Rovers' dance was Miss Muriel Fraser, Cullen, with the R/U being Miss Elsie Edwards, Hall Street. Both received gifts of cosmetics. Muriel Fraser is the sister of Mabel Fraser who was chosen as Miss Banffshire in a Scottish National Beauty Contest last year.

**No Swedish houses for Buckie** - Buckie Town Council were not in favour of Swedish timber houses.

Mar 25 **Football** - Buckie Thistle was to meet Partick Thistle in a friendly match at Victoria Park on Saturday 27 March.

**Guide to Buckie** - Persons wishing copies of the Guide Book printed for the town council in 1940 may obtain them free on application to the town clerk at 4 Cluny Square.

**Buckie G.T.C.** held a successful basket whist drive and social in the All Saints Hall.

**Vacancy on Buckie Town Council** - Due to the resignation of councillor Young owing to pressure of business, there was a vacancy on the council. Although it was proposed by one councillor that Mrs Milne a successful candidate at the last election should be co-opted, he received no support. It was said that she had stood two or three times and had received a considerable support from the electorate. The local paper considered that she should have been co-opted.

1 Apr **R.O C.** hut on the east side of High Street near to the Linzee Gordon Park was demolished this week. A bottle was found in the founds with a note written on Sunday 25-8-40. The writing had faded to a great extent but it was just possible to make out the names, Scorgie, Clark and Merson who had been involved in the erection of the hut.

**Death of master baker** The death took place this week of David Lindsay Fowler mast baker. He came from Carnoustie in 1902 to open a baker's shop and eventually had four shops in the town. He won a number of high honours at baker's exhibitions both in Glasgow and London. He was prominent in Masonic circles. His wife, Mrs Fowler, an active member of the Red Cross during the war and ran many functions in their tea -rooms to raise money for charity, died three months before.

**Football** - Buckie Thistle were beaten two-nil by Partick Thistle in the friendly at Victoria Park. A crowd of 3.500 saw Buckie put up a good show. Alex Donaldson, Findochty, played his first game for the Thistle. (Later Alex was to form a good wing partnership with Joe Hendry before being signed by Kilmarnock. He eventually emigrated to Canada.)

Apr 8 **Daffodil tea** - This innovation method of raising funds is to be tried by the Rathven Parish Church Women's Guild. The event is to take place in the Church hall at 3 p.m. The sum of £60 was raised.

**The Moonlight dance band** - A new band on the circuit are to play at a 'Two-Top' dance in the St Mary's Hall, Cullen. 8-11.30 p.m. Bus for Buckie to leave at 11.00p.m.

**Buckpool Celtic - International Dance** - 1st, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes to be awarded to the winners of the International Dance. Free bus.

**Closure of Deskford and Enzie North Church** - A decision was taken to close both churches. The North Church, Enzie, known as 'The Cock Hat Kirk' is deemed to be dangerous because of the condition of the roof, which has been causing anxiety. Services on Sunday will take place in future in the South Church in the morning and in Portgordon in the evening.

**Children's Corner** - The winners of poems in this week's competition at Charles Geddes, William Street and Mary Murray 37 Gordon Street. The name of the object they had to discover and then write about was a coconut. The poems are found on page three.

**Death of former High School rector** - The death took place this week of Charles Thomson MA, BA, FEIS, former rector of Buckie High School. He took over from Alex Muir on January 6<sup>th</sup> 1912 and remained at Buckie until September 14<sup>th</sup> 1934 when he retired. He was the author of a number of learned publications besides one on 'schoolboy howlers'.

He was a dedicated supporter of the Temperance movement. He was one of the prime movers on the town council to purchase the Cluny Hotel to convert it into a memorial for returning ex-servicemen after WWI. When this fell out of favour he

bought the building himself, essentially to keep it from having a licence, letting out the various rooms and shops.

Apr 15 **Workman (2<sup>nd</sup>) wanted for the New Cemetery** - Wages £4.10.6 weekly. There is no house.

**No licence for the Springbank Hotel** - The application for a drink's licence was turned down for the second year running.

**New councillor on Buckie Town Council - Alex Gerry** was co-opted on to the council by a vote of 6-3.

**Church Service on the radio** - The service from Buckie West Church on Sunday evening was heard on the wireless. Rev. W. R. F. McGhie, MA, BD, a former army chaplain, conducted the service.

Praise was led by an augmented choir under the leadership of skipper Simon Flett of the Buckie Fishermen's Choir, with George McBeath at the organ.

Praise for the service was received from far and wide.

Apr 22 **Chip Shops** - Dominico Ianetta bought the property at 12 Main Street where Charles Grant had carried on a fish and chip business. Mr Ianetta was now applying for a licence for a chip shop in the same premises. It had been said previously that the new owner didn't want it for this purpose. Charles Grant, an objector against giving the licence said there wasn't a living for two chip shops so near to one another. A committee, who discussed the matter, recommended that Mr Ianetta, an ex-serviceman, with five year's service, should be granted a licence.

**Launch from Jones Shipyard - The 'Girl Joyce'** launched this week was the tenth boat to be launched by the yard since the end of WWII. She was built for Alex Mair, a Portknockie man.

**Poem** - A poem found on page 4 column 6 is titled 'Banffshire Advertiser' written by Georgie.

**The Future of Buckie was the subject of discussion at a special meeting of the town council when they met with Major Wood, County Planning Officer.**

**A full report is given on page 5 and makes interesting reading.**

**Among the future plans for the town was that it should expand inland rather than be extended further east to west. A considerable amount of land should be left for the schools from the west of High Street to Queen Street where it was hoped to construct a new Technical College. The creation of an industrial estate was also planned with perhaps the most significant recommendation of all a new road from Portessie to Portgordon, running to the south of Buckie.**

Apr 29 **Advert - Forbes** Hairdressing Culture - Cluny Square.

**Arradoul Youth Club** are to present a concert in the WRI Hall, Arradoul on Thursday and Friday 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> May.

**A Holiday Guide** - Buckie, Findochty and Portgordon councils, together with Portgordon are to combine to produce a holiday guide.

**New serial in the B. A. starting today** - "Idol of Paris".

**Poem** - "In Tribute" written by Georgie is found on page 5, column 1.

**Football** - Buckie Thistle 2 Arbroath 2 (Friendly) "The visitors were lucky to draw".

May 6 **Enzie North Church (former Free Church) known locally as the 'Cock Hat Kirk)** - The Church was to be closed with an article written about the church found on page 5. The church was built in 1844 a year after the Disruption in the Church of Scotland. Those who broke away from the C of S. worshipped first in a building on the farm of Leitcheston, nearby.

**Football** - Alex Stewart and Alex Donaldson, of Findochty F.C. both signed for Buckie Thistle.

**Football** - Buckie Rovers won the White Horse Cup when they beat RNAS Lossie. by 5 goals and three corners to 5 goals and two corners. Gray, Jappy and G. Cowie; Niven, Murray and Wallace; Reaich, A. Cowie, A. Wilson, W. Cowie and Wyper.

May 13 **Playhouse** - 'Desert Fury' starring Elizabeth Scott , John Hodiak and Burt Lancaster.

'Fame is the Spur' with Michael Redgrave and Rosamund John.

**Chemist to retire** - G. P. Gibson, West Church Street, was giving notice that he was to retire.

**Lighting offences** - It was noticeable how inconsistent the 'beaks' were when it came to administering fines for riding bikes without lights. This week it was 15/- for having neither front nor rear, while shortly before this had been over the pound.

**Fines for dog offences** - The owner of a cairn terrier living at the Toll Bar house, Buckie, was fined 10/- with the option of ten days for having his dog running loose on West Church Street without a collar or name tag. The dog had been lifted on three occasions.

**Fines for gambling loons** - Six Buckpool youths were fined 2/6 each for gambling after being caught playing cards for money, on the piece of ground between Elsie Gibb's Brae and the Provost's Park.

**Police forces to amalgamate** - The police forces of Moray and Nairn, Aberdeen and Kincardine are to join forces.

**Disaster for Buckie** - The plan to change the former school at Rathven into a textile factory had fallen through, described as a disaster by the town council who had high hopes for the venture.

**Football** - The classy wing pair, Rankine and Day, boy navymen serving at RNAS Lossiemouth, signed for the Highland League Champs, Inverness Clach. There had been rumours that this was on the cards but both denied these. Hughie Morrison and Ian Hector signed for Keith, who had also signed Ian Mclean, while 'Shaun' Reid had taken a peg with Lossie.

**Note** - The correct name for Merson Park is the Provost's Park though Merson Park has a wider if unofficial currency and comes off the tongue easier.

May 20 **Portknockie back in the Welfare League** - The 'Knockers' were to return to the Welfare League though under a new name - '**Seafield Albion**'. They had been missing for a year. They were to play in black shirts with white collars and cuffs, with white pants and black and white stockings.

May 27 **Note** - this spoke of the time when there was a tobacco factory at Buckie and Rathven . A John Hutchison owned them . The factory in Buckie was on High

Street in the upstairs area of the Virginia Buildings. An advert spoke of Hutchison's Cutties, Long and short and other equipment then current for the pipe maker including fuses and pipe tops.

The only man still alive who worked in the tobacco factory is Mr Charles Milne, 90, a patient in Seafield Hospital, father of Charles Milne, shoemaker, High Street. (At least three of his grandchildren were alive in 2000, Elma Farquhar, nee Milne, also Sandy Milne, retired electrician and Bill Milne retired joiner. The third Charles Milne 'Chow' was a postman.)

**Rechabites** - A meeting of the Independent order of Rechabites is to take place in the Public Hall, Portessie. All members and friends, also those interested are welcome to attend where the benefits of the order will be explained.

**Football** - Buckpool Celtic in their first season playing in the Welfare League took the league championship. Oddly the most successful team, in terms of winning cups, however, must be Strathlene who won the following cups - Commercial Shield, Brown Cup, Challenge Cup, Duncan Shield and Duncan Cup. Their league form was poor in comparison, being third from the bottom in a nine-team league.

Playing for Strathlene were - Taylor, Murray and Slater; W. Hendry, Cowie and Clark; A. Farquhar, J. Farquhar, Dawson, J. Hendry and Falconer. This team beat Findochty 6-0 to take the Duncan Cup.

Findochty were represented by - McIntosh, Mair and A. Flett, E. Flett, Stewart and Bruce; McKenzie, Dyce, Donaldson, Sutherland and Parker.

June 3 **Playhouse** - 'Random Harvest' with Ronald Colman and Greer Garson.

**'Charlie Mair's 'Cocks o' The North'**, The North's Best and biggest Variety Show straight from the Beach Pavilion, Aberdeen, is to give a concert in the Seafield Hall, Portknockie, on June 12.

**Mayfair Dance Orchestra** - A new dance band available to play at dances and socials etc. James Davidson, Mill Crescent.

**Notice** - On the front of the local paper there was a big notice giving detailed information on the **Private Patient and New Health Service**.

**Special issue of sugar** - There is to be a special issue of 1lb of sugar for jam making during the 4-week period commencing June 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Pigeon post!** A sorely exhausted home pigeon landed and wandered in to the sorting office of the Post Office this week. It is to be looked after by postman Robert 'Bobby' Paterson, until it regains fitness when it will be set free again.

**Football** - Buckpool Celtic beat Fochabers by four goals to three with the following team - L. Marshall, J. Reid and R. Geddes; J. Leslie, Slater and Clark; G. Gordon, J. Campbell, C. Cowie, K. Geddes and A. Westbury.

**'Pressman'** A new columnist who gave a summary of the Welfare League the previous week was in this edition talking about Buckie Thistle and the new signings, Stewart, Donaldson and ex Portsoy and Lossiemouth player, McKay.

June 10 **Reconstruction of the old primary departments at Buckie High School.** Contractors, for all trades, were invited to tender for the work.

**Rathven Rangers** - A whist and dance are to take place in the WRI hall at Rathven in aid of Rathven Rangers, another new team who aim to play in the Welfare League next season.

**Circus** - Robert Bros. Circus is to pay a one-day visit to Buckie where they will set up the 'Big Top' in the Commercial Park.

**G.R. Christie, Nurseries, Fochabers** - Bedding plants – annuals 2/6 per dozen. Chrysanthemums 6/- per dozen, Geraniums 2/- each. Carnations (border), 3/- Sweet Pea plants 2/- per dozen.

**New owner of Cluny Hotel** - James Stephen took over the Cluny Hotel and offers a warm welcome to both old and new customers.

**Seafield Albion** -The new Portknockie team are to hold a carnival dance.

**A Princess Elizabeth gift parcel** for Mr John Taylor, 74, of Rathven Village. What was this and who received them?

**Apply for your medals and stars** - A notice in the local paper asked all those who served with the army, RAF and Merchant Navy to collect the appropriate forms from the Post Office required to apply for medals etc for war service. This does not apply to those who served in the Royal Navy since with the award of prize money the medals etc has not yet been settled.

June 17 **Blood donors** are urgently wanted. A Blood Donor Session will take place at Seafield Hospital on Sunday 27 June.

**RAF Recruitment** - During the war the RAF Recruitment team were often in Buckie but when they pay a visit next week this will be the first for a long time. All kinds of trades were available for both men and women.

**Ministry of Food announcement** - On and from the 21<sup>st</sup> June the marking of ration books will be resumed during the first five days of an allocation of sweet oranges. A normal allowance of 1lb per book with expectant mothers allowed an extra 1lb on their special RB book .

**Buckie High School – Argosy magazine** - The third edition of the Buckie High School magazine, Argosy, will shortly be on sale. The last appearance of the Argosy was before the war. The magazine is in crown quarto. It has many features of interest to both young and old, former pupils and present. At 2/- per copy it offers very good value.

**Bridges in dangerous condition** - Mr T. Forbes, Maryhill, raised the matter of the two bridges crossing the Buckie Burn at Mains of Buckie and also at Mill of Buckie. He said that they were a poor and dangerous condition and required to be seen to. The upkeep of the bridges is the responsibility of the District Council.

**New Headmaster for Buckie High School** - The new headmaster at Buckie High School is to be Wm. W. Dickie, MA, a native of Aberdeen. He will succeed Mr G. J. Milne, who retires at the end of the present term.

June 24 **Tennis courts** - The tennis courts at Strathlene are to open for play on Saturday first, 26<sup>th</sup> June, 1948. W. T. R. Guthrie, Burgh Surveyor.

**Uncle Bert's column** - The exercises set children were very good with the letters of a word, normally the name of something, made to resemble a person's face. Children were required to work out what the word was then write a short story or poem about it, the winners being awarded a prize. The quality of the poems and stories was first class.

**New Police Headquarters in Buckie-** The planned new police headquarters to be built on Cathcart Street ? it was estimated would cost £10,000

**Sailors Home to lose local organiser and chairman-** Mrs Geddes Smith, local organiser of the Sailors Home was met by the Ladies Guild at a social

evening when she was presented with a gift prior to her leaving Buckie. Her husband, Dr Geddes Smith was local chairman.

**Football** – Strathlene offered a challenge to the other teams in the Welfare League and came out on top with a score of 2 goals to one. George 'Doddie' Gordon, my brother-in-law played for the Select and scored two goals one being chalked off for offside. A feature of his play was his crosses from the wing into the box. Along with Alex Donaldson, a recent Thistle signing, they were judged to be the 'Best of the Rest'.

July 1 **Aikey Fair** - Buckie Thistle Supporters' Club are to have an outing to Aikey Fair on Sunday 18 July. Names to be given to the secretary as early as possible.

**Situation vacant** - A dining room attendant was required for Portessie Junior Secondary School Dining Centre. Three hours per day at 1/6 per hour.

Grocery business for disposal in Buckie - Robertson and Scott, Edinburgh

**Blood donors** - The response was excellent. Much credit for the success has to be handed to the local shipyards and engineering firms whose work force supplied two thirds of the donors present.

**Fishing boat in collision** - The fishing boat, Trade Winds with 80 cran of herring on board, and making for Wick, was in collision with another drifter in thick fog while steaming through the Pentland Firth. The fish were caught off the island of Hoy.

**Presentation to headmaster** - Mr Milne, headmaster of Buckie High School received three presentations; one from the primary school, one from the secondary school and one from the staff. In addition a collection was to be made by business people in the town when another presentation was to take place. In addition to Mr Milne four teachers received presentations on their forthcoming marriages. Miss Helen Currie, Miss Mina Reid, Mr Thomas Laing and Mr Robert Bruce.

**Buckie Welcome Home Fund is now standing at £7098.4.11.** This was the information given at the recent meeting of the Fund committee. Mr McNaughton said that the particulars of 1430 servicemen of the last war had been collected but the list was not complete. It was agreed to appoint a committee under Provost Hendry, who presided at the meeting, to examine the position.

**No room at the inn in Cullen** - William Findlay, town clerk reported that owing to the lack of accommodation in the burgh over 1,000 applications from intending summer visitors, including many from England had to be turned down. The popularity of Cullen as a holiday centre, together with the lack of accommodation there prompted one hotelier in Buckie to describe his hotel as being in Buckie, near Cullen. Cullen for its part wanted to claim everything it could to enhance the attractions of the village. A postcard on sale showed the Bow Fiddle rock, a prominent feature on the coast at Portknockie, as the Bow Fiddle rock, Cullen.

**Wisecrack for today** - Overheard in a local hotel. "I'm not very thirsty, I think I'll have a dry martini."

**Marge and butter up and down** - The ration of butter, which had recently been increased from 3 to 4 oz on a temporary basis, had again been reduced. At the same time the ration of margarine was increased from 3 oz to 4.

**The Argosy – the Buckie High School magazine** - A review of the magazine is given on page 4.

**Uncle Bert's column for children** - A regular winner of the competitions is Gordon Inglis, Burnbank, Fochabers. He either told a story or wrote a piece of poetry.

**Sports Rally for Youth Organisations in the Buckie area** – This was held in the Victoria Park.

Arradoul Youth Club had the most and biggest successes of the day and each and every member is to be congratulated on their display. Arradoul Youth Club had more entries than any other being a most popular club.

Most of the prizes, National Savings Stamps went to members of that club.

In the boys 14-16 age group Islay Shaw, Arradoul House, came first in the 100, and 220 yard race and the High Jump besides being a member of the winning relay race.

Jimmy Thomson came first in the 100, 440 yards race, the Broad Jump and was a member of the winning relay race in the 16-18 age group.

In the girls under 14 Helen Austin, Enzie Cross Roads came first in the 75 yards race and also the skipping race.

Rita Cryle, Cairnfield, competing in the 16 to 18 age group for girls was first in the High Jump, and second in the 100, 220 yards race and the Hop Step and Leap.

In the over 18 age group Mary Fraser was first in the 100 yards sprint and the Hop Step and Leap coming second to Meg McKay in the High Jump and 220 yard race.

**St Peter's School Prizewinner** - Linda Gordon was first in P3. Elizabeth Hillocks was 2<sup>nd</sup> and Jean Lawson 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Poem** - 'The Bauds' This poem found on page three column one appears in the Argosy. Written by D. J. D.

**Doctor resigns** - Dr Geddes Smith, who was mentioned in connection with the Sailors' Home is to give up his practice in Buckie and move to Aberdeen. Dr Smith who lives in Rock House, East Church Street has been 25 years in Buckie. A reception for Dr Smith took place in the Strathlene House. His successor in Buckie is Dr J. Cameron.

July 8 **Playhouse** - 'Build My Gallows High' starring Robert Mitchum and Jane Green

**Buckie Rovers dance** – A new dance band is to play this week. This is Halls Orchestra.

**Rathven Ranger** – a new team in the Welfare League held a second fund-raising event. This was a concert, which took place in the Rathven smiddy hut by kind permission of Mr Cranna. A number of artistes gave their services. The whist drive and dance raised £16 while this concert raised £11.8.

The Rev Stewart who presided thanked all that had helped to make the event a success. He said that there was a sad dearth of facilities in Rathven with not even a playing field and it hoped that these might be provided in the future through the collecting of funds in this way.

**'Smugglers of Findochty'** A new serial by Spike began this week.

**Prizewinner at Enzie Public School** - Margaret Fraser and Robin Johnston 1<sup>st</sup> Equal in Primary 11.

**Enzie Junior Secondary School had a sports day.** This was sponsored by the Dramatic club who handed over a donation of £19.10.6. Enzie Welcome Home Fund gave £1.6.3, money that was left over after the fund and all expenses had been paid out.

**Arradoul School bairns** as usual prior to the break up before the summer holidays received money put up by Mr and Mrs Low, Beechview, Mr and Mrs Young Arradoul Mains and Mrs Grant Easter Bogs. Mr and Mrs J. Grant, Easter Bogs, provided large ice-cream wafers which were enjoyed by all.

July 15 **Buckie Pipe Band is to hold a dance to raise funds.**

**Buckie Amateur Swimming Club Grand Swimming Gala at Strathlene on Wednesday 21 July.**

Entry to the pool enclosure 1/-.

Come and see a display of swimming and diving by members of the club and a display by visiting clubs. Comedy acts.

Gala dance in the Fishermen's Hall at 9 p.m. Admittance 2/6 and 2/- . Music by Geddes' Band.

**Advert** - D, Watt - Electrical and Radio engineer, 40D, Commercial Road.

**Boat launch** - the Enterprise was launched from Jones shipyard this week for three Portgordon brothers - Peter, Norman and Nathan Coull.

**The Little Wonder advert** - have you discovered **'Moygashel?'** **Moygashel** is an all purposes material and can be used for curtains, dresses, suits, children's wear etc. it can be had in all colours at 5/2 per yard (2 coupons) good range of other materials including scarlet flannel and tartans.

July 22 **Notice** - Madam Roselea - the Real Gypsy - Palmist and Crystal Gayser is paying her visit to Peter Fair this year. Consulting from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

**Portgordon gifted grassland** - Portgordon F.C. wish to thank Mr A. McHardy, Mains of Tannachy for granting Portgordon village an area of land for recreation and thus enabling the club to play on part of the grant. J. Green secy.

The ground given is a 7 acre piece of land to the west of the village. Given for a period of ten years.

There is room for a football pitch, putting green and bowling green, boating pond and swings. Already the only tennis courts for miles around are already on the ground.

**Road roller** - The town council have bought a road roller for £1,400. It is a Heuber make, weighs 7 tons and is diesel driven.

**Linzee Gordon** - The town council spoke of the mess of stones on the playing surface of Linzee Gordon Park. (I can vouch for this. I remember Willie Legge coming down on top of a stone when playing football there and us thinking that he was winded only to learn that he had in fact had broken a rib.)

**Squatters at Dallachy**- Twenty families, with the majority of the men- folk ex-servicemen, and not a few women, living in huts belonging to the former RAF station at Dallachy were complaining of the conditions they were living under compared to that of the DP's (Displaced Persons) in huts nearer to Portgordon. A reporter of the 'Banffshire Advertiser' went to investigate. He found the grass around the DP camp all neatly cut with flower beds divided up by white posts and

stones, a well stocked coal compound and a boiler house, Mrs Jim Taylor, a Birmingham girl and ex WRAAF, told a different story about their camp. With her husband a butcher in Buckie, they were one of the first families to take up residence at Dallachy. Last winter they had hot water, which was heated in a boiler with coal the families, supplied themselves. One day a workman came and disconnected the boiler and gave instructions forbidding its use again.

They had had no electricity with the power cut off in December having now to resort to Tilley lamps.

Jim Taylor had written letters to various sources to try to have the power restored but each department was guilty of passing the buck.

There were twenty families on the site with one family, Murrays, having 8 children. They were a mixed family with the oldest girl being 16. The men folk slept in a former picket post.

Mrs Taylor said that up to six weeks before they had paid an accommodation fee to the RASC (not accepted as rent) which afforded them no security of tenure. This was not now being collected although all families kept saving it in case they came asking for it.

All round them the camp was falling into decay while different parts were continually being demolished. Jim Taylor spoke of a disabled ex-serviceman who had obtained two pieces of linoleum from a disused hut to cover over the bare concrete in the hut in which he was living. A few days after a policeman came and took the linoleum away.

The 20 families on the site share the ablutions and lavatory facilities. The men-folk are all employed either in Fochabers or Buckie and cycle to work there and back since the site is not on the bus route.

The squatters cannot understand why the DP's should have hot water and electric light and they have to go without, especially when the majority of the men-folk are ex-service and feel bitter about the way they are being treated.

As Mrs Taylor said the place is all wired for electricity why not meter it out to us. We'll pay for it. Why can't we have the use of the boiler, we would use our own coal as previously and pay for it. What a difference this would make to a woman who is trying to make something of a home in these huts.

**Prefab rents to rise** – The town council agreed that the rents of the 'prefabs' should rise by £3 per annum. This meant that the rent of all three-roomed houses would be £20 per annum and 324 for four roomed houses.

**There's a rat in the hoose!** It was known that there were rats in the Townhouse. One put in an appearance at a recent council meeting. One councillor said that it was a brown rat, another said that it was a black rat. However, another councillor suggested that it could have been a 'desert rat' looking for his money from the Welcome Home Fund.

July 29 **First visit to Portknockie** - Seaford Albion, the new Welfare League football team, were showing plenty initiative when it came to holding fund-raising events. They are to have Joe Crossland and his Ballroom Orchestra from the Lido Ballroom in Elgin playing at their next dance. An additional attraction is to be a demonstration of ballroom dancing given by Cliff Scott and Peggy Nunn two well-known professional dancers.

**Peter Fair** - This took place in delightful sunny weather which helped to attract huge crowds. The whole panoply of coloured canvases etc, etc, made for a brilliant spectacle.

Making a return to the fair was a large dance marquee dance, which proved to be very popular.

A sign of the times was a switch -back with 'rocket-propelled cars.

Catering establishments were still very limited but the few present did excellent business during the warm afternoon. Stall holders selling fruit, ice-cream and toys came from as far away as Aberdeen and Nairn.

The writer went on to say -

In the July issue of the Scottish Tourist Board magazine an article appears on Peter Fair in the series "Old Scot's Customs". "The importance of Peter Fair is illustrated by the fact that in advertising sites for building in the fishing village of Buckie in 1750, the fact that a fair known as Peter Fair was held in the vicinity was given as an added attraction to those who might consider building in Buckie.

**Cullen goes gay - Cullen** had had a week-long gala, which had been a major success. A report on this is given on page 5.

Aug 3 **Playhouse** – "Coming Thro' The Rye" The Life and Loves of Robert Burns.  
"It Always Rains on Sundays" Googie Withers and Jack Warner.

**The death took place this week of Geo. Wm. Davidson, Grocer, Bridge Place.**

**Changes in transport** - The move away from horse to motor transport might be read from the advert which read, two horse lorries for sale at Arradoul Mains. Also at Arradoul a horse for sale belonging to the SCWS.

**Buckie nurse passes exams** - Miss Kathleen McGrory passed her 'general' exams at the Royal Infirmary, Burton on Trent. She trained in 'Fever' at the City Hospital in Aberdeen. Nurse McGrory, whose home is at Hay Street, Buckpool is 23.

**Bananas, bananas!** A second allocation of bananas will be available for distribution within the next few days. The ration is ½ LB to each holder of ration books - 2,4,7 and 1.suitably endorsed.

**Retailers are reminded that they must display the bananas or put up a notice stating that bananas are for sale.**

After the 3 days reserved period the rate may be exceeded but only to holders of the above books.

**Big bus convoy of male pensioners** – No less than 7 bus loads of male pensioners left Buckie at 10a.m on Wednesday morning. The bus run took them first to Pluscarden where they were shown around the abbey by a number of monks. Then it was on to Forres where lunch was served in the Townhouse. The bowling green in Grant Park had been reserved for the visitors and soon five rinks were in play. With the games over the journey took them to Findhorn a place known well to many of the former fishermen. Here tea and ice-cream was served in the open air, while Provost Merson handed over the prizes to those who had won at the bowls. Then began the homeward journey, with the bus going via Burghead, and Hopeman to reach Buckie again at 10 p.m.

No less than 22 men in the party were over 80 with three at 88, Wm. Young, G. Cowie and James Mair. Alex Stewart at 90 was the oldest of all, however.

Aug 12 **Football** – Buckie Rovers began the new season in the Morayshire Juniors with their opening game being against RAF Kinloss who had been playing in the Highland League the previous season. The match is to be played at Victoria Park on Saturday 14 August. Admittance 9d for adults and 6d for boys.

The team to be chosen from the following players – J. Gary, J. Marnoch (Garmouth), G. Cowie, G. Innes (Portg.) J. Niven, D. Gray, R. Geddes, G. Murray (B.C), Sykie Wallace, W. Cowie, A. Wilson (ex Lossie. F.C), G. Murray, A. Wyper. A. Wilson played for Elgin City on Saturday unknown to the Rovers committee, with an appeal being lodged.

**Opening announcement** – Robert Davidson is to take over the General Merchant's business at Bridge Place, formerly ran by his brother, George Wm. Davidson.

**Big spate on Buckie Burn does damage** - Following a period of very heavy rain the Buckie Burn was 6-7 feet above normal height. Two bridges which spanned the burn near to Queen Street were washed away.

**St Ninian's Tynet priest to leave** - Rev. Wm. Watson who has been at St Ninian's, Tynet for the past 17 years, replacing Rev J. M. Marr was to leave for Peterhead only this is not now to happen. Rev Marr died suddenly while on holiday and Rev Watson will now be taking his place at Dufftown.

**Beekeepers are being allowed 15 LB of sugar per hive.** This is to allow the bees to build up a store of honey for over the winter period. (Did the bees get their full share, in all cases, do you think?)

**Death of Clochan-born priest** - The death took place this week of the Very Rev Peter Canon Bonnyman, the parish priest of St Mary's Calton, Glasgow and a native of Clochan. He was in his late sixties. He is buried in St Ninian's Cemetery, in the Enzie.

**Football** - Buckie Thistle played a trial game with the probable attack playing against the probable defence.

**Attack** - Moulton, Cowie and A. Stewart; Sandison, Valentine and Laing; Mackay, Donaldson, Wood, Johnston and Duncan.

**Defence** - Findlay, Tough and Leask; 'Ru' Stewart, Rae and Allan; Andy Morrison, Alex Clark, Jimmy Thomson, Joe Hendry and G. Clark.

**Football** - Buckie Thistle open season 1948/49 with a home game against Rothes in the Highland League Cup. Admittance to Victoria remains the same with entry money for adults being 1/-, with boys and Forces in uniform 6d. Buckie won the game by 7 goals to nil.

Aug 19 **Bananas** - A third allocation is to take place this week.

**Buckie by Cullen - With** Cullen being a great Mecca for summer visitors a Buckie hotel might be excused for describing itself as Buckie near Cullen. The writer of the note reminded readers that in Prime Minister Ramsay Macdonald's day Buckie was described as near Lossiemouth.

**Shielburn-** In this edition an article is written about the underfoot conditions many of the 40 school pupils have to contend with on the journey from their homes to and from school. In the majority of cases no proper roads exist with deep pools of water all over the place. (As one who had to walk three miles to school for four years between the ages of 7 and 11, albeit on a made road, I can appreciate, at least to a degree, what these bairns had to contend with. In the year 2000 parents in Aberdeenshire were up in arms because the authorities stopped providing free buses for children whom had less than three miles to walk to school.

Aug 26 **The Go-Ahead Seafield Albion** - Seafield Albion are to play Lossiemouth F.C., the Highland League side, in a friendly match at Portknockie, in a field kindly provided by Mr Addison, Cruats Farm. The match to take place on Tuesday August 31<sup>st</sup>. A collection will be taken.

Following the match a Grand Carnival Dance will take place with music supplied by the Blue Rockets Dance Orchestra. Admission 3/-. Free buses will run to Cullen and as far as Portgordon after the dance. Though the Albion put up a good fight they went down by three goals to one. Willie Mills, the former Aberdeen F.C. player and now the Lossie player - coach was in their side.

The Portknockie team was - Morrison, Wood and Slater; Mair, ?Findlay and Bruce; Taylor, Thain, Grant, Falconer and Fordyce.

Wood and Bruce are Buckie Thistle players though natives of Portknockie.

**Opening announcement** - Watt and Mitchell, Plasterers and Cement Workers, Portknockie and Longford, Rathven.

**Arradoul Youth Club** are to hold a dance in the WRI Hall at Arradoul in aid of football funds.

**Drunk in charge of bicycle** - A taxi driver living at Rathven station was charged with being drunk in charge of a bicycle and fined £1.

**Memorial service** - A memorial service is to take place in the West Church on Sunday morning for Douglas Davidson. It is believed to be the first time that this will have taken place in Buckie.

**Note** - It read that by the end of the year Buckie should have built 50 houses, which when added to those of last year's figure means that 104 families will have been rehoused.

Sept 9 **Borstal for Buckpool youth** - Four Buckpool youths were sentenced this week after being found guilty of a number of break in and stealing offences. One of the places being the café at Cluny Harbour. One of the youths was sentenced to two years in a Borstal Institution.

**Cullen Gala week** - During the Cullen Gala Week the sum of £1,000 was raised. The columnist 'Wulfrun' who mentioned this in his column spoke of this representing more than 10/- per skull a tremendous effort. The money is to go to improving amenities in the village.

**Fochabers Flower Show** - The number of entries at the Flower Show this year was 740, 244 up on that of the previous year. The committee hope to eventually raise this to 1,000.

**Death of former Buckie High School teacher of English** - The death took place this week of Miss Helen Catherine Forbes 'Grannie' that taught at Buckie High School for 23 years. She retired in 1946. (The report in the local paper said how she will be fondly remembered both by pupils and staff. For many of us it is the feel of her strap that will be remembered most.)

**An addition to the Buckie fishing fleet** - The Meta Bruce was launched this week.

**Tremendous tunny fish** - A Danish fishing vessel landed five tunny fish weighing 4 cwt each. The tunny are a warm water fish of the mackerel family are most often caught in waters like the Mediterranean were caught by line. They were too heavy to be handled in Buckie and were packed in ice for dispatch to Denmark.

**Launch** - The 'Presson' was launched from the shipyard of George Thomson and Sons this week.

**To catch a rat** - A squad of rat-catchers from the Department of Agriculture are meantime in the district. Any person who wishes to avail themselves of the services of the squad should apply to the Burgh Surveyor.

**Enzie Church of Scotland** - are to hold a Sale of Work in the Portgordon Public Hall on Wednesday 22 September, at 3 p.m. Dr Hendry will open the Sale.

**Showing at the Playhouse** - "Drums along the Mohawk" starring Claudette Colbert, Henry Fonda and others.

**Firm in Voluntary Liquidation** - Mr S. M. Tuxworth resigned from Buckie Town Council. The firm with which he was associated, S. M. Tuxworth & Co. Ltd was in Voluntary Liquidation.

**Its not on to have two on a bike only meant for one** - A person who was caught carrying his 15 year old son on the bar of his bike was fined 10/- or five days.

**'Going bananas!'** - The fifth allocation of bananas arrived in Buckie this week. The same rules as had been laid down for the first allocation were still applying.

**Launch of the seine-net fishing boat 'Morayshire'** This was launched from the shipyard of Herd & McKenzie this week for Lossiemouth owners.

**Portknockie to welcome back Charlie Mair and his 'Cocks of the North' concert party.** The group, which contained artistes with a wide range of talents, was a major success the last time and are likely to be again on the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month.

**Johnny Butler writes a story on his trip to Wick with Buckie Thistle .** (The thing that took my attention most was the meals that all consumed. I went to Brora to cover a match in the late 1980's and when I think what we had could only be envious.)

**Bridgend was hoaching with rats** - A resident in that area, Mrs Leask, said that she had to put the baby's basket up on the sideboard to be safer.

**Football** - Fochabers 4 Arradoul 4. Peter Cormack playing at centre forward for the 'Doul had two goals and was rated one of their best players. Rigby was in goal for Arradoul.

**Winners of the Juvenile and Minor football trophies** - McQueen Challenge Cup (A. McQueen) (Juvenile) League Champions Strathlene Swifts; Kings Café Challenge Cup (Juvenile) (Miss C. Jannetta) Strathlene Swifts; Central Cup (G. Jannetta) (Minor), Findochty Wanderers 'A'; Association Challenge (N. Taylor) (Minors) Fochabers Rovers. Findochty Wanderers 'A' also lifted the Victoria Trophy given by G. Jannetta.

**The names after the cups were those of the donors.**

**New Thistle signings** - Eric Cormack, and Buckpool Celtic keeper, Russell Moulton both signed for Buckie Thistle this week. With John Valentine now in the army and Jim Findlay injured the paper said that it wouldn't be long before he was in goal.

**Buckie Rovers** have Dennis Choate, Portgordon in goal for the Jocky Gray, Fochabers, who is injured.

**Former football official takes up residence in the town** - R. Dustan, former secretary of the Scottish Welfare Football Association, now retired, has taken up residence in the town. The report in the local paper said that the Welfare League had been in something of a mess this year and if Mr Dustan could be persuaded to take a hand they had an ideal administrator.

Sept 23 **Arradoul Y. C. 3 Rathven Rangers 1**

**Arradoul** - Rigby, Costello and Garvock; Bowie, McIvor, Cowie and McGill; Cormack, G. Murray, Flett and J. Murray.

**Rathven Rangers** - Findlay, Taylor and Laing; Green, Cowie and Allan; Watt, Brown, Ramsay, Scott and Turner.

Sept 30 **Rathven Rural and the 'Can-Can'** - the notice reads - will members of Rathven WRI wishing to Can Fruit please arrange own time with the Hallkeeper as

final canning takes place on Friday October 1<sup>st</sup> and on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

**This week in the Playhouse** - 'The Jungle Book' by Runyard Kipling , starring Sabu and others.

**Advert** - 6,500,000 families listen to old radio sets. For better listening get a KB " reliable enough for the queen Elizabeth (ship). See them at Smith's Radio Service, Cluny Square.

**Webster's Garage** was also advertising new radio sets . " If you have a 1938 radio set its out of date. We stock the latest AC/DC receivers with all /wave tuning including the trawler waveband."

**Apathy shows at Liberal meeting** - Only 45 people showed sufficient interest to attend a Liberal meeting. This was something of a surprise especially when in the past Buckie was once a strong Liberal stronghold and when it was the Liberal president who was speaking. Ex Provost Merson, chairman of the local Liberal group, and who presided blamed apathy, "The younger element don't care", he said.

**First woman town councillor** - Mrs Milne became the first woman town councillor when she took her seat at the council meeting on Monday. In the editorial of the Banffshire Advertiser the writer said , "No one can deny that she deserved her seat, she had tried three times and three times had been unsuccessful . She should have been co-opted , a short time before when Councillor Young resigned but though her name was put forward the council looked elsewhere. I would say that it was colds pluck and not thick skin that earned Mrs Milne her seat and deserves to be congratulated. Your determination can be put to a good purpose."

**Enzie Church of Scotland Sale of Work** - The sum of £254 was raised at the Sale of Work held in the Masonic Hall, Portgordon on Wednesday afternoon of last week. (One has to see this as a quite amazing sum , at a time when people did not have the same money as the average has in the year 2000)

**Death of Buckie Master Mason** - The death took place this week of Robert Riddoch, Master Mason at the age of 68. He was a native of Deskford. He was heavily involved with the North Church and in Masonic Circles. He leaves a son and daughter.

#### Oct 6 **Whist Drives and Dances**

Rathven Rangers are to **pick their 'Pin-Up Girl'** - The Welfare League football team are to hold a whist and dance in the Rathven WRI Hall. At the dance a 'Pin-up-Girl' will be chosen . (Presumably the bonniest girl in the hall according to the judges.)

Portgordon Tennis Club are to hold a 'Prediction Dance' in the Masonic Hall. Bill Geddes and his band are to play at both events.

Rathven Unionist Association are to hold a whist drive and dance in the Arradoul WRI Hall with music by **S. Thomson's Band**.

**The 'Peoples' Dance'** is to take place in the St Mary's hall, Cullen on Saturday 9 October from 8 to 11.40 p.m. Admission 2/- with Refreshments.

Buckie Cricket Club are to hold a '**Holiday Dance'** in the Townhouse on Monday 18 October.

Buckpool Celtic are to have **Charlie Young's Broadcasting Band from Inverness** to play at their dance in the Fishermen's Hall on Monday 11 October. Teas and light refreshments. Bus from Keith, Huntly, and Banff after the dance. Coming attraction Scotland's own Jimmy Shand

Buckie Bowling Club - Whist drive and dance. Enzie WRI Whist drive and dance.

**Harvest Home Dance** in Shielburn School.

**Drink's licence** – The Smith's were nothing if not persistent when it came to applying for a drink's licence. For a number of years they had applied for a licence for 27 Rannas Place now once again Cecil Smith, barman at Cullen Bay Hotel was applying for a porter and ale licence for premises at 23 Great Eastern Road.

**The St Andrew's Hotel has another new owner** - Alex Wood Davidson, Aberdeen, is applying for an Inn and Hotel licence for the St Andrews's Hotel.

**New minister for the Buckie Baptist Church** - Mr Alex Bain, Wishaw, has accepted the unanimous call to the pastorate of the Buckie Church in succession to Rev A. J. R. McKenzie. The induction will take place on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October

**Buckie Choral Society** - It is proposed to reform Buckie Choral Society .

**Reconstruction of Buckie 'Low' School** - Buckie Town Council learned that the planned reconstruction of Buckie 'Low' School was to cost over £10,000.

**Launch of the fishing boat 'Innes'** This week 'The Innes' was launched almost complete from the shipyard of Messrs Jones and sons, Buckie. It has been built for three Portgordon brothers, Messrs James, Green and Ernest Innes and cousin Peter Innes. 'The Innes, a dual-purpose vessel, was launched by Miss Myra Innes, second daughter of skipper James Innes. She received a gold wristlet watch from the boatbuilders.

**The East Anglian fishing** - There are 69 Buckie boats at Yarmouth this year compared to 72 last year. Fifty-three are steam driven with 16 motor powered as against 62 and 10 in 1947. The Buckie drifter, "Shooting Stars" , skipper Robert Reid, was first to fish off Yarmouth this year.

**Appointed to post of vice president** - Mr Dustan, former secretary of the Scottish Welfare Association, who has come to stay in Buckie was appointed vice president of the Buckie Welfare Association, at their meeting this week.

**Football – Buckie and Keith vie for top Aberdeen Junior** - Peter Carrol, a star player with Aberdeen Parvale signed for Keith F.C. after their offer to the club was higher than that of Buckie Thistle.

**Football** - Three of their new signings were now playing regularly for the Thistle. Joe Hendry from Strathlene and Alex Donaldson from Findochty. George Stewart 'Ru' who came from Huntly also was in the side at right half while an Aberdeen Junior, Lawrie, was at outside left.

Oct 13 **Playhouse** - Showing this week is the film 'Four Feathers'

**'Prediction Dance'** Columnist 'Wulfrun' gave the answer to a question, which had been puzzling a great many people. What is a Prediction Dance? The Portgordon Tennis people, of course, had the answer. The club will pay 10/- to every dancer who correctly estimates the number of people admitted into the dance up to 10.30 p.m. Each person has one prediction for which no charge is made.

**An interesting article** – "Something that could lead to 'The End of the Fishing Industry'. Found on page 4. (Not as might have been thought.)

**Note** -Some town names found in the US. Accident, Cuckoo, Soso, wounded Skull, Doctor, Phillips, Anvil, Location and Birthright.

**Provost's expenses** - The town council agreed to pay the provost the sum of £150 annually for expenses.

**Fochabers Recreation Club commenced** on Monday in the same premises as last season. A considerable amount of equipment for winter indoor games has been purchased and it is hoped among other things to run draughts and dart leagues.

It has also been agreed that the Sunday evening meetings, when discussions, talks etc take place should be started again.

**Fine for European Voluntary Worker** - Leopald Novak, Dallachy Hostel, Spey Bay pleaded guilty by letter to cycling without a headlight on his bicycle on East Church Street, during the hours of darkness. He was fined 15/- with the option of five days in jail.

**No consistency** - A woman living at 6 Bowies Lane was charged with cycling, during the hours of darkness without either a front or rear light on her bike was only fined 10/-. The fine imposed on a Portessie fishworker for having neither front nor rear lights was 15/-.

**Football** - Alex Stewart who stepped up to Buckie Thistle from Findochty had his first game for the first team on Saturday, against Lossie at Grant Park. He had a dream start scoring a hat-trick from the centre-forward position.

**Football** - Bobby Souter and Alex Wilson, two fifteen year olds were in the Buckie Thistle 'A' team on Saturday. Both came straight from the juveniles without ever having played at junior level. Alex Wilson later signed for Buckie Rovers before leaving almost immediately for Portsmouth. While at Portsmouth he was capped for Scotland at bull-back, against Finland.

**PT Instructors** - Alex' Bomber ` Thomson and Jim Leask, both players with Buckie Thistle received appointments as PT instructors with Banff Education Committee. 'Bomber' has already begun with his patch being the country schools in the local area.

Oct 20 **Recreation dance** - Ninety -five couples attended a dance ran by the Recreation Club in the Institute Hall, Fochabers. Kenny Wiseman was M.C. Music was by the Melodymakers. The writer said that it wasn't much of an affair.

**Prediction dance** - The winner of the 'Prediction' competition ran in connection with a dance ran by the Portgordon Tennis Club was won by J. Smith, Chapel Street, Portessie. Kathleen Innes and William Reid, both Portgordon, won the Spot Waltz.

**Infant teacher retires** - Miss J. A. Reid, former infant teacher at Enzie Public School was presented with a silver tea set and a gift of money on her retiral. She is now living in Keith.

**As was said by 'Wulfrun'** - A strange happening in Buckie this week. The Fishermen's Hall was opened for dancing on Saturday night. "I wouldn't be surprised if it's opened pretty regularly on Saturday nights in the future and not only for dancing".

**Photograph of Buckpool Celtic-** A photograph of the team is given on page 6. The players and officials are all named - D. Coubrough (trainer), Robbie Geddes, J. Slater, D. Geddes, Joe Mackay, Reid, J. Leslie and Clark (official). G. Gordon. Jim Campbell, C. Cowie, Johnnie Reid and Alan Westbury.

**Buckpool Celtic was going great guns and with 9 games played had still to drop a point.** In their last game they beat Portsoy by 7 goals to nil, Fochabers went one better to beat Arradoul by 8 clear goals.

**Buckie Rovers lose Bill Geddes** - Bill Geddes played his first game for Fraserburgh in the Highland League against Rothes. He scored two goals from the outside left position. He signed for Fraserburgh the following week and got

himself fixed up with a job in the Broch. (Bill was still going well in 2000, looking hale and heart, and a fellow member of Buckie and District Probus Club.)

**Business Announcement - Peter** Hutchison - M. Ch. S. Registered Medical Auxiliary (Chiropodist) is to commence practice on 1<sup>st</sup> November at 6 Cluny Terrace. Hours 9.30 a. m. - 6.10 p. m. (Peter was also a Probus Club member in 2000)

**Wanted Boys and Men for the RN and RM between the ages of 15 and 28.** A representative will be present at the Labour Exchange on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month.

**Pipe Band whist drive and dance - The** band held a whist drive and dance in Rathven WRI Hall to help raise funds to buy uniforms. Miss Diana Campbell, the sole lady piper in the band, presented the prizes at the whist.

**Boat launch** The 'Girl Blanche' was launched this week from the shipyard of Messrs Thomson and Sons for Portknockie owners.

**Fatal spill from motor cycle.** A local motor cyclist was sentenced to 60 days in jail with his licence suspended for a year after he ran the vehicle off the road resulting in the death of his friend and pillion rider. It was said that the two had been drinking in a pub in Portgordon before leaving for Fochabers.

**Football cap for lad from Tynet -** Jimmy Thomson, Tynet Croft, Tynet, an apprentice electrician with the Buckie firm of Walker and Smith was chosen to lead Scotland against England in a Youth International Football match at Pittodrie on Saturday. Jimmy who plays for Portgordon in the Buckie Welfare League is the only youth north of Falkirk to be picked. He was recommended to the selectors by R. A. Dustan, the former secretary of the Scottish Welfare Football Association who now lives in Buckie. Mr Dustan had seen Jimmy play several times and was impressed by his play. Jimmy now playing for Portgordon, has also played for Arradoul and Fochabers besides having several games for Buckie Thistle 'A'. He is a prolific goal scorer and in the last game for Portgordon he had a hat-trick. Tony Smith, one of his employers, is a former Schoolboy and Junior football Internationalist.

Nov 3 **Death of former Buckie Town Councillor - The** death took place in South Africa of David Duncan Brunton JP He was a former councillor, manager of Jones' Shipyard and a director of Buckie Thistle Football Club. He was a great swimmer and was involved in a number of rescues at the harbour. He was responsible for organising a number of swimming galas.

**Slip at the former Buckpool Harbour - Messrs** Hamilton Bros., Engineers and local contractors to the Air Ministry are to build a slipway at Buckpool Harbour to facilitate repairs of the floating targets, property of the Air Ministry.

**Addition to Findochty War Memorial - A** panel bearing the names of those who fell in the recent war is to be unveiled on Sunday first at 3 p.m.

**Enzie emigrant - Ian** Cruickshank, sailed for Canada this week to train as a fur trader with the Hudson Bay Company. He was evacuated to Clochan during the war years along with his brother Colin and stayed with his aunt at Kirkland. He attended Buckie High School before serving his apprenticeship as an engineer with George McKay at Mains of Tannachy and Millbank Garage in Buckie. He was called up to the RAF in 1943 rising to the rank of Flight Sergeant engineer. He spent some time in Hong Kong before being demobbed in 1947 after 4 ½ years' service. Ian is the eldest son of Mr John J. Cruickshank, Headmaster, Curlton House, Walpole St Peter, Wisbech, Cambridgeshire and the late Mrs Cruickshank.

**Induction of Rev Alexander Barr** - The induction took place on Sunday of Rev Alex Barr in the Buckie Baptist Church. This is his first charge.

\*\*\*\*\* **Fines for lighting offences** - Two sisters one 16, the other 13, were both charged with riding bicycles without lights. The elder was fined 10/- with the option of five days, with the younger 7/6 with the same option. **(Note that this was in 1948.)**

Nov 10 **Playhouse** - Showing this week are two films destined to be remembered by many -

Walt Disney's 'Bambi'  
'Mrs Miniver' starring Greer Garson and Walter Pigeon.

**Jimmy Shand Accordion Band - Buckpool** Celtic are to take Jimmy Shand to Buckie. He will be playing in the Fishermen's Hall on Wednesday 8 October. Dance and tea ticket 7/6. Balcony 2/6 - 8.15 - 10.30 only. Enquiries to R. Paterson 22 James Street

**A Banffshire man of note** - James Sharp was born at Banff Castle in 1618. Originally a keen Presbyterian after betraying that faith became Archbishop of St Andrews.

**The Tynet Football Internationalist** - By all accounts Jimmy Thomson gave a good account of himself in the match against England in the Junior International. He has been chosen to play for the SWFA against the Scottish Amateurs in a challenge match.

**Fochabers F.C. have two internationalists in their side** - **Tommy** Hornby and Ian Duffus both played in a recent ACF International.

Nov 17 **British Sailors Society - Ladies Guild** - A whist drive will take place in the Sailors' Home on Friday 10 November. Tickets 1/6 can be had from the Home.

**Saturday night dances** - in the Fishermen's Hall - 2/- and 1/6 and in the St Andrew's Hall to music by Foley's Band - ticket 2/-

**RAF Recruitment** - Men between the ages of 17 1/2 and 33. 100 trades open to all.

Pay 28/- for recruits rising to 42/- 52/6 per week as LAC; 73/6- 98/- as Sergeant

Free food and accommodation. Families and clothing allocation. Marriage allowance starts at 35/- per week

The recruitment van will be in Buckie on 15 November where those interested can be given all the information they require.

**Advert** - 'His Master's Voice - radios and radiograms - see them at Smith's Radio Services, Cluny Square, Buckie.

**Buckie Rovers to lose another player** - Willie Cowie, the Rovers forward is to emigrate to Canada where he intends to work at his trade as a mason. The Rovers have signed Jackie Cock to take his place. Cock has just been demobbed.

Nov 24 **Taylor Shoemaker, Ianstown** - Leather shopping bags - £3.3; Leather travelling bags - £3.6; Venus Pearls - 3 row strings £4.17.6; 2 row strings £3.17.6. The pearls are guaranteed the same as those advertised at £5.5 and £6.6 elsewhere.

**Advert** - Get your suite recovered at Bert Nicol's, Cluny Lane.

**Offers for Electric lighting installation- Firms** are invited to tender for the work of installing electric lighting at the houses on Reid Terrace, Portgordon.

**Opening announcement** -The Studio Portessie is to open a drapery department. All the finest classes of drapery and soft goods, including cardigans, pullovers, underwear etc.

**Search for talent** - Archie McCulloch was back in Buckie with a star-studded show. Appearing in the Playhouse from Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> through until Saturday. At 6 and 8.30 p.m.

**Boat launch - The Felicitious** was launched from the shipyard of Herd and McKenzie for three Phimister brothers, John, William and James of Findochty.

**Jimmy Shand will be appearing in Buckie** - Bobby Paterson, the energetic secretary of Buckpool Celtic called into the Banffshire Advertiser office this week to say that he had received a letter from Jimmy Shand who told him that he was looking forward to his first visit to Buckie.

**New columnist - The 'Rambler'** appears to have taken over from 'Wulfrun' as the writer of the 'Coast Gossip'.

**Cliff Hotel - Cliff Terrace** - An uproar there involving a number of Danish fishermen resulted in some of them being fined £1 for 'breach of the peace'.

**Photograph of Seafield Albino** - This is found on page 6 and shows the players and two officials.

W. Taylor (trainer), J. Taylor, A. Grieve, J. Morrison, E. Slater, S. Falconer, W. Mackie, J. R. Gordon (secretary), G. Slater, W. Thain, J. Findlay (captain), J. B. Pirie and D. Mair.

Dec 1 **Died in Canada** - R. Watson, who came to Buckie as manager of the Globe Stores on High Street. He eventually owned the shop and also for a spell a bakery on Low Street.

**Playhouse** - 'Duel in the Sun' starring Jennifer Jones and Gregory Peck.

**Buckpool Celtic** - Dance to the music of Jimmy Shand and his broadcasting Accordion Band, making absolutely their first ever visit to Buckie. Old time Scottish dances, kicking off with the Grand March and Circassion Circle. (A few selected modern dances will be introduced)

**Naval Launches at Buckie** - Welcome you to a Farewell Dance in the Fishermen's Hall on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December with music played by the Blue Rockets Orchestra, Elgin. Novelty dances, spot waltz and others. Buffet - Prizes.

Tickets - double 4/- Gents 3/- Ladies 2/6.

Free buses also from Lossiemouth and Milltown. Don't miss this last opportunity of giving the 'boys' a good send off.

**Move for church minister** - Rev. J. C. N. McCallum, all Saints Church, Buckie is to move to Dufftown.

\*\*\*\* **An article on Buckie - 'Glimpses of the North - not so distant past - This is found on page 4.**

Dec 8 **Advert** - Forbes (The Lightning Barber Hairdresser, Cluny Square is to reopen all day on Saturday with a half day on Wednesday. (The local barbers had taken a decision some time before to close at 1 p.m. on Saturdays but they must have found that they were losing trade.)

**George Foley and his band** - They were the most popular band in the Buckie area at this time in 1948. Previously Bill Geddes had held this position. Of the

four dances advertised this week in the local paper Foley was playing at all bar one with Geddes not mentioned.

**Half day and evening excursion by train to Elgin.** The fare from Buckie to Elgin by third class on the half-day train is 2/6 and by the evening special 1/6.

**Letters** - Two letters this week, one from Cullen and one from a Buckie ex-service woman was about the non payment of the Welcome Home money.

**The Navy Launches in** Buckie held a second farewell dance because of the popularity of the first. There were 400 dancers in the Fishermen's Hall.

\*\*\* **Article - 'A Century in the History of Cullen' This is found on page 4.**

**New Rector for All Saints** - Rev W. Brady was to move from Hendon, London to Buckie to succeed Rev McCallum who was going to Dufftown.

**Photograph of Fochabers F.C.** - (poor quality reproduction) John. Inglis (committee), Geo. Stephen, Jim Mclean, Geordie Murray, Adam Horne, Geo. Forbes, G. Thomson, Donald Harrold (manager), Wm McKay, Tommy Hornby, Rab Robertson, Morton Cattenach, Eric Wilson. Dod Glass (trainer)

They were all from Fochabers or nearby, except perhaps Eric Wilson.

They were described as 'giant-killers' being the first team to beat the Buckpool Celtic

Dec 15 **Situations vacant** - An organist and a choirmaster were wanted for the North Church, Buckie.

**Enzie Amateur Dramatic Society** - were to present the play 'Bogey Man' in the Clochan School on Tuesday and Wednesday, 28 and 29<sup>th</sup> December. Mary played one of the parts.

**Jimmy Shand** - There was a huge crowd present to dance or listen to the music played by Jimmy Shand at the dance in the Fishermen's Hall last week. Buckpool Celtic is to commended on their enterprise.

**Wedding photographs** in the local paper were something of a rarity but there were two included this week.

\*\*\*\* **Article - "Portgordon - A Peep into the Past". This is found on page 4.**

**Buckpool Golf Course wins a reprieve** - Buckie Town Council discussing the high expenditure on parks within the town granted the Buckpool golf course a reprieve for a year. A new system of park control is to be introduced, with no more wardens employed. If the course is not better patronised in the next financial year it will be discontinued.

**Portknockie War Memorial Ceremony-** A plaque containing the names of those that fell in World War II was unveiled on Sunday by Dean of Guild James Wood. His son John Wood RM, was the first Portknockie man lost during the recent war.

Twenty-six Portknockie men gave of their lives - 20 in the Royal or Merchant Navy, three in the army and three in the RAF.

**Photograph of Buckie Rovers Morayshire League Champions** - Wm. Hay (trainer), J. Jappy (com.) J. Niven, J. Souter, D. Choate, D. Gray, G. Murray, Wm. Marnoch, G.A. Craig (secy.), D. Stewart, J. Farquhar, A. Wallace (Copt.) J. Cock and A. Wyper.

Dec 22 **Meat rations** - This **will include 50% mutton this week. There will be no extras for Christmas.**

**Report** - A new road to be constructed shortly to take the place of the 'Sandy Road' to Seafield Hospital and the New Cemetery from Elsley Place. Columnist 'Rambler' was contemplating what this might be called. He had heard that it might be named 'Netherha' Road and didn't like it. It would mean nothing in years to come. He much preferred Seafield Road or even New Road. Netherha Road would fall into the same category as Titness Street with people asking why was it so called.

**Footballer, Alex Wilson**- Schoolboy Alex Wilson accompanied by his father travelled south to Portsmouth on Tuesday. Alex had been recommended to Father Purcell, Portsmouth, Hon President of BuckieRovers by their secretary, George Craig, who in turn had informed Portsmouth of his potential.

Dec 29 **Football - Buckie** Thistle are to play Alloa in a friendly match at Victoria Park on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

**Playhouse** - 'Miranda' starring Glenyis Johns, Goochie Withers and John McCallum. (She is supposed to be a mermaid.)

'A double Life' with Ronald Colman also 'Daybreak' starring Ann Todd and Eric Portman.

**Hogmanay and New Year dances** - are to take place in the Fishermen's Hall with music by Bill Geddes and his band. Admission at both 2/6.

Portgordon F.C. are also to hold dances on both nights in the Masonic Hall, Portgordon with Coull's Band, Buckie. Admission again is 2/6.

There will also be dances on both nights in St Mary's Hall, Cullen.

**Poems** - Two poems are found on page 2 column 4. One is titled 'A Merry Christmas' and written by Mrs Eleanor Smith, Iainstown. The other - unnamed - is written by Georgie, Edinburgh.

**Boat launch** - A boat named the 'Flower' was launched from Messrs Jones Buckie Slip and Shipyard this week for brothers, John and William Cowie, Admiralty Street, and Ernest Innes, 5 Hay Street. (Ernest Innes was to lose his life later following an accident aboard the 'Flower'.

This is the third boat named the 'Flower' that the Cowie family have owned.

Their first was a sailboat

built in 1895 which cost £400. The second a drifter cost £2,800 and now the third a motor boat, which cost £10,000.

**Footballer - Alex Wilson** signed for Portsmouth. The 15 year old signed amateur forms for the club who fixed him up with a job as an apprentice coachbuilder. He missed out on a schoolboy cap, however, for although he had played for Buckie Thistle 'A' team he had never been signed. George Craig persuaded him to sign for the Rovers so that if he failed to make the grade he could return to play at junior level. As such he was barred from playing at schoolboy level.

As it was he went on to play for Portsmouth for a long time and was capped once for Scotland at full-back against Finland.