

1949

Jan 5 **New band on the scene** - Playing at the Buckie Rovers' dance in the Fishermen's Hall on Monday 10 January is to be the Embassy Swingtette from Lossiemouth.

I don't carry heavy loads of fruit and vegetables - I get these from Lyle's lorry - very handy.

Poem - 'The Sailor's Lass' written by L. B. Blaemuir, Drybridge. (A first contribution.)

'Grand Dances' - In the Fishermen's Hall on Saturday. Music by Foley's Band. Admission 2/6. In the Townhouse Hall. Music by Geddes' Band. Admission 2/-.

Photograph - A photograph of Buckie's first magistrates is found on page 3. They were John Anton, junior magistrate; Alex Mair, senior magistrate and John Webster, junior magistrate.

The title of Provost and Bailie did not come into use until 1892, four years later. The photograph in the B. A. was reproduced courtesy of Buckie Town Council who has an old print renovated and enlarged for framing.

Football - Willie Mills, ex Aberdeen F. C. who has been player/coach with Lossiemouth this season has been transferred to Huntly.

Jan 12 **Arradoul and District Burns Supper and Dance** - to take place in the St Andrews Hall on Friday 28 January. Tickets **17/6**.

News for 'Hams' - Ian Sutherland, secretary and treasurer of Buckie Amateur Experimental Radio Club was granted a transmitting licence for use by the club. It is hoped that all will be ready for use in about a month and a welcome is extended to old and new friends.

Carols in Cullen - The choir of the Holy Trinity Church in Elgin assisted by sailors from HMS Fulmar, Lossiemouth are to visit St Mary's Hall, Cullen tomorrow, Thursday, to render carols.

*** **Life on the farm 200 years ago** - This article is found on page 2 and contains some very interesting points.

Report on Niagara Falls - This was written by former columnist 'Wulfrun' it includes a number of photographs but unfortunately the reproduction is poor. He is advising Canada for those on honeymoon.

Big Extension at Strathlene House - The town council discussed the plans drawn up of proposed extensions to Strathlene House, which it was estimated would cost £20,000. They decided that this was too expensive and would not be proceeding with the work at present.

Premises at 13 Cluny Square (Sailors Home), also entrance from Cluny Lane, for sale. A report on page five referred to the advert, which had appeared the previous week stating that the Sailors' Home was to be sold. It said how there had been both surprise and disappointment shown in Buckie and district to learn that the Sailors' Home was for sale.

The premises were acquired by the British Sailor's Society in 1941 and opened the same year.

During the war years the Home played host to thousands of RN and MN men providing accommodation, recreation and looking after their general welfare, but since the war ended the numbers using it have naturally declined. This is obviously the reason for the Society's decision to dispose of it.

Many quarters locally, however, are of the opinion that the Home should be retained since it serves a valuable purpose as the only institution of its kind along this coast. An example of its usefulness was provided last weekend when it was called upon to provide for 19 men rescued by the Buckie lifeboat from the Swedish steamer Frej.

The upset price being asked for the building is £4,500

The sale of the Sailors' Home was discussed at length by the town council and it was suggested buying it. A special meeting was to be called to debate this.

Football - Buckie Thistle 2 Alloa 2 (F)

Football - Huntly 0 Buckie Thistle 4 according to the scribe this was "the Jags best display in years". Buckie played 'spell-soccer'.

Team - Moulton, Wood, Leask; Tough, Imlah and Lawrie; W. Hendry, G. Stewart, A. Stewart, J. Hendry and Donaldson.

Jan 19 **British Legion** - Buckie and District Branch are to hold their AGM in the Townhouse Hall on Friday 28 January.

St Andrews Hotel is now under new management - Grand Re-opening dance on Saturday 22 January with music by Curly McKay and his six piece Broadcasting Band 8.30 - 11.30 p. m. Admission 2/6 . New dance floor.

Sailors' Home - A letter to the local paper reminded of a suggestion that had been made initially when the Welcome Home was first discussed, that of a Community Centre. The writer said that he though the Home would provide and ideal place and urged that money from the Welcome Home Fund be used to buy it.

**** **Article on Portknockie- 'Portrait of an Era. This is found on page 3.**

Playhouse - 'The Naked City' with Barry Fitzgerald etc , etc.
'All My Sons' with Edward G. Robinson and Burt Lancaster.

Gordon Castle as a Holiday Centre - the building is now owned by Scottish Family Holdings Ltd. Their chief problem at the moment is to raise sufficient money by public subscription to furnish the two wings now under repair. £100,000 is needed to launch the scheme, required to pay for repairs and furnishings.

It is estimated that when the castle is full 350-4000 people can be accommodated in a week.

Buckie traders up in arms - The Buckie traders were complaining, perhaps justly, about large vans 'setting up shop' on Cluny Square. Taking the trade away from them and paying no rent or taxes.

Jan 26 **Closure of long established firm** - Due to health reasons the Hardware and Complete House Furnishing business carried on for many years by E. Tindall Scott and Co. at 17 High Street and 37 West Church Street has been sold.

Archie McCulloch with his High Speed Variety Show is to be back in the Buckie Playhouse on the 7th, 8th and 9th February.

North Church - the seat-letting committee will meet in the vestry on Wednesday 2nd February between 7 and 8 p. m. for the purpose of collecting seat rents.

Grocery businesses for sale in Buckie and Keith. The one on Buckie is on West Church Street, while that in Keith is in the Palace Buildings. (No name is given but we can presume that it is Carrie and Co.)

Meat rations - Corn beef to the value of 2d forms part of the meat ration, with mutton making up 50% of the remainder

Ministry of Food poster – More ways of using potatoes.

Poem – ‘To Robbie’ by Georgie. This is found on page 4 column 5.

Shipbuilding in Buckie is facing a slump. 16 seine boats were built in 1948 by the three local yards – Herd & McKenzie built 6, Jones’ built 6, while Thomson built 4. Orders this year only total 12. Thomson have two in the process of being built, Herd and McKenzie have orders for four, while Jones have one nearing completion with an order for one to follow.

Buckie Schoolgirl’s radio debut - 12 year old Francis Hutchison, Baron Street sang two solos. She is the daughter of Mr and Mrs Hutchison, proprietors of Forbes’s Bakery.

Feb 3 **Robert Wilson with supporting cast is to visit Buckie.** They will be appearing in the Fishermen’s Hall on Friday 11 February.

Charlie Mair’s ‘Cocks O’ The North – will be appearing in the Fishermen’s Hall on the 19th February in aid of Buckie Thistle Football Club.

Column – ‘The Farm Scene’ by the Herd Loon - This is found on page 2 and makes for good and interesting reading.

British Legion A.G.M. - The delay in paying out the Buckie Welcome Home Fund was criticised at the meeting.

New Buckie boat has ‘Queen Mary’ feature - The first launch of a vessel with the construction feature of a ‘Queen Mary’ stern was that of the ‘Rising Sea’ which took the water from the shipyard of Messrs George Thomson and Sons this week. She is a 68’ long seine net fishing boat built for Andrew and Ian Smith.

Wedding of Buckie Church minister – The local paper this week carried the wedding photograph of the Rev Alex Barr, minister of Buckie Baptist Church and Miss Isobel D.S. Hinshelwood. They were married in Wishaw Baptist Church.

Buckie Rovers made sacrifice - The Rovers lent their captain and former Thistle player ‘Sykie’ Wallace to his old club for the game at Kingsmills against Inverness Thistle, when they were short of a player. He scored. The Rovers, however, lost to RAF Kinloss in a cup-tie. George Murray, ‘Burdie’ another Rovers’ player was in the Buckie side at C/H.

Feb 9 **Portgordon keeper a star** - Tommy Pope turned in an superb display in a game against Buckpool Celtic, the league leaders.

Findochty joiner’s business sold - Allan Jamieson, Joiner and Funeral Undertaker sold his business to John C. Musgrave.

A. Robertson and Sons, Fordyce, bought the old established business of E. Tindall Scott and Co. (In August 2000 Robertson’s themselves was up for sale.)

A bonny Sunday for a change - Sunday 6th February 1949 was the only decent Sunday so far as weather was concerned since last May, said a report.

Not a road but a ditch – When Mr McNaught, Director of Education, went to see for himself he discovered that what was shown as a road, up beyond Drybridge was in fact a ditch. He made arrangements to have the children from Hillfolds transported to and from school at a cost of 6/- per day.

Football is popular - No less than 4,000 people were present at Boroughbriggs on Saturday to see Elgin City play Buckie in a Highland League game, with 1,000 being from Buckie. The match ended in a draw, with three goals each. The weather was ideal.

Life membership for Rovers' secretary - George Craig was made a life member of the Morayshire Junior football Association.

Feb 16 **Gordon of Letterfourie** - The Lord Lyon, King of Arms has been pleased to officially recognise George Gordon of Letterfourie, Laird of Letterfourie in the County of Banff (formerly George Gordon Shee) in the surname of Gordon of Letterfourie which he has assumed on becoming inheritor and heir and representative of the family of Gordon of Letterfourie. H.A.B. Lason Lyon Clerk and Keeper of the Records Court of Lord Lyon - Edinburgh. 3rd February 1949.

Sailors' Home - Big rroup of furnishings and equipment to be held with 13 Cluny Square on Saturday 26 February.

Buckpool Celtic dance - Music by the Starduster Dance Band. The highlight of the evening - Grand Amateur Waltz Competition. Tune title Eliminating Foxtrot. Good prizes - Teas and refreshments. Admission 2/6.

Playhouse - 'Brighton Rock'

Buckie Rovers Dance - Music by Blanche Colman and Her Girls' Band - 13 instruments.

Rathven & Enzie Ploughing Association - Grand Ball in the St Andrews' Hotel - ticket 10/-

Buckie vocalist - Mrs Isobel Duncan or Tibbie Coull sang on the radio during the programme of Scottish Dance Music on Monday evening.

Another change in the policemen's dress- Some time before policemen changed from breeches and now they are to have an open neck jacket, wear an airforce shirt, collar and tie.

Resignation of Buckie Town Councillor - John Duncan, who had been serving ac council treasurer, tendered his resignation this week.

Buckie boat launch - The Albyn was launched this week from the shipyard of Messrs Jones and Sons Buckie Slip and Shipyard. The Albyn has been fitted for both seine net and trawling and has been built for William Smith, of Cleethorpes, Lincolnshire, who is a native of Portessie.

Coronation Den - "The area between the Victoria Bridge and the railway bridge over the Buckie Burn which was named Coronation Den in 1937 with a number of trees planted and walks and bridges made is now nothing more than a dump for all kinds of rubbish and is nothing but an eyesore and smelly."

A new pleasure area - "Despite the above the council have made a start to create a new pleasure area south of the Victoria Bridge. A path has been made around the course of the burn and on the island plots have been dug obviously to be planted with flowers. The old old question now is will it be allowed to become a thing of beauty or will it suffer the usual vandalism."

Two poems are found on page 4 - 'Bell boys of Buckie' by G and 'Winter's Pleasures' by Mairi E. Calder, Tomleah, Farnachty, Clochan. (This was the first poem that she had ever had printed in the B.A. In 1997 I was given the privilege of typing up a great many of her poems, which had been written in

longhand . A copy of the booklet made is to be found in the local library in Buckie.)

Moray Firth Furnishing Co. This was the name chosen by A. Robertson and Sons, Fordyce for their new shops in Buckie, formerly owned by E. Tindall Scott and Co.

Feb 23 **Cowboys and the West are in-** Advert - The Cowboys are coming - "A Night in old Wyoming" western mirth and music making - hear Doreen the voice of the Golden West - Big Chief Sitting Bull - The Western Serenador etc etc including the Kentucky Hill Billies all appearing in the Fishermen's Hall on Monday 7th March. Tickets 3/- and 2/-

Log Cabin dance in Buckie's popular dance hall - the St Andrews Hall on Wednesday 2 March from 8.30 to 1 am.

Special lighting and sound effects. Music by Jimmy Allan and his sic Lumberjacks. Stagecoaches will run bringing ranchers from Huntly and Keith via the Enzie canyon. Canoes to be left at Buckpool Harbour. Admission half a dollar. Red Indians half price.

Clochan nurse - Miss Jessie Thain, Clochan, has just passed her latest exams in her nursing career. She is now a SRN, RFN and SCM and is still only 24 years old.

Cluny Revellers Concert Party a galaxy of local stars providing 26 different items enthralled a capacity crowd in the Fishermen's Hall on Wednesday evening. The cast, under the direction of George Smith was - Daisy Marshall, Maria Sluyter, Harry Forbes, Sinclair Cowie, Willie Mackie, Willie Smith, Johnny Cowie,(wee Johnnie) Jimmy Davidson, Eddie McGregor, Ian Sutherland and Balfour Black.

Members of the chorus were - Misses - Helen Thomson, Lena Cowie, Bella Shepherd, Catherine Anderson, Joyce Morrison, Jean Murray, Doreen Inglis, Helen Inglis, Maria Milne, Elma Murray, Jeannie Reid, Kathleen Lyon and Helen Knowles.

Accompanists were Maria Sluyter, Renee Sinclair and Mrs McGregor.

Stage manager, John Burnett, assisted by E. Shepherd. Mrs H. Sluyter assisted with dressing . The show was held under the auspices of Buckie Thistle F.C.

Fochabers Recreation Club obtained the sub-let of the premises at the P.W. hostel at the east end of the village and with all furniture and equipment installed it is hoped that some new faces amongst its visitors. It is emphasised that anyone who desires to have a look before committing themselves can do so free but it is hoped that some of the visitors will ultimately become members.

Waging war on foxes - A report from the North East Agricultural Executive Committee said how a total of 600 foxes had been killed in an area of the north east covering Aberdeen, Banff and Kincardine in 1948. They also state that a bonus of 10/- will be paid for each adult fox and 5/- for each killed before December 31 1949. The fox's brush to be provided as guarantee of authenticity.

Royal Observer Corps -Spare time observers of the ROC will no longer be required to wear their own shirts, boots or shoes while on duty. From March 1 all men and women will be supplied with boots or shoes, blue shirts, collars and black ties. Existing members will receive their extra clothing as soon as issues can be made, new members will receive clothing on new scale on joining. Spare time officers will in future receive an official issue of uniform and grant towards the purchase of shirts and gloves.

Football - There was a good entry for the Juvenile soccer competitions . Teams entered at Juvenile level are - Arradoul Wanderers, Findochty Wanderers,

Fochabers Rockets, Portgordon Rangers, Seafield Albion 'A', Strathlene Swifts and Buckie United.

Those at Minor level - Arradoul Wanderers 'A', Buckie Wanderers, **Cloch Thistle**, Findochty Wanderers 'A', Spurs, Cadets and United 'A'.

For my sins I allowed myself to be persuaded by my young brother Joseph to become the manager of Clochan Thistle and finished up having to pay bus fares for some of the players. Apart from loons from the Enzie a fair number in the team came from Portgordon, including Ian Crombie and Alistair Carter, to name but two. The strip was a colour of maroon made by dyeing a white shirt.

With another brother, Sydney, playing for Arradoul it was 'stew and sma stanes' whenever the two teams met. This was only carried over from games played every Sunday morning at Chapelford when inevitably the two finished the game with a few rounds of fisticuffs, with me as referee.

Mar 2 **At this time it had become common to embellish the adverts for dances with a few taking phrases as follows -**

United F.C dance - You won't get rubies, you won't get pearls but you're sure to get the most beautiful girls to dance with in the Fishermen's Hall on Monday night, 14 March from 8 pm until 1 am. Music by George Foley and his Melodymakers. Surprises, Refreshments Admission 2/6. Free bus to Portgordon, Findochty, Portknockie and Cullen.

And

What is all this talk about a 'Slow boat to China? Miss it and take a fast bus to Portknockie where Seafield Albion are having a Grand Dance in the Seafield hall on Wednesday March 9. Music by Foley's Band from Macduff.

The Albion are noted for the outstanding success of their dances.

And

Fochabers and District F.C. invite you to come and dance your blues away when the Grosvenor Band play for you at the Public Institute Fochabers on Friday 11 March.

And

Buckpool Celtic Football club invite you to have a nice time Dancing Old Time to music by the Hawthorn Band

Other dances advertised - Buckie and District Bankers Dinner and Dance in the St Andrew' Hall. Music by Curly McKay and his Broadcasting Band. Ticket 10/6.

Scottish Union of Bakers, Confectioners and Bakery Workers (Buckie Branch) Social and Dance in the Townhouse, on Tuesday 15 March.

Buckpool Celtic F.C. invite you to a whist drive and dance in the Spey Bay Hall on Friday 18 March.

Article- " A single room houses a family of 6 - it has no fire, no sanitation or no water" The B. A. reporter who wrote it said 'it shouldn't happen to a dog'. The house is at 21 Bridgend and the home of Mr and Mrs George Innes and their four children - Leslie 10, Kathleen 9, Neils 5 and Veronica 3.

Report - The old Primary School occupying the corner of South Pringle Street and West Church Street is under reconstruction at a cost of £10,000 to convert it into a Technical College. (This didn't happen, did it? Why not?)

New tattie - A new potato strain had been developed called Craigs Alliance - a first early. It didn't seem to have taken the trick and failed to oust the old favourite Duke of York) Buckie Amateur Experimental Radio Club- **This had now become active after being given its own call sign, GM No 3 EZO. Trustees of the Seafield Estates have given the club permission to build a hut on Cowie Park. Members and those intending to become members are asked to contact either Ian Sutherland at High Street or George Smith, Cline Square.**

OAP Social – 650 Old Age Pensioners were present at a Social provided for them in the Fishermen's Hall this week.

The Farm Scene column by the Herd Loon - He is saying how the Doric is still alive and kicking.

In the column a booklet titled 'Our Persistent Speech' by William Will is mentioned. The booklet was compiled from a lecture delivered to the Vernacular Circle of the Burns Club in London by Will who was a famous journalist and the illustrious son of Strathbogie. The book is dated 1930.

Playhouse - Showing this week 'The Red Shoes' starring Moira Shearer, Anton Walbrook and Marius Goring . **also** 'If Winter Comes' with Walter Pigeon and Deborah Kerr.

Mar 9 **Entertainment for all** - On the front page of the Banffshire Advertiser this week there were no less than 11 dances advertised to take place between Fochabers and Cullen, all due to take place within a space of ten days. There were three solo whist drives, one Social evening and a concert. In addition Christie's Mobile Cinema was to put shows on at Arradoul, Findochty, Portgordon and Cullen from Wednesday to Saturday.

Buckie Labour Party – The AGM of the Labour Party (Buckie Branch) is to take place in the Morven Hall, Cluny Terrace. New members are welcome. Geo. Campbell, secy.

Article - Buckie shopkeepers say that money is scarce but thousands of pounds are spent

yearly in shops outwith the town. The public says money isn't really scarce **but they prefer to shop elsewhere. Women prefer to go to Elgin for such as clothes and shoes where there is a better selection.** (Nothing really changes, in the year 2000 people were still going out of the town to shop for clothes and shoes only Aberdeen and Inverness were more popular than Elgin.)

No licence for Springbank Hotel (Rathburn) yet. This had been turned down for the third time.

Extension to the St Andrew's Hotel - Miss Davidson, manageress of the hotel, her father was the owner, got permission to build a 9-room extension. (This was built on top of the public bar on St Peter's Road.)

Mar 16 **The Hawthorn Band** - Buckpool Celtic Football Club have the Scottish Dance Band playing at their dance in the St Andrew's Hall. Admission to the dance 5/- and to the gallery from 8 until 11 2/-. (It must have been quite expensive to take a broadcasting band to Buckie and whether it paid the football club is not known but a columnist spoke later of some dances not being the financial success that had been hoped.)

Window Cleaning – W. C 'Craigie' Gordon, 20 Admiralty Street . 'Spring cleaning should be outside as well as in'.

Memorial tablet – A memorial tablet to Rev W. Morton was unveiled in the West Church at the service on Sunday.

** **Clothing came off coupons**

The town council bought the 'Sailors Home' on Cluny Square for £4000. The vote was 5-3 with two councillors abstaining. What will be done with the building has still to be decided.

Article - The traders of the town replied to the article of the previous week in which the shops and shop assistants had come in for criticism. Regarding people

going elsewhere to shop one trader said that this wasn't anything new but had been done 40 years before.

The horse will return- This was said by William Young, Arradoul Mains, a well-known breeder of Clydesdale horses, when speaking to a meeting in Grange. When oil becomes scarce and difficult to come by farmers will be saying ' "A horse , a horse, my tractor for a horse."

The 'Rambler' says, "On the subject of entertainment, the biggest flop in the recent spate of dances - no guarantee of success.

Mar 23 **Buckie Thistle and Buckie Rovers** are to jointly run a dance in the Fishermen's Hall on Saturday 26 March with music supplied by Geo. Foley's Band. Admission 2/6.

Buckie men fined for poaching - Three Buckie men were fined for trespassing on Crown land at Spey Bay in search of rabbits. They were each fined £1 with 10/- expenses. (They got off much lighter than poachers caught fifty years before when expenses were of the order of £2.10, or thereby).

Buckie head postmaster to move - T.D. Baxter, is to leave Buckie for Leven, Fife. A native of Cullen he has been at Buckie since 1920 becoming head postmaster in 1945.

Article on page 6 speaks about Colin Campbell, a native of Buckie, whose cartoons at one time appeared in the Banffshire Advertiser, later in some other publications. He was a joiner to trade and before moving to Glasgow worked with the firm of Thomson and Hepburn who built the grandstand at Victoria Park in 1919. Thomson, better known as 'Tomphie' was a player with Buckie Thistle before moving to Canada.

Mar 30 **For sale** - The grocery business at 10 Cluny Terrace belonging to Mrs Wilson has been taken over by Mrs Paterson' Argyle' Cathcart Street.

Article on page 6 - In this the strange story. '**Old Age in Infancy**' we are told of a male child who went through all life's stages in only 6 years. Born in 1741 he died as 'an old man' aged only 6 in 1747.

Farm Scene - by the Herd Loon - In his column this week he talks of the 'Passing of the Horse dealer'.

Football - A Buckie Thistle/Keith F.C. select team are to play Glasgow Celtic. The Select team chosen is as follows - Telfer, Wood and Imlah; Tough, Roy and Oliphant; J. Cowie, G. Stewart (Capt.) Carrol, J. Hendry and Donaldson. Admission by ticket only.

Celtic - Miller, Mallan and Milne; Docherty, Boden and McCauley; Tully McPhail, Weir, Johnston and Paten.

Joe Hendry was also chosen to play in the Highland League Select to play Aberdeen F.C. in the Caledonian Shield. . Davie Wood is reserve at right back.

Apr 6 Where and when to get your new ration book - Ministry of Food poster.

John Duncan former town councillor and master engineer, among other things, has sold his business at the former Norwegian Shipyard and is now with Allan Brothers, Agricultural Engineers, Aberdeen.

Apr 13 **The Cluny Revellers - Buckie's own Concert Party** - are to give a repeat concert in the Fishermen's Hall on Wednesday 20 April. Their first concert was very well received . Admission 3/- (Reserved), 2/-

Robert Wilson and his 'Heather Mixture' are also making a return visit to Buckie on Thursday 14th April. (Robert Wilson was a well known singer with one of his best known songs being 'Down In The Glen', sharing top spot on the bill was Tommy Lomax, described as Scotland's leading comedian.)

A new Ratepayers Association has come into being in Portgordon.

Boxing for Buckie - Peter Cormack, Master Painter, Dance Teacher etc, was given permission by the town council to hold boxing shows in the town.

Dallachy Squatters and DP's - A comparison was again made between the living conditions of the squatters at Dallachy former RAF station and those of the D.P's. The chairman of the Housing Committee of Moray proposed that those in the huts be given electricity to replace the oil lamps they were presently using. This was turned down on the ground that it would take too much to make the huts habitable.

Boat launch - The seine net boat 'Devotion' was launched this week from the shipyard of Herd & McKenzie for four Lossiemouth men.

Poem - 'Sweetie' is found on page 6, column 1, and written by N.C. Pirie, Buckpool.

Photograph of the Buckie/Keith Select versus Celtic. This is found on page 8 along with the report of the game, but the reproduction of the photograph is poor. The match ended with a win for the Celtic of three goals to one.

April 20 **Buckie Thistle** lost the last H/L game of season 1948/49 when they were beaten at home by Elgin City, by two goals to one.

Thistle team - Moulton, Tough and Leask; Allan, Wood and Lawrie; W. Hendry, G.Stewart, A. Stewart, J. Hendry and Donaldson.

A cartoon found on page 2 is taking the Mickey of the Buckie Welcome Home Fund. The drawing has the committee holding a meeting with a notice on the door saying 'Do not disturb'.

Nurse passes her exams - Eleanor C. McPherson, 2 Inchgower Cottages is now a SCM after passing her exams. She did her midwifery training at Stobhill Hospital in Glasgow. Previously she had taken her SRN exams after training at Inverness Royal Infirmary. During the war she served with the CNR at Strathcathro Hospital, Brechin.

Advert - No more scrubbing the wooden surround of your sink, let Cullen Engineering Works recover it with clean hygienic aluminium sheeting - one wipe with a cloth and its dry.

Navigation Department for Buckie- Banffshire Education Department recommended that a Navigation School should be set up at Buckie. It was agreed that this would be a department of Buckie High School and that Mr Flett would be head of the department. Accommodation would be found in the old part of the school not allocated for other purposes.

Football - The scoreline in the match between Banffshire Schoolboys and Aberdeen Schoolboys was four goals to one in Aberdeen's favour. Graham Legget who went on to play for Aberdeen F.C. and later Fulham played at outside right for the Aberdeen side. Also in the Aberdeen side was George Adam.

Postman to be football president - Norman Taylor was appointed president of Buckie and district Juvenile Association in succession to Ale 'Sandy' McQueen. The secretary, John Grant, is also a postman.

Apr 27 **Variety Orchestra** - Anyone interested in forming a small variety orchestra is invited to contact George Smith, Cluny Square.

Playhouse - Showing this week is the film 'The Winslow Boy' starring Robert Donat.

The Cluny Revellers - Their recent show in the Fishermen's Hall was declared to be as much of a success as the first one. The company is building up a great reputation since coming into being only a year before.

One of the hits of the show was the singing of young Cathie Milne, who sang - 'In Your Easter Bonnet, 'Western Home', My Grandfather's Clock 'and' My Happiness'. Balfour Black, with a lovely tenor voice sang 'My Heart and I', 'The Heart of Loch Lomond' and the 'Last Round Up'.

In a more homoursome mood Willie Mackie gave us 'The Man who broke the Bank at Monte Carlo, and 'When the Midnight Choo Choo Leaves For Alabam', ably assisted by the chorus.

Jimmy Davidson, maestro on the accordion, had the feet tapping and heuching with a selection of Scottish tunes

Ian Sutherland's selection of music on the violin was more of a classical nature but obviously enjoyed by all.

The top musical item on the bill was a duet by Daisy Marshall and Maria Sluyter - 'The End of a Perfect Day' the latter accompanying on the piano.

Daisy Marshall also sang solo giving a rendering of 'Christopher Robin', 'Hills of Donegal', and 'When You Are in Love'

Maria Sluyter sang the song "Count Your Blessings' accompanying herself.

Change in format of the B.A. - Since the beginning of April 'match, hatches and dispatches' have been moved from the front page on to page four along with situations vacant and items for sale or wanted.

Cost of the B.A. Back in 1881 the cost of the paper was 1d now in 1949 it still only cost 2d, surely a bargain despite it being much smaller that it was in the early years when it carried not only local news but that from all the airts.

A new column had been added within the past few weeks called 'New from Keith' this week it included the wedding photograph of a distant relative, James Leith, Glengerrack Farm, Newmill and Betty Ferguson from Newmill.

Football - Buckie Thistle lost by the odd goal in seven in a friendly with Ayr United at Victoria Park.

In the Welfare League - a surprise - The columnist 'Pressman' had been predicting that the strong-going Buckpool Celtic looked as if they would sweep the board as far as trophies were concerned but then they went and got beaten by Rathven Rangers in a cup game.

Football - The Highland League Select team beat Aberdeen F.C. at Pittodrie to take the Caledonia Trophy. The only goal of the match was scored by 'Ginger' McKenzie of Inverness Caley. There was a crowd of 8000.

Joe Hendry and Davie Wood of Buckie played and did well according to reports. Wood had the job of marking the maestro of the 'double-shuffle' Tommy Pearson.

Football - Buckie Thistle provide the opposition in a benefit match against Huntly. It was in a league game at Huntly this year that the Thistle were described as playing some of their best football ever to turn in a handsome score. The scribe said that once again the Thistle were brilliant beating the home side yet again by 5 goals to one. Alex Stewart had four goals with his Findochty mate, Alex Donaldson having the other.

May 4 **Grand Country Fete at Cullen House** - Banffshire Unionist Association.

Jimmy Shand and his Accordion Band are to return to Buckie to play at the Buckpool Celtic dance in the St Andrew's Hall on Wednesday 18 May. Admission 5/-. Spectators allowed in the gallery from 8-11.30 for 2/-.

Arradoul Youth Club - dance in the WRI hall in aid of funds for the football club.

Two boat launches on same day – Two boats were launched in the one-day at Buckie this week. The 'Resonance' adapted for both drift and seine net fishing took the water from Jones' Shipyard for Wick owners. She is 70' in length. And from the Shipyard of Geo Thomson and Son, the 'Neptune', the largest boat built in the yard since the war. The 'Neptune' is a dual-purpose vessel built for George Smith, Buckie and his sons, George and William.

Not all pulling one way in Portgordon - The local paper carried a long letter, written by J. Green, addressed to the people of Portgordon. In this he points out two issues, a football field and the local Masonic hall., on which the group with which he was associated and the new Ratepayers' Association, had different views.

New minister for Findochty – Rev Donald Campbell MA, Rothiemay, is to succeed Rev George Higgins. Rev Campbell was formerly minister at the Church of Scotland in Lausanne in Switzerland.

For sale the Fifie 'Mary's' BCK 396. The boat, built in Fife, is 19 feet long and 7 feet wide. Sutherland, Burnside, Findochty.

Why not join the Buckie Film Society and see films you would get the chance otherwise. Further particulars can be had from J. Butler, Film Editor, B. A.

Wedding photographs – These were appearing far more often now. In this edition the couples being shown were – Robert Thomson and Madge Scott; Teresa Fallone and James Campbell (Sandend); John Legge (Cullen Home Farm) and Liliac McLean(Rathven Village)

***** **Hurrah! Sweeties now off the ration.** They actually came off the week before and shopkeepers were describing the reaction of big and small kids. One shopkeeper spoke of some people being in the shop for sweeties three times in one day.

Fars a' the birds gane tae? In his column this week the 'Rambler' was speaking about the disappearance of both the peewit and the corn- crake. A farm servant he had spoken to said that he hadn't seen a peewit for more than a year.

Football - Buckie Thistle 3 St Clements 3 (An Aberdeen Junior team) For this friendly match Buckie fielded a full-strength side. Playing for St Clements were –Gibby Hilton, George Andrews and Martin Buchan . They were to all appear playing for Buckie at a later stage.

Minor football – Arradoul Wanderers 'A' 6 Clochan Thistle 1 1st round of the Association Cup. (I can't remember what the atmosphere was in our house at Burnside with my brothers playing on opposite sides but I can imagine it was 'daggers drawn'.)

Portgordon Tennis Courts now open - Subscriptions for adults 10/- - those under 16 - 5/-

A bus run to Strathpeffer on Sunday 29 May has been arranged. There are only a limited number of seats. J. D. Thomson secretary.

Blue Rockets Band - This new band will play at a dance in the St Andrew's Hall on Friday 20 May.

Long RNLI service rewarded- William Smith, Craighendarroch, Cliff Terrace, who has given 25 years service on the lifeboat committee, received a pair of binoculars from the RNLI. The presentation was made by Bailie Reid at a small function in Fowlers Corner House.

"Their best performance ever"- This was how the scribe described the latest show put on by the Cluny Revellers, and he said after having watched them perform at numerous places during the past year. This week saw them at the EVW Hostel at Dallachy where the group faced their greatest challenge yet. There has been very little contact made between the EVW's where both sides have found a distinct barrier created not only by language, but also that of social and racial differences. Nevertheless the 80 or so audience proved to be as good as any the artistes have ever faced, laughing uproariously at the sketches and clapping enthusiastically at all the songs, which were sung.

Memorial baptismal font unveiled - On Sunday, in the Seafield Church, Portknockie a baptismal font presented by the Woman's Guild, was unveiled. This has been presented to the church in memory of those who failed to return from the 1939-45 war. The minister, Rev J. Grant, carried out the unveiling and dedication.

Portessie bride in white moss crepe - This refers to the dress worn by Miss Marie Marshall Smith, twin daughter of Mrs A. and the late Mr Wm. Smith, 17 Oglivie Street, Portessie to Ian Munro Johnston, elder son of Councillor and Mrs J. Johnston, Trevear, South Pringle Street.

Column - Farm Scene by the Herd Loon. The subject this week is 'The Tied House'. All married farm workers in the past lived in houses near the farm where they worked. These were 'tied' houses' with the workers having no security of tenure. If the farmer didn't want you to work for him the worker was left with no other option but to leave the house. The scribe spoke of being in a north east town in November 1934 when he saw a first one lorry and then a second come along to dump furniture on the square. This belonged to farm servants who had been turfed out as the farmer sought to reduce his staff at a poor time in farming.

Rathven Rangers fail in cup final - The Welfare League newcomers failed to take the Duncan Cup at the first time of asking when they were beaten by four goals to one by Portsoy.

Their team was - J. Rumbles, Taylor and Turner; Scott, Mair and Cowie; Clark, Farquhar, Shaw, C. Rumbles and E. Grant.

End of season for Enzie WRI- The office bearers elected for the coming year are - President - Mrs Thomson, Burnside House; vice president - Mrs M. Johnston, Schoolhouse, Clochan; secretary/treasurer- Mrs Low, Beechview, Enzie; Committee - Mrs Howie, Mrs Mowatt, Mrs Taylor, Mrs Johnston (Pathhead), Misses - Banks, Barber, Guthrie, Duncan and McCurrach.

New 29 seater bus for hire - Jas. Mayne, 6 West Cathcart Street.

Minor football - Clochan Thistle drew one all with Arradoul in the return game of the Association Cup, but Arradoul Wanderers 'A' went through on an aggregate of 7goals to 3. ("Still strife in the hoose")

May 18 **Robert Wilson** is to appear in the Fishermen's Hall on Thursday 2nd June, direct from successful Canadian tour. With Will Starr, Scotland's ace accordion player, of BBC and recording fame. Admission 4/-, 3/- and 2/-

Notice - The Opening Ceremony of the Maternity Annex at Seafield Hospital will be performed by Mrs W. J. Merson on Wednesday 25 May 1949, at 3.30 p. m.

Chairman Provost James Falconer, Portknockie. All interested are cordially invited. John McKinnon secretary.

Circus - Robert Bros. Circus and Menagerie is to be in Cowie's Park, Buckie on Friday May 20th. There will be two performances at 4.30 and 7.30 p.m. Menagerie open from 1 p.m.

Buckie Amateur Swimming Club- The AGM will take place in the Cluny Hotel on Monday 23 May.

Caretaker and Gravedigger required for Hillhead Cemetery, Portknockie. Wages - £4.19 per week plus superannuation. House free of rent and rates to successful applicant.

Football - Buckpool Celtic are to meet Portsoy in the final of two cups - The Challenge Cup and the County Cup. Both games to take place at Victoria Park. The first on Thursday 19 May at 7.15 p.m. and the second on Saturday 21 May at 7 p.m. Admission to both 9d for adults and 4d for boys. Stand and enclosure extra.

New police headquarters - Banff is to be the headquarters of the Scottish N.E. Counties Constabulary, embracing Kincardine, Aberdeen, Banff, Moray and Nairn. This came into effect on Monday.

George Strath has been appointed Chief Constable of the amalgamated force. He has been head of the Banffshire police since 1931.

Football - Willie Laing and Dod Johnston, former Thistle players have signed for Lossiemouth F.C.

May 25 **Advert** - Messrs R. Riddoch, Building Contractors, 15 Mill Crescent.

New band - Buckpool Celtic are to have Jim Findlay's band to provide the music at their dance in the St Andrew's Hall on Saturday 28 May from 8.30 - 11.15 p.m. Buffet and teas Admission 2/6.

Mobile Cinema - Christie's Mobile Cinema which when it first started has now reduced the number of venues to only Findochty and Cullen.

Cullen and District Flower Show will take place in Cullen Drill Hall on Wednesday 17 August.

Concert by Portknockie children - A first concert given by the children of the village proved to be so successful that a second one is to take place in the Seafield Hall on Saturday 28 May. Compere and Producer, Mrs E. Gordon. Admission 2/6 and 1/6, all proceeds towards the Bowling Green Fund.

Ministry of Food poster - Suggested fillings for sandwiches as a carried meal - Snoek spread, spice snoek and onion and cheese spread. (Snoek is the name given to a wide number of fish, which were caught in great quantities at this time in warmer waters of the south Atlantic.)

Welcome Home Fund - The committee are to meet with a sculptor from Chelmsford, Essex, who will advise as to the possibility of adding the names of those that fell in the 39-45 war to the war memorial.

Opening of the Maternity Annex at Seafield - Two hundred and fifty guests saw the opening of the new Seafield Annex. A report is given on page 4, column 6. A bigger report will be given next week.

Advert - Three colours in one pen. See the 'Gloimal Color King' ball pen at George Bruce, 18 East Church Street. Price 21/6.

**** **Portknockie Bowling Green opened by Mrs Paris, wife of the local bobby, who threw the first jack.**

New Ambulance for Buckie and District - The Buckie and District Ambulance Association took the unanimous decision at their AGM to purchase a new ambulance at a cost of £1740.

Rome Tocher, treasurer, said that this would be more than twice the sum that had been paid for the present one but that their income was now such that they would be able to clear this in 3 years as well as employing a full-time driver. Hamish Wright who is presently the part-time driver is to be employed full-time from now on.

The present vehicle was bought in 1941 at a cost of £750 and had done 100,000 miles since then.

Article - Found on page 6 a story from the files of the Banffshire Advertiser of Feb 1887 - '**Railways were news**'.

Column – The Farm Scene by Northie – The 'Tied House' controversy. The writer this week gave a different opinion on the subject, obviously from the farmers' point of view and discredited part of what had been said by the 'Herd Loon' the week before.

Football- Buckpool Celtic and Portsoy agreed to share the County Cup after their game ended 1-1 after two periods of extra time had been played. The Celtic had beaten Portsoy by four goals to two in the final of the Challenge Cup earlier in the week

"Weather hot but football wasn't", was how the scribe described the match played between Buckie Rovers and Burghead, which the Rovers won by 6 goals to 3. This was the last Morayshire League game of the season.

New Thistle signing - The Thistle have signed John 'Jock' Massie, ex Forfar Athletic skipper.

June 1 **Move for Buckie assistant Burgh Surveyor** - John Murray, assistant Burgh Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector was appointed assistant Sanitary Inspector in Nairn.

Yet another dance band on the scene – The band providing the music at a dance in the St Andrew's Hall on Saturday 4th June is to be the Bobby Henderson Sextette.

Cody's Circus is to be in the Commercial Park, Buckie on Wednesday and Thursday 1 and 2 June and in the Market Green, Fochabers on Friday 3 June. 20 star acts. Be sure to visit the zoo after the performance.

Buckie Rovers and Buckie Thistle – A legend has grown up that there was always ill feeling between the two teams but records would tend to disprove this. At the present time there is a close relationship with the two clubs running dances on Saturday nights in the Fishermen's Hall. "Come and support your local teams". Special competitions and handsome prizes offered. Music by Bill Geddes and his band.

'D' Day Anniversary dances on 6th June in the St Andrew's Hall. Music by the Stardusters Band from Rothes. Admission 2/6.

Double decker bus from RNAS Lossiemouth, going via Elgin High Street and Pinefield. Free bus to Portgordon and all points to Cullen after the dance.

Playhouse - 'Forever Amber' starring Linda Darnell and Cornel Wilde, also this week Laurel and Hardy in 'Way 'out West'

Report on the opening of the Maternity Annex at Seafield Hospital - This took up the whole of page two and part of page three.

What our policemen were doing - The number of persons being caught not stopping their bikes at the junction of Well Road with High Street and Freuchny Road and Commercial Road would appear to show that all our bobbies are doing is lying in wait at these points to catch offenders. The fines imposed are 10/- or five days with 14 days given to pay.

Buckie 1st Life Boys - The first ever parent's evenings of Buckie 1st Life Boys took place this week.

Story from Keith in the 'Keith News' A mavis built its nest in a horse box at Crewe which found itself later at Keith Junction where the eggs laid have hatched out. The station staff has looked after the bird. The story of the bird had travelled far and this week the stationmaster received a bulky parcel from a primary school in Oban with letters from pupils thanking the station staff for their kindness.

New features at the new Seafield annex- A list of the features is given on page five along with all the contractors who were involved. (As an apprentice plasterer I was employed there along with journeyman Alex 'Mac' McPherson and labourer Jonathan Bremner.)

Football - RNAS Lossiemouth (Fleet Air Arm) won the Morayshire League. They also won the annual challenge game against a league select by a score of three goals to two.

Buckpool Celtic won the Buckie Welfare League by one point. They also took the Challenge Cup, Duncan Shield and the Commercial Shield, which is awarded to the league champions. Portsoy won the Brown Cup and Duncan Cup and shared the County Cup with Buckpool Celtic.

*** **Buckie Thistle in the red - At** a joint meeting with the Supporters Club it was declared that they had incurred a loss of £600 on the year's working.

June 8 **Proposed Community Centre for Buckie and District-** A meeting is to take place in the Fishermen's Hall on Sunday 19th June to discuss the matter. S.S. Fowlie.

Advert - Cowie and Reid, Plumbers, 25 West Church Street, Buckie.

From the files of the B.A. of 21st July 1887- an article - "No Herring Landings at Buckie".

June 15 **Thank you** - Dennis Choate (Portgordon the Buckie Rovers' goalkeeper) had a note in the B.A. thanking the club for the gift given to him on leaving to do his N.S. with the RAF.

'Whit wither!' Columnist 'Rambler' was complaining about the weather. He said that the summer of 1948 had been poor and now 1949 was no better with rain and wind. He declared that the weather had changed. Thirty years before one could expect snow and frost in the winter time with sunshine and heat in the summer with bairns running 'barfit' for weeks on end, now there's nothing but rain and wind throughout.

Note - A call is made for a pictorial record of Buckie in the past to be made. It is suggested that there ought to be a room in the Townhouse where photographs depicting the history of Buckie should be shown on the walls.

Buckie girl singer - June Pirie, the thirteen year old daughter of Mr and Mrs Norman Pirie, 35 Sutherland Street, Buckpool was 1st equal in the English Song class at Edinburgh Music Festival. There were 23 competitors. She is a pupil of sister Winnifred at the Convent in Elgin. She would like to go on and sing opera.

The post of Gravedigger at Hillhead. There were 12 applicants for the post. A short list of four was drawn up. The candidates coming from Portknockie, Peterhead, Strichen and Forres.

Mr W. E. Campbell, Forres, was the successful candidate

Dux of Buckie High School - The Dux of Buckie High School in 1949 is Patricia Cumming, Shielburn. She is also joint winner of the Muir Medal for Latin with Isabella Cowie, 104 Main Street, and Buckpool. Miss Cowie has also gained a bursary of £30 to Aberdeen University.

The Farm Scene column - This is written by the 'Herd Loon' who continues on the theme of the 'The Tied House'. In this he gives his answer to some of the points raised by 'Northie' in a previous edition.

June 22 **Vacancies for men and women in the RAF and WRAF.**

Buckie Cycling Club - It is proposed that a cycling club be formed in Buckie. To this end a meeting is to take place in room 3 of the Townhouse on Friday 24 June.

Lord John Sanger's Circus Presents 'Fenella' the World's Wonder Tiger at Banff Greenbanks from June 30 till July 2.

Advert - Contact Norman C. Pirie for a first class electrical job.

Coach for hire - "Make Your Outing Worthwhile" hire Grant's luxury coach. Seafield Garage, Cullen.

Change over at the Post Office - Mr J. D. Baxter presently Head Postmaster at Buckie leaves for his new post at Leven, Fife on June 23. On the same day his successor Mr Alistair McGregor comes to Buckie from Dunfermline. He is a native of Avoch on the Black Isle.

High School pupils win at Keith - Islay Shaw, Russell Loudon, Alan Merson and Alasdair Martin won the Open Relay Race at the Banffshire Inter Schools Sports at Kynoch Park Keith.

Football - Clochan Thistle 3 (Joe's team) Arradoul Wanderers 'A' 2 (Sydney's team) (They got their revenge at last.)

From 'Cluny's column - Willie Cowie the former Thistle and Buckie Rovers forward who emigrated to Canada last year has been making a name for himself there, with a number of snippets appearing about him in the press. He played for Ontario Province against a Scottish International Touring team in Toronto. Willie was only one of two players chosen from outside Toronto. Scotland won 2-0.

'Bomber' Thomson, the Thistle trainer is to be sent on a course for trainers and players at Biggar in Lanarkshire.

29 June **The Hawthorn Accordion Band** is to be in Buckie on Wednesday 20 July. The BBC Broadcasting Band is just the latest in 'big' bands, which Buckpool Celtic have taken to Buckie. They will be playing music for Old Time and Scottish Country dances. Only a limited number of tickets will be sold. Buffet, teas and lemonade. Admission 5/- . Admission to the gallery, limited to 66 2/-

Motor Coach Tours , Day and Evening - John Lawrence , Cullen.

Playhouse – ‘Bonnie Prince Charlie’ starring David Niven.

Swimmers dissatisfied with Strathlene Swimming Pool - Swimmers have been complaining of the inability of the Strathlene Bathing Pool to meet their requirements with the recent spell of very hot weather we have enjoyed revealing its shortcomings.

Buckie Graduate - James A. Barrie, Aingarth, St Peter’s Road, Buckpool, passed BSc in Chemistry with 1st class honours. He was Dux of Buckie High School in 1945.

Playhouse - ‘Oliver Twist’. Local school children are being taken to see the film at special matinees.

Findochty induction of minister - Rev Donald Campbell, a native of Rothiemay, who has spent many years as a minister abroad, was inducted into the Findochty Church of Scotland last Wednesday.

Advert – There’s only one kind of plumbing that’s the right kind. For first class workmanship contact Cowie and Reid, Plumbers, 25 West Church Street.

No football here ! A group of youths were charged with kicking a tennis ball about on the street. They were each fined five shillings.

Drunk and incapable - An Enzie man had his pound note forfeited when he failed to turn up to face the charge of being drunk and incapable on High Street.

From Our Files- The article this week is on the ‘Buckie Riot’ of 1872.

The people in the town were up in arms, opposing a motion put forward by Robert Turner of Arradoul, and a member of the Parochial Board , supported by W.G. Bryson, Factor of the Seafield Estates . This was to relieve farmers and landowners of their assessment for the poor of the parish and putting the burden on tenants of houses., which would be ruinous to the inhabitants of Buckie. During the riot four people were arrested and later taken to Aberdeen .

Rev Robert Shanks, Free Church spoke on their behalf saying that the riot was nothing like that seen at the Meal Riot of 1847. John Hutcheson, Tobacco Manufacturer said that he had seen more mobbing in Aberdeen last night when Lords Cowan and Neaves were being conducted to their hotel than in Buckie. (see page 6)

The ‘Rambler’ column - He was saying this week that he must have been imagining things when he was speaking 14 days before about the weather, now being in the middle of a heat wave. “The pen is mightier than the sword”, he said.

Football - Findochty Wanderers won the Juvenile League with Fochabers Rockets as R/Up

Findochty Wanderers ‘A’ won the Association Challenge Cup for Minors and look well set to win the league for the second year running.

Cycling Club formed - Captain – W. A. Cowie, vice Capt. W. H. Addison, secretary and treasurer, D. Stott, with committee members, Doreen Inglis, Margaret Murray and Tommy Cook.

Jly 6 **Arradoul School** - As the school closed for the summer holidays the bairns received the usual present of threepenny bits , a gift from Mr and Mrs R.G. Young, Arradoul Mains. They also received ice-cream from Mr and Mrs G. Grant, Easter Bogs.

From our Files (page 5) June 12 1884 – 'Opening of the Keith to Buckie railway line. On the same report it was said two masons were busy building the bridge over the Gollachy Burn. They had problems taking the line through Nether Buckie where land-slides often occurred.

Managerial change at the Labour Exchange - James C. Doig left Buckie for a post in Glasgow. His successor, Wm. Brunton, came the other way, from Springburn in Glasgow to Buckie.

Death of a diver - The death took place this week at his home 12 Blantyre Terrace, Iainstown of Thomas Henry Philip, that came to Buckie in 1913 in connection with the building of the Buckie Harbour. He was later employed by Buckie Town Council as an Inspector of Works until 1922 when he retired following an accident. He was an enthusiastic bird fancier and a former president of the Buckie Bird Show Society .

Buckie Welfare League - R. A. Dunstan, former secretary of the Scottish Welfare Association was appointed president of Buckie Welfare League at their recent AGM.

Other appointments – Hon. President, W. A. McDonald, manager of Buckie Thistle. Vice presidents Messrs R. Paterson, Buckie, , F. C. Smith (Garmouth), secretary, J. Davidson (Portgordon), treasurer, D. Chisholm (Buckie).

Two new clubs, Isla Vale, Keith and Buckie Rovers, who were both members of the Morayshire Junior F.A. were admitted into the league, bringing the membership strength to 11 clubs. It was decided to reduce the number of trophies to four, following the fixture congestion experienced last season. League championship trophy, County Cup, Consolation Cup to be played for by teams failing to reach the semi-final of the County cup and a new league cup competition . the trophy being awarded to the winners of an east versus west section contest.

The age limit of 25 applying to the reinstatement of former senior players has been washed out. Players wishing to be reinstated to make application to the committee which would only be granted once.

Jly 13 **Advert for dance in Portgordon -** Portgordon Football club invites you to hike, bike or trike or take the 9.15 train to their dance in the Spey Bay hall on Saturday 16 July. Foley's Band will supply the music. Free buses to and from Cluny Square, Buckie and from Fochabers.

Bus competition – Three local firms now have buses – Grant, Seafeld Garage, Cullen , Lawrence, Cullen and Mayne, Buckie. Grant is saying – My bus has – a heater, wireless and sunshine roof. 'Its cheaper to hire us.'

From Our Files – June 24 1897 - 'How Buckie Celebrated the Diamond Jubilee'

Picnic - Five hundred children attended a Masonic picnic (Lodge Gordons) in the Victoria Park.

Call for improvements to the town's amenities – Councillor Johnston tabled a motion to improve the town's amenities. One to consider improvements to the paths in the vicinity of the town and that they consider also the question of constructing a paddling pool and boating pond.

Launch of the Cappella- This 69' dual purpose fishing boat was launched on Monday of this week from the shipyard of Herd and McKenzie. It is fitted with a new type of engine a Merrlees 190 hp diesel. Merrlees Bickerton and Day Ltd, Stockport were the firm which produced the first diesel engine in Britain. The Cappella was built for Alex Phimister, Findochty and his three sons, Edward, Alex and James, all ex-servicemen. (Note that the spelling may not be correct.)

The Right Rev. Monsignor McDonald, priest at St Peter's Church for many years, also a former town and county councillor died at his home at the Hythe, Portessie this week aged 82.

An admiral pays a visit to Buckie. He made an inspection of the air sea rescue base at McLaren's Brae, before moving on to the RNAS base at Lossiemouth. Naval personnel maintain the RN base at Buckie, responsible for the maintenance of the TRSBs (Torpedo Recovery and Safety Boats).

Football - It was agreed to disband the Minor League, part of the Buckie and District Secondary Juvenile Association on account of the repeated failure of teams to turn up for matches.

Jly 20 **Yet another new dance band** - The Buckie and District Secondary Juvenile Football Association are to have the Grosvenor Band from Huntly to play at their 'Holiday Dance' in the Fishermen's Hall on Monday 25 July.

Electric power comes to Tomintoul. The Hydro Board will today bring the highest village in Banffshire on to the national grid.

Notice to dancers - The Lido Ballroom, Elgin wishes to advise that commencing on Friday August 5 a bus will leave Cluny Square at 7.30 p.m. every Friday returning at 1 a. m. until further notice. The Wednesday will run as normal.

Adverts for Peter Fair - Thomsons Amusements will have the latest craze at Rathven Market - The Rocket Drome also a new game - the Archery Stall. Madam Winter - Clairvoyant and Palmist - giving consultations from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m.

Handy for the phone - The Post Office (telephones) set up another kiosk in the town this week when they opened one near Burns Square.

A rare advert - The first advert of its kind and perhaps the last to appear in the B. A. is to be found in this edition. **A 1st horseman is wanted for Arradoul Mains also a 3rd horseman for the Den Farm Fochabers.** Apply Young Arradoul Mains. William Young, farmer at Arradoul, still had a high regard for the horse and only recently had been saying how they were likely to make a come back, due to scarcity of oil.

Fatal accident claims death of young Buckie joiner - James Fraser, 22, son of Mr and Mrs George Fraser, 28 Well Road, fell off the roof of the Old School on Tuesday and sustained injuries from which he died. He was employed by Hendry and Sons, Joiners. Just the previous week James had his photograph in the B.A. showing him working on the building.

From our files - September 1882 - 'The Cholera Scare'.

Football - Keith Vets 2 Buckie Thistle Vets 2 at Keith
J. Herd, W. Ross and J. Bowie; A. Middleton, J. Cowie and A. Thomson; R. Nicol, A. Gowie, E. Smith, W. Hay and A. Murray.

Football - Scottish Junior Select are to play Moray Junior Select at Borough Briggs, Elgin.

Jly 27 **Keith Show** - Nine different horse/pony and donkey races are to be run. There will also be an open driving and grand jumping competition and musical chairs on horseback.

Other centre ring entertainment will include - a farm servant's foot race, farm servants cycle race, also boys and girl races for under 14s and a great tug of war. (This was a much superior programme compared to what has been put on in recent years - 2000)

A fuller report on the accident to James Fraser is given on page 4.

Peter Fair – all the coverage given to Peter Fair in the B.A. Were one photograph and a brief report. The gist of this was that it was the biggest show for years with an attendance of hundreds who enjoyed brilliant sunny weather.

From our files - (see page 6) 'The Start of Buckie Burgh'. The report tells of the very first minute of Buckie Town Council of 16 February 1888. This took place in the Fishermen's Hall.

Football - Buckie Vets came out on top in a return match with Keith at Victoria Park, winning by two goals to nil. Some changes in personnel were made with e.g. Taylor in goal and Shanks at left half.

Ex Jag stars in New Zealand - A report is given on page 8, column 4 of John Gordon, who played for Buckie Thistle just after the war before emigrating to New Zealand to join the RNZ Air Force. Gordon who plays for Canterbury was recently capped for the South Island against the North Island. His family live at 16 James Street, Buckpool.

Aug 3 **50-50 Dance – in the Fishermen's Hall.** To be ran by Buckie and District Secondary Junior F.A. 'There appears to be a re-growth in interest in Old Tyme dancing', said 'Rambler' A regular Saturday Old Time dance takes place in the Longmore Hall, Keith every week.

Prizes to be awarded for the Spot Waltz, Old Tyme Waltz and elimination Waltz. Music by the Blue Rockets Band. Refreshments available. Admission 2/6. Free bus to Fochabers, Portgordon and Cullen.

Take Note - Seafeld Albion is staging Two Grand Dances you must not miss on Friday 12 and Friday 26 August. From 8 – 1a.m. Music by Coull's Band. Tea served during the dance – Ices and Refreshments. Admission 2/6. 'All Seafeld Albion dances are good dances'. Free buses.

Portgordon F.C. Dance in the Speybay Hall on Saturday 13 August. Music by Foley's Band.

Also on Saturday 13th August – Rovers and Thistle dance in the Fishermen's Hall with music by Bill Geddes, and in the St Andrew's Hall, where Bobby Henderson will be playing.

Football - Central Cup Final – Strathlene Swifts versus Fochabers Rockets in the Victoria Park on Saturday at 7p.m.

Arradoul WRI Flower Show in the hall at Arradoul on Wednesday 17 August.

Playhouse - 'The Small Back Room' starring David Farrar and Kathleen Byron.

From our files – (page 2) Feb 23 1882. 'Buckie Railway Schemes discussed'.

A thriller for your holiday – 'Death at the Newspaper Office' by Johnny Butler.

The Banffshire Bethlehem - a short report on page three, spoke of a small pamphlet that had been produced by Peter Anson, priced 3d, on the church of St Ninian's at the Newlands of Tynet.

Keith Show - There was a crowd of 34,000 at this one-day show. There was a most impressive display in all classes with an increase in the number of Clydesdale horses forward.

Photograph of Gunner James Thom - Jimmy is seen receiving a cup for winning a big darts tournament in Beilfield , Germany.

Poem - 'This Wireless' written by L. B. Blaemuir, Drybridge, is found on page 7.

Football- Buckie Thistle trial match saw the probable defence play the probable forward line.

Defence – Findlay, Wood and Leask; Tough, Massie and Lawrie; Smith, Cormack, Rae, Cowie and Duncan.

Forwards - Moulton, Marnoch and Hector, Sandison, Mowat, and Farmer; Wallace, Allan, A. Stewart, J. Hendry and Donaldson. The **defence** won.

Aug 17 **Opening announcement** - J. Sutherland, 2 South Blantyre Street, Findochty. All footwear repairs.

Football – Fochabers Rockets versus Findochty Wanderers in the final of the Inter Section Cup. Match to be played at Victoria Park.

'**Alexanders**' had joined the small operators like Mayne, Grant and Lawrence offering bus tours.

Ministry of Food Poster - 'Ways with Barracouta. A fish from Australian waters. Use in place of American salmon, which we can't afford to buy at the present rate of exchange.

Poem 'Many A Slip'. This is found on page 6, column 2.

Boat launch- the dual-purpose fishing vessel, 'Lilt' was launched this week from 'Thomson's' shipyard. It has been built for Wm. George Coull, Sutherland Street, James Coull, James Street and Phillip Mustard, Cliff Terrace. It has been fitted with echo sounding gear and modern electrical aids.

Boat launch at Peterhead – The 'Amaryllis' was launched at Peterhead for Buckie owners George and John Murray, Regent Villa, Titness Street and brothers-in-law, John Flett and George Murray.

Football – Strathlene Swifts won the Central Cup.

Buckie Thistle won their first game of season 1949/50, due to a superlative display by the keeper, Jimmy Findlay, by beating Keith in the 1st round of the Highland League Cup.

Team – Findlay, Wood and Leask; Tough, Massie and Lawrie; Cormack, Allan, Stewart, Hendry and Donaldson.

Keith – Telfer, Forrest and Rattray; Rae, Roy and Oliphant; J. Cowie, Reynolds, Carroll, Auld and Morrice.

Rae, Auld and Morrice were new signings for Keith.

Aug 24 **Religious services each Sunday in the Cluny Hall, off High Street, at 3p. m. and at 6p.m.**

Wanted - a small hall twice weekly from 7-10p. m. for training of Buckie Youths in boxing, and general physical culture. Bill Forbes Cluny Square. (He was later given the use of the Drill Hall with members of the T.A. and ACF being among those whom he trained in ju jitsu , boxing and general PT.)

From our files - Nov 5 1896. Sea serpent reported to have been seen off Yarmouth

Cables under the streets - Buckie was changing from D.C. to A. C.

Boat launch - The 'Seafarer' a dual-purpose vessel was launched from a Fraserburgh shipyard for Buckie owners - J. Cowie, Kelvingrove, South Pringle Street and J. Farquhar, 6 Hope Street, Portgordon.

New serial by Philip Drake began in this edition - "The Case of the Kidnapped Crooner".

Portgordon motor hirer loses his life. John Munro, of 24 Gordon Street lost his life in an accident on the outskirts of Keith early on Monday morning. He was returning to Buckie from Glasgow with a car-load of youths. Namely - George Hay, Edward Smith, Wm. Cowie, John Wm. Cowie, Alex Murray and James Murray. Apart from the last, who was uninjured, the rest escaped with only superficial injuries.

Find of milestone near Hillocks farm . When men were erecting a strainer post they came upon a large stone with the number 18 cut into it, presumed to be a milestone since it was near to the old road which ran from west to east past the farm. (In the 'Rambler' column)

Football - Portsoy who had a successful year in the Buckie Welfare League were invited to Orkney to play a series of games.

A Photograph of Strathlene Swifts is found on page 8 - D. Murray, Souter, Ross, Thomson, J. Murray, A. Smith, Black, Sutherland, Clark, Smith, Paterson.

Aug 31 **New office** - J. Park Buchan JP, opened an office at Inverugie, Cliff terrace, as a Nautical Arbitrator and Adjuster.

Postie hurt in collision with cart shed in the 'Glens' George 'Doddie' Shand was hurt when he ran off the road in the Glens of Foundland early in the morning when returning with the mail from Aberdeen .

Further to the Hillock's milestone- The 'Rambler' received the following information from a woman at Farnachty who had been in conversation with some elderly local people.

The 18(miles) on the stone is believed to be from Banff rather than Elgin. Before the main road was made the old road ran past Hillocks, then Arradoul to Tarwathie, Leitcheston, Cattlebrae (formerly Cattle brae) to Clochan. From Clochan it went to Oxhill then up over Aultmore to Onwell in the Glen of Newmill and so to Keith. It used to be an old drove road and up to 25 years ago was marked by large white stones set at the side at regular intervals. Going in an east ward direction it is believed the road skirted the trees above Cleanhill farm (At one time many loons knew this as the 'Butcher's Knifie', a grand place to play and bile yer eggs and tae at Easter time.) , then went in front of Bogend and Bogside before going up the Maud Hill and on to Deskford. (Contributor - Mrs Stewart.)

Sept 7 **From our files (page 2) April 15 1897** - Trawler incident in the Moray Firth. April 22 1897 Number of boats being launched. New chemist in Portgordon. May 6 1897. Boat, 'Glad Tidings' wrecked.

Shelters- Shelters have now been completed at both the New Cemetery and also Hillhead.

Death of retired blacksmith - The death took place in A.R.I. of retired blacksmith, George Stephen of 24 High Street. He was 72 and the last of four brothers who were all blacksmiths in Buckie over the last 50 years. He was a native of Lonmay and came to the town to work with his brothers thirty years before.

Fochabers Flower Show - There were 910 entries, an increase of 170 on the previous year.

Football - Buchan was in the Thistle team, at I/R, when they beat Nairn County on Saturday in a league game. This was Martin Buchan's first game for the Thistle, going on to play for many years there after.

Sept 14 **Buckie Film Society**- The membership cards cost £1. Performances in the Playhouse on Sunday evenings will last on average around two and a half hours.
The programme of films to include - British, Italian, French, American, German and Swiss.

New naval unit- A new naval unit took up temporary abode in Buckie during naval manoeuvres in the Moray Firth. This is the High Speed Target Service Unit which is to be stationed in Buckie for a month.

Situations vacant - Jenners the large Edinburgh store had no less than 11 adverts in the situations vacant column this week. They were all for women, of different classifications.

Football - Was this Buckie Thistle's highest ever score in league or cup football?

**** **Buckie Thistle 10 Inverness Thistle 2 in the Qualifying Cup 1st round.**
There was a crowd of 3,000 present to watch the match in the Victoria Park.
The Thistle team was Moulton, W. Marnoch and Leask; Massie, Wood, and Lawrie;
A. Stewart, Buchan, Tough, Hendry and Donaldson.

Strathlene Swifts beat Fochabers Rockets by three goals to one in the Venice Cup final replay.

Rockets - Jenkins, A. Robertson and G. Smith; Gray, McGregor and Geddes; Riddle, W. Robertson, Forsyth, Forbes and Bingham.

Swifts - Thomson, Murray and Smith; Ross, Reid and Clark; Sutherland, Innes, Souter and Paterson.

Boat launch - The 69' 'Gladstone' was launched from the shipyard of H & M on Tuesday for three Findochty fishermen - Messrs R.B. Herd, Wm. B. Herd and John Campbell.

Presentation of trophies - At a dance in the Fishermen's all the trophies and awards won in the Juvenile and Minor League football over the past season were handed over to the winners.

Alex McKenzie, captain of Findochty Wanderers 'A' received the Victoria Trophy from Mr W. Jannetta and the Association Challenge Cup from Mr George Tough (Thistle player). Mr Jannetta presented the Central Cup to Alex Clark, Strathlene Swifts.

Mr A. McQueen presented the Juvenile League Cup to Alex Sutherland, captain of Findochty Wanderers while Mr E. Wojcik, representing Mr E. Jannetta, presented Alex Clark of Strathlene Swifts with the Kings Café Cup.

Mr Tough presented the Inter Section League Cup to Sandy McKenzie of Findochty Wanderers and also the Venice Trophy to Alex Clark of Strathlene Swifts.

MR W. Jannetta donated all the medals.

Mr Norman Taylor, president of Buckie and district Juvenile Football Association thanked Mr Wm. Jannetta, Hon President, for all his help and encouragement.

Playhouse - 'Secret Life of Walter Mitty'

Sept 21 **Almost unbelievable but an almost common occurrence.** Buckie Thistle after scoring ten goals in their last game came unstuck on Saturday past when they lost to Fraserburgh by the only goal of the game.

Findochty provost to resign – After 20 years on the council George Slater tendered his resignation because of pressure of business.

Sept 28 **Headteacher dies** - Mrs Florence Taylor Headmistress of Arradoul Primary School died this week in Seafeld Hospital. After spending 16 years as headteacher at Shielburn she took over at Arradoul two years ago. She was a native of Orkney and is survived by her son, Alan, a student at Aberdeen University.

Strathlene House Hotel (owned by Buckie Town Council) is fully booked for June, July and August 1950 as reported by the manager, Mr Wm. Mitchell.

Roup at 'The Croft' Clochan - A dispenish sale consisting entirely of household and domestic articles, belonging to Miss J. Watson (Auntie Jean) is to take place on Saturday 8 October.

Sale of cottage at Cowfurrich - A cottage of five rooms belonging to Mr James Hutchison in the hamlet of Cowfurrich is for sale. In addition to the cottage there are a number of outhouses. Ground rent 2/-Rental £3.10.

High-scoring school footballer - Alan Merson, centre forward of Buckie High School football team achieved a remarkable performance at Keith on Saturday when he scored all six of his side's goals in a 6-1 victory over Keith Grammar in the Herd Cup.

Fochabers' soldier killed in Malaya - Word has been received that Sergeant W. A. Reaich, a native of Fochabers, had been killed following an ambush, in Malaya. He was 34 and a regular soldier.

Oct 5 **A Hotel and Inn for Portessie?** Cecil Smith, barman at Cullen Bay Hotel is applying for a licence for property at 26-27 Rannas Place, Portessie. This is only the last in a great many applications that have been made over the years both by Mr Smith, himself, and others of his family, which up to now have all been turned down. This one, either, failed to get the required approval.

Playhouse - 'Whispering Smith' starring Alan Ladd and Brenda Marshall.

YMCA Dallachy – After sharing a dance with Portgordon Football Club the week previous in the Speybay Hall, the YMCA are now advertising that they will be staging a dance every fortnight commencing on Tuesday 11 October. Music to be supplied by Bill Geddes. There will also be a FloorShow – promoter George Smith. Free buses. (How long the dances lasted is not known since they were never advertised again.)

Opening of Clydeville as a Children's Home- Banffshire County Council, Childrens Department give notice that Clydeville Children's Home on Queen Street, Buckie will be opened on Tuesday 18 October at 3.00p.m. by Lady Abercrombie, of Forglan.

Buckie Film Society The first performance of Buckie Film Society will take place within the Playhouse on 23 October.

Sailors' Home- A committee of Buckie Town Council is to meet with Banff County Council to discuss the building on Cluny Square, formerly the Sailors' Home. They had shown an interest in the building.

'Cluny' has gone - The columnist 'Cluny' who has written a column called 'Sporting Gossip' in the B.A. for some time has left the paper. Sports' Jotting will continue to be printed by 'Corsair'.

Rathven Rangers are struggling- The team who entered the Welfare League in 1948 are finding things tough this season. Their statistics after playing four games reads - P4, L4, goals for 5, against 25, Points 0, which sees them bottom of the pile. **Buckpool Celtic** lead the field winning all of the four matches played, scoring 17 goals with four against to amass 8 points.

Oct 19 **Heather-Mixture concert party makes a return visit** - Topping the bill is Will Starr, accordionist and Tommy Lomax, comedian.

Portgordon taxi business sold - Mrs M. B. Munro sold the taxi business formerly belonging to her husband to Mr George Watson, 25 Gordon Street.

Whist drives are popular - No less than five are advertised on the front page.

**** **Portgordon** - A Short History of Banffshire's most westerly village Buckie men pioneered Portgordon. In two parts this first part is found on page 2.

Clydeville - a picture and report of its opening is given on page 5. Because of the inclement weather the opening ceremony took place in the High School hall.

Findochty provost - Bailie Kiloh was appointed provost of Findochty.

Article written by Russell Loudon on page 6. This is a report of a visit he made, along with a group of schoolboys, to Sweden .

Buckie cyclists do well - Two cyclists from the newly formed Buckie Cycling Club took part in a cycle meet organised by Strathbogie Wheelers CC at Huntly on Saturday. In a big field of experienced cyclists Willie Addison did extremely well to finish 3rd in a 25 mile race, with a time of 1 hour, 15m and 2 seconds, less a handicap of 1hour, 2m, 32 seconds.

George Findlay though not coming among the prizewinners put up a very good show among cyclists of long standing.

Football - Alex Donaldson, Findochty, the Buckie Thistle forward signed for Kilmarnock on Tuesday. Although the fee has not been disclosed it is believed to be in the region of £150.

Oct 26 **Playhouse** - 'Edward My Son' starring Spencer Tracy and Deborah Kerr.

Portgordon - The second and concluding part of this report, titled 'The Growth of Portgordon' is given on page 2.

Poem - 'The Highland Division at El Alamein' written by J.A.F. is found on page 5 column 4.

Bill Forbes 'The Lightning barber'. Bill Forbes, Hairdresser, Cluny Square, has earned fame far and wide because of the speed at which he can give one a haircut and shave. A reporter from a south paper came to Buckie to test him out. A report of this is given on page 5.

A contribution by the 'Yardie Poet – Q Coull- is given on page 6. This is titled – 'A Sonnet Written at the top of Logies's Steps' (It is worth reading.)

Nov 2 **Opening announcement -** Stanley Sutherland, Gents Hairdresser, 12 Station Road, Findochty.

Buckie Rovers and Buckie Thistle dances - The two teams had been jointly running dances in the Fishermen's Hall every Saturday for many months had now stopped doing so. The hall belongs to the Buckie Welfare Society and perhaps they are claiming the hall on a Saturday for a dance on their own. (Dances continued to take place in the Fishermen's Hall on Saturday and also on Monday for a long time afterwards, up until the end of National service in 1961.)

Enzie Church of Scotland - A magnificent new oak communion table was dedicated in the Enzie Church of Scotland on Sunday. This is a gift of Miss Margaret Reid, formerly of Portgordon and now of Kenya in memory of her parents, Mr and Mrs George Reid and Mr George Munro sometime of the North Bank of Scotland.

Picture of a performing bear - The paper this week carried a photograph of a man with a performing bear taken in 1910 by Wm. McBeath, Gordon Street.

New owner of the Lennox Bar, Portgordon - Duncan Jardine took over the Lennox Bar in Portgordon from John Baird who has emigrated to Canada. Mr Baird had only been a short time in the village.

Football - Four former Thistle players were now with Lossiemouth, namely – Willie Laing, Dod Johnston, Hughie Morrison and 'Shaun' Reid. Laing, Johnston and Morrison were refused training facilities at Victoria Park.

Nov 9 **Police houses -** Tenders are invited for the construction of a block of police houses on Cathcart Street, Buckie.

Poem – 'Remembrance' This is found on page 5, column 1.

Football - Johnnie Davies, ex Elgin City was in the Thistle team against Keith on Saturday. The Jags lost 5-2.

Buckie chemist dies - The death took place at his home 54 High Street, this week of G.P. Gibson, Chemist, who was in business in Buckie for 50 years. He was 75, and served his time as chemist, with John Webster, Cluny Square. A native of the town his father was a fishery officer.

New concert party formed - "Merrymakers" (We are not told whether there was a fall out but with the 'Cluny Revellers' still on the go the majority of those making up the 'Merrymakers' were formerly with the 'Cluny Revellers'.) Chairman and producer – Mr M. Cheadle. Cast and backroom staff - Misses – D. Marshall, J. Morrison, H, M and D Inglis, B. Marshall, H. Knowles, J. Legge, C. Lyon, D. Stephen, . Messrs – I. Sutherland, H. Forbes, J. S. Cowie, W. Mackie, B.Black, J. Burnett, A. Thain, E. Reid and J. W. Cowie.

Nov 16 **Photograph -** This shows Ian Sutherland at the radio set of station GM 3EZO. The set has a 25-amp output and is operating on a frequency of 40 metres. Next year the output will be increased to 150 watts. The members of the club have been in contact with 'hams' in Russia, south America and south Africa.

Poem – 'The War Memorial' . This was written by 'Georgie' and is to be found on page 2.

Strathlene House Hotel - There were 70 applicants for the post of manager of the hotel in succession to Mr Mitchell.

Buckie Burgh Surveyor - Mr Guthrie, Burgh Surveyor is to leave Buckie for Elgin where he is to take up the post of Senior Technician in the Burgh Surveyor's Department.

Football - Arradoul (Y.C) were beaten in an away game to Garmouth in a league match. The 'Doul' team was - Marshall, Cranna and Alexander; Cormack, Shand and Garvock; McGill, Paterson, Flett, Duncan and Cowie.

Nov 23 **Christie's Mobile Cinema** was showing the film 'Flying Tigers' about the American air force. They had again expanded the venues where they were showing the films - at Portgordon, Arradoul, Findochty, Portknockie and Cullen.

Photograph of a car - (Unfortunately the reproduction is poor as the majority of the photographs were at this time) This photograph, shown on page 2, is of one of the first cars ever to be seen in Buckie, about the turn of the century. It belonged to the late George Webster. The car was a Singer, which Mr Webster had acquired second hand from the Arcade Garage in Aberdeen when he did a swap for a large selection of gramophone records, which were slow in selling. The car had accumulator ignition. The engine was underneath the body, with the bonnet being a mere dummy. The rear wheels were chain driven and there were three forward gears, although the top gear was never used.

Football - Alex Donaldson received a cheque for £150 from the directors of Buckie Thistle at a small ceremony held in the pavilion at Victoria Park. The Thistle received a nice letter from the Kilmarnock manager who spoke of Alex settling down nicely and was a good mascot since the team hadn't lost since he had joined them.

'Wulfrun' - A former columnist wrote an article in this edition in which he gave the low down on the Welfare League.

Nov 30 **Playhouse** - 'Whisky Galore'. The film of the book by Compton McKenzie. Also showing this week 'Tulsa' starring Susan Hayward and Robert Preston.

Article - Crofter Fishermen. This is found on column 1, page 2.

Photograph of Buckie's new ambulance with driver, Hamish Wright. Page 8

Dec 7 **Jimmy Shand back in Buckie**. Buckpool Celtic F.C. are to have Jimmy Shand playing at their dance in the St Andrew's Hall on Tuesday 13 December. 8.30p.m to 1.a.m. Admission 6/-

Ernie Sherrett (Roths) and his correct tempo orchestra, direct from the Lido, Elgin, are to play at a dance in the St Andrew's Hall.

Bill Geddes and his band are booked to play in the Fishermen's Hall this coming Saturday and following Monday.

Boat launch - The 'Caronia' was launched from the shipyard of Herd & McKenzie this week for J. Campell, James Street, Buckie and three Lossiemouth men.

Football - The Thistle had former Aberdeen player, Gibson, in their team on Saturday when they beat Elgin City by 2 goals to one at Victoria Park.

The Cluny Revellers put on a very successful show at King Edward. The artistes and stage hands were as follows - Misses Helen Thomson, Betty Thain, Jean Wilson, Hilda Smith, Ina Cowie, Anne Cowie, Ruby Sutherland, Margaret

Sutherland, Ina Ferguson, Zena Cowie, Messrs George Rumbles, James Souter, John Legge, Harry Forbes, Willie Mackie, Ian Sutherland, Norman Pirie and Douglas Chisholm.

Accompanists – Maria Sluyter and Ethel Thomson. Chairman Rev. G. Alexander. Producer George Smith.

Dec 14 **Playhouse** – ‘Passport to Pimlico’ also ‘Kind Hearts and Coronets’

***** **Buckie Thistle** - The news that Buckie Thistle have been instructed by the SFA to lodge their minute book, cash book and player receipts at SFA Headquarters in Glasgow before a certain date It has caused some concern and led to much paper talk over a wide area. One newspaper said that Buckie Thistle had been making payments to players registered as amateurs.

Dec 21 **Christmas Dance in the Fishermen’s Hall on Monday 26 December.** Music for this is to be played by another new band on the circuit – The Downbeats, Elgin.

New Strathlene Hotel manager- Mr John Dickson, Aberdeen, and ex RAF man, was appointed manager of the hotel. He has had long experience in the catering trade. (He was to leave under something of a cloud the following year.)

The ‘Merrymakers’ make their debut. The new Buckie concert party, put on their concert when they appeared in the Seafield Hall, Portknockie, last Wednesday in aid of the Portknockie troop of Boy Scouts.

Poem - ‘Home’ This is found on page 8, column, written by a Buckie exile now living in Salisbury, Rhodesia.

Dec 28 **Playhouse** – ‘Knock on any Door’, starring Humphrey Bogart.

Concert - Arradoul Youth Club put on a concert in the Arradoul WRI hall on Thursday and Friday of last week. Club leader, George Gauld welcome the audience and introduced the various acts on Thursday evening while former leader, Mrs Brander did the honours on Friday. Mr Islay Shaw, club president, gave the vote of thanks on both evenings.

Acts and artistes were - Carols sung by Elizabeth Young and Ena Cruickshank. Play – “Colleges and Corns” with Rita Cryle, Isobel Copland, James Garvock and Ian Shepherd. Solos – ‘Yestreen The Queen Had Four Maries’, ‘Braw John Heilan’man’ sung by Mary Grant. Dance ‘Reel of the 51st Division’ – Mary Grant, Elizabeth, Helen McLennan, Ena Cruickshank, Eric Slorach, Douglas Inglis, Harry Ewen and Mansel Ritchie. Sketch ‘Wullie McFlannel in Hot Water’ John Jameison, Helen McLennan, Douglas Inglis and Islay Shaw. Duet- Mary Grant and Helen McLennan with chorus.

A dance followed the concert on Friday evening.

Columnists and articles in this edition - London Letter (the first for a long time) by Carteret

Filmgoers Guide by Mary Jappy

How to Become a Cycling Champion by Reg

Harris.

Sports Jottings by Corsair.

Advertisers - Those with adverts in this edition were- George Robertson, Draper, Cullen. Mrs J. A. Milne, Corsetiere, 13 Harbour Street. . Strathlene House Hotel, Afternoon teas. Book now for New Year Luncheon and Dinners. Watt and Mitchell Plasterers. Bruce Place, Portknockie and Craigmin Cottages, Drybridge. Forbes, Dyker’s Gardens, Buckie for Wreaths, Bouquets, Cut Flowers etc. Gordon Brothers, Motor Hirers, Harbour Street. For all electrical work, Marine, Domestic, D. Watt, 40D Commercial Road. Little Wonder, 37 East Church Street Lots of Toys for Girls and Boys. Walker and Smith, 25 East Church Street,

Electrical Installation and Repairs. Jamieson, Cycle and Radio Stores, Seaview Road, Buckpool. The Studio, Portessie Photographic work and Everything in General Drapery. James Mackay, Draper. Geo. Watson, Motor Hirer, 25 Gordon Street, Portgordon. Plant now – bushes of all sorts – George Christie, Nurseries, Fochabers. Thomas W. Lang Ophthalmic and Dispensing Optician, 29 West Church Street. Funeral Undertakers, A. Hendry and Sons, Lamnd Street, Buckpool. G.C. Howie, Joiner and Undertaker, 14 West Street, Buckie. Moray Firth Furnishing Coy. 37 West Church Street and 17 High Street.(Robertsons') Alex Esson, Cluny Square, Tailor and Outfitter. Florists, 3 High Street, Bouquets etc. Alex Hay, 39-41 West Church Street, Gifts for men and women. N.C. Pirie, Electrician, Buckpool. George S. Barclay, 31-33 East Church Street, Radios and Bicycles. Farquhar, 3 Hill Street, Portknockie, Motor Hirer. Bert Nicol, Cluny Lane, Upholsterer. J. A. Forrest, Electrical Engineer, Low Street. Firewood – £2 per load, Gordon, Woodmerchant. Sutherland's Furnishing Store, High Street, Buckie. Henderson's Quick service Cleaners, 27 Commercial Street, Findochty.

Serial – 'The Case of the Kidnapped Crooner' by Philip Drake was still continuing.