

1950

Jan 4 **Masonic Dinner and Dance** - Lodge Gordons No_589 are to hold a Dinner and Dance in the St Andrew's Hall on Wednesday 11 January. Music to be provided by Foley's Band from Macduff.

St Andrews Hotel dance - Saturday as usual with music by A. Mitchell's Band from Elgin.

Foundland Slate Quarries - This is a good informative article written by columnist 'Northie' in which he tells of the days when the Quarries flourished.

Serial – 'The Case of Kidnapped Crooner' The final instalment of this serial is found in this edition.

Cycling offences - The fine administered this week for cycling without lights was 30/- with the option of ten days. The offender was given 14 days to pay.

Lodge Gordons No 589 - Alex Hendry (Master Joiner) was installed as RWM of the Lodge. The IPM was Willie Lawson.

Miss Television Scotland - The search is on for the lady who will eventually be called Miss Television Scotland. Buckie Thistle Supporters Club is to run a number of weekly dances in connection with Scottish Theatrical Productions Ltd when 4 or 5 girls will be chosen.

Corsair's column - He was speaking about the various events, which were being run by football clubs and how dances supported football to a large extent. He said, "It is a pretty safe thing to say that there would even be no Buckie Thistle if it weren't for the money coming in from the weekly dances."

1949 was not a bad year - the 'Roving Reporter' said this after gathering reports from a variety of sources.

Jan 11 **Portgordon coal business sold** - James Slorach sold his coal business to Robert McKay.

Enzie Amateur Dramatic Society held a very successful concert in the Clochan Public School on Thursday and Friday of last week, with a good attendance on both nights despite the bad weather and road conditions.

The concert lasted for three hours for in addition to two one act plays there were items played by the orchestra, solos sang by John Hendry and Mrs W. F. Johnston, violin solo `

'Ave Maria' played by Anne Palmer and carols by the choir.

The following people took part in the two plays, 'John Grumlie' and 'William the Conqueror'.

Mary Fraser, Joan McCurrach, Mabel Thain, Wm. Palmer, John Hendry, Alex Wyllie, Mary Duncan, Margaret McKay, George Grigor, Wm. Potts and Allan Fraser.

The orchestra under the baton of Father Robertson, Preshome, comprised the following - Jimmy Duncan, Broadly, Alex Smith, Letterfourie Home Farm, Wm. Green, Quarryend, Drybridge, Wm. Anderson, Auchinreath, John Gregor, Oxhill, Clochan, Jimmy McQueen, Inchgower, George 'Doddie' Shand, Chapelford, Clochan, Anne Palmer, Tulloch Moss, Tynet and Diana Campbell, Buckie.

Father Robertson who proposed the vote of thanks commented on the number of people who were present considering the inclement weather.

Boat launch - The 'Liberdale' built for Grimbsy owners took place from the slip and shipyard of Jones' Ltd, this week. The boat is to be used exclusively for seine -net fishing in distant waters around the Faeroe Islands and Iceland.

Advert - A. Campbell and Sons, Funeral Undertakers, 21 Seaview Road, Buckpool.

Jan 18 **the names of those who fell in the 1939-45 war are to be put on the war memorial in Portgordon.**

Portgordon F.C. dances. The club who have been running dances in the Spey Bay hall for a considerable time are to have a change of venue on Saturday 21 January when on this night it will take place in the Masonic Hall, Portgordon, Music will be supplied by Foley's Band with Harry Paterson, vocalist. (I remember the dances well, taking the train from Buckie to Spey Bay to attend and then going home to Tynet by the free bus.)

*** **An article – Boyhood Memories of Buckie – 1895-1950.** This is found on page two and could be worth taking a copy.

Buckie Cycle Club took the decision to affiliate to the National Cyclist Union. President – David Reid, Portgordon, Captain, Wm. A. Cowie, vice captain, Wm. Addison, joint secretary and treasurer, John Cowie and Christine Smith. Committee – Helen Inglis, Elma Murray and Philip Drummond.

A story - A harridan whose life had been largely misspent decided to be converted by baptism.

A river was chosen on a pretty cold day with four men given the task of dropping her under the water, this to be done a number of times. When she came up the first time she shouted, "I believe". She was submerged a second and third time; shouting, "I believe" both times she came to the surface. On the third time of emergence one of the men asked, "What do you believe sister"? She replied, " you stinkers are trying to drown me".

Disappearance of local feature - The hump-backed bridge that carried the 'A98' road over the Buckie to Keith railway line at Rathven Station was being demolished this week.

*** **The first baby to be born in the new Seafield Maternity Annex was to Mr and Mrs Sim. Mrs Sim was given a pram, donated by Wm. Greig, Keith. (Unfortunately the address of Mr and Mrs Sim wasn't given nor was that of the infant.)**

Jan 25 **Merrymakers' Concert** - A concert to be given by the new concert group, 'The Merrymakers' is to take place in the Fishermen's Hall on February 17.

Fochabers Recreation Club- The club has held a number of dances recently with each one being advertised with an original caption. The one scheduled to take place on Saturday 28 January is described as a 'Surprise Dance'. Music to be provided by the Caledonia Band.

Advert – Have your car serviced at Archibald's Motors, Land Street, Buckpool.

Local boat sunk - The 'Paradigm' sank off the island of Trodday (Skye) after it hit rocks. The seven men aboard were all saved. P. W. Farquhar, Innes Sutherland and Peter Innes, all of Portgordon, owned the 'Paradigm', which was launched in 1947.

Boyhood Memories of Buckie - The second part of this article is found on page 3.

Football - Buckie Thistle team for Saturday - Alex Jenkins of Fochabers is to be in goal in place of Jimmy Findlay who asked to be rested. George 'Doddie' Gordon, formerly with the Home Guard and more recently with Buckpool Celtic is listed in the team at outside right. (His brother John, now in New Zealand, played for Buckie Thistle, just after the war at centre forward.)

Poems – Two poems are found on page 5, column 1. One of the poems, written by J. A. Leishman (Perhaps it was a descendent, with the same name, who was manager of Dunfermline and Livingstone Football Clubs in the 1990's. He was

noted as a McGonagall type of poet.) J.A. Leishman's poem on this occasion was written in support of Robert Burns whose work had been receiving some adverse criticism.

The second poem on the page was titled – "The Bonny Wee Place" and written by Mairi E. Calder, Tomleah, Farnachty.

New matron at Clydeville Childrens' Home - the matron appointed is Mrs Margaret Ross, Basingstoke, Berkshire, England. She was chosen from a short list of four, the other candidates coming from – Edinburgh, St Annes on Sea, and Ballinluig. They were all single women.

Mrs Ross was a sister in a Middlesex County Council School.

Trial for Buckie youth – Jim Cowie, Buckpool, a son of Johnnie 'Dyles' Cowie, who is presently serving in the army on National Service, has been offered a trial with Portsmouth.

Forbes – Dyker's Gardens, Buckpool - for wreaths, crosses, bouquets, sprays, buttonholes and cut flowers

Seat letting and rent collection – this will take place within the North Church vestry on 8th February between 7-8pm.

Men's navy blue suits – Very special value - note the price - £6.5.6. Alex hay, Tailor and Outfitter, West Church Street, Buckie.

Burns Supper in the Buckie area was very popular in 1950. The whole of page two is given over to reports on them – Lodge Bow Fiddle, Portknockie where W.S. Duthie, OBE, MP gave the Immortal Memory, the Fellowship of Youth of the Church of Christ, held in the church hall, Buckie Chapter of the OES No 258, held in the Townhouse where Rev McGhie gave the Immortal Memory. Portessie OES No 256 where Mr W.G. Cowie, Principal teacher of History at Elgin Academy gave the Immortal Memory.

Charles 'Charlie' Glennie, Piper, was a very busy man, piping in the haggis at a number of the events.

Boyhood Memories of Buckie – 1895- 1950. A further instalment is found on page three.

Football – John Valentine, serving in the army at Fort George played at centre half for Fort George against Buckie Thistle in a Highland League fixture at Victoria Park. Buckie won 4-1.

The Thistle team was – Jenkins, Wood and Leask; Massie, Mowatt and Lawrie; **Gordon**, Buchan, Tough, Davies and Stewart.

Feb 8 **Portgordon's war dead - The** names of the 28 persons, who lost their lives during WWII, and which were to be added to the war memorial is given in this edition.

Boyhood Memories in Buckie- 1895-1950 - Part four is given on page three.

Gray's Mill, Garden Lane- the meal mill is to be completely cleared of all the original machinery and milling equipment with the most modern designed machinery installed.

Column – Children's Corner by Prunella.

Feb 15 **Playhouse** – 'Rope of Sand' starring Burt Lancaster and others.

Is the former Dallachy airfield to be used for military training?

Boyhood Memories in Buckie 1895 to 1950. The fifth and final part is given on page three.

Advert - Shoe Service – D.E. 10 West Church Street. Sale – massive reduction in ladies, girl's and children's shoes.

Former Sailor's home - At this week's meeting of Buckie Town Council it was proposed and seconded that the council should dispose of the former Sailors' Home to Banff County Council. Not all councillors agreed to sell at the price being offered.

Football - Thistle 'A' 5 Peterhead 1 –Aberdeenshire League –
The Thistle team was – Moulton, Sandison and Allan; Wallace, Hector and Farmer (Portsoy);

J. Smith, E. Smith, Rae, Cormack and Davidson.

The first eleven was beaten by five goals to nil at Telford Street, in Inverness. The sport's desk of the Banffshire Advertiser received a letter from a Caley fan complimenting the Thistle players on their sporting attitude.

Jim Leask received a big bouquet for his sporting gesture. Thinking that opponent, McIntosh, had been badly hurt he immediately banged the ball out of touch. The 2000 crowd rightly gave him a round of applause. This is commonly done today in the year 2000 but apparently this was one of the first time that this had ever been done.

The Portgordon playing field. Portgordon had been offered a ten-acre piece of land at the west end of the village by a local farmer where a playing field, including a football pitch, might be created. Up to this date plans had not advanced one bit. The football club is to ask back the £50, which they had given to the committee towards the creation of the playing field.

The football club now has their eyes on a piece of belonging to the Crown Estate up the Toll Road.

Photograph of James Milne 18 Sutherland Street. Pte Milne, Gordon Highlanders was formerly a trawlerman before being called up for the army in 1948. He later signed on until 1952. He is a Regimental Policeman serving in Berlin. He says that his hobbies are woodworking and learning German.

Feb 22 **Opening announcement** - William Coull, Fried Fish and Chip business on East Cathcart Street.

Tennis Courts – The town council gave the go ahead for the construction of tennis courts in the **Cathcart Park**. (Later to become the Ian Johnston Park?)

A Schoolboy's First Sea Trip – 1886 - This is found on page 3 and written by John Innes, Sawmill House.

Miss T.V. Buckie – Miss Ishbell Slater, 20 Blantyre Place, Portknockie was chosen Miss T.V. Buckie in the search for Miss T.V. Scotland organised by Archie McCulloch. She will go forward to the area finals.

Mar 1 **Banffshire's MP.** W.S. Duthie OBE was returned as MP for Banffshire with an increased majority. The Labour candidate came second with the Liberal man third.

Buckie Welcome Home Fund – List of fallen- from the burgh of Buckie and the Arradoul, Rathven, and Shielburn parts of the civil parish of Rathven. This to include sailors, soldiers, marines, airmen, nurses in uniform or others that served in His Majesty's Forces in the war 1939-45 up to VJ day or during the war served as merchant seamen with a discharge book.

This week the names are of those who served in the RN and RNR. next week the list will those of the army.

Mar 8 **Buckie Miniature Rifle Club** - An article, written by Johnny Butler, is found on page 2

Army list of fallen in WW II in Buckie and surrounding areas is given on page 5, columns 4 and 5.

Football - John Valentine was in goal for Buckie Thistle who was beaten by five goals to two by Peterhead in the replay of the Aberdeenshire County Cup, 1st round 2nd leg.

Mar 15 **Concert** - Melodies and Memories with singer Alistair McHarg, Valerie Mason, soprano, Tommy Kershaw, accordionist and Roland Smith, comedian. Also the Science of Hypnotism with John Willgoss.

Dances - Buckie Thistle Supporters Club are to hold a 50-50 dance in the Fishermen's Hall on Monday 3 April. A Beauty Queen will be chosen as the Buckie Thistle 'Pin-Up' Music by Geddes' Band.

A dance will take place in the St Andrew's Hall on Saturday 25 March with music by the Mitchell Accordion Band from Elgin. Competitions and free buses.

Bill Geddes will also be playing at a dance in the Fishermen's Hall on Saturday 25 March. The competitions include - Spot Waltz, Elimination dance etc. Free buses.

Fochabers Recreation Club is also holding a dance in the Institute Hall on Saturday 25 March when music will be provided by Geo. Foley's Band from Macduff. Free bus to and from Buckie.

Portgordon Ratepayer's Association is holding a Grand Variety Concert in the Masonic Hall on Thursday 16 March, in aid of the Old Age Pensioner's Fund. The artistes will be the Portknockie Children Concert Party.

Mar 22 **Weddings** - The wedding took place in Sheffield of James Burnett, Buckie, and Jessie Ada youngest daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Alex Watson, the Croft, Clochan. Also wed were Ian Young Garmouth and Annabella Napier Shepherd of James Street, Buckpool.

Mar 29 **Notice** - Buckpool Celtic Football Club is holding a dance in the Drill Hall, Elgin, on Saturday 1st April when music will be provided by the Hawthorn Band. A bus will run from Buckie. Tickets may be had from R. Paterson, secretary, 22 James Street.

Cocktail Bar - The plans for a cocktail bar in the St Andrew's Hotel were passed by the town council.

Apr 5 **Committee members of the Buckie Youth Fellowship** - President - A. Hendry, secretaries- Balfour Black and James Mackay, treasurer, Patricia Geddes, Committee - John Flett, Titness Street, Dorothy Morrison, 7 Yuill Avenue, Jess Ann Cowie, 23 Harbour Head, Jessie Murray, 28 Admiralty Street, Meg Murray 22 Admiralty Street, Wm. Cowie, 40 Yardie, Ian Gauld, Duguid Street and Alex Cowie, 51 Yardie.

Victoria Park grandstand builder - The local paper carried a photograph of Wm. Thomson, 'Tomphy', who was home from Canada on holiday, the first time since leaving 29 years before. He is now 64. He will be remembered by the older members of the community as a partner in the joinery firm of Thomson will and Hepburn who built the wooden grandstand at Victoria Park in 1919 will. He also played and captained Buckie Thistle and was titled the 'penalty king' because of his prowess in scoring from the spot. He is staying with his sister, Mrs Cowie, 17 Sutherland Street, Buckpool.

Juvenile football - The teams joining the Juvenile League next season are as follows - Buckie Wanderers, Buckie United, Findochty Wanderers, Fochabers Rockets, Strathlene Swifts, Seatown Rovers and Portgordon Rangers.

Miss Buckie Thistle- The girl chosen as Miss Buckie Thistle at a recent dance in the Fishermen's Hall is Miss E. Leslie, Lhanbryde. The runner-up was Miss A. Gammie, Fordyce.

Apr 12 **Football** – Buckie Thistle 1 Kilmarnock 2 (Friendly match) Alex Donaldson who moved to the Kilmarnock club from Buckie Thistle earlier in the season played for the Ayrshire team.
The size of the crowd was smaller than was expected due, in no small measure, to the foul weather conditions.

Apr 19 **Playhouse** - "The Hasty Heart" starring Ronald Reagan and Patricia Neal etc.

Arradoul Youth Club is to hold a 50-50 dance in the WRI hall at Arradoul on Friday 28 April. Music to be supplied by the Caledonia Band.

Football – In the first game of the Juvenile League Buckie United beat Strathlene Swifts by 5 goals to 4. Robbie Gordon had a hat trick for the United with Danny Fearn and R. Cowie scoring the others. Murray and Sutherland scored the goals for the Swifts.

Buckie Youth Centre – Premises were built between Mid Street and New Street consisting of two Nissen huts. The premises are to be used both by the Youth Club and Youth Fellowship. (In the year 2000 the site is partially occupied by the Salvation Army Church while the concrete floor of the other hut is still visible just off New Street.)

Attendance at dances - We are told that there were 300 present at the weekly Saturday night dance in the St Andrew's Hall.

Buckie Town Council - Charles 'Charlie' Shearer, Draper and Outfitter, a new candidate topped the poll at the recent town council election. George Campbell, of Arthur Campbell and Sons, Carpenters and Joiners, Buckpool, came second, followed by John Park Buchan. Jimmy Lawson came top of the three unsuccessful candidates. John 'Jackie' Johnston a member of the last council lost his seat.

Apr 26 **Playhouse** - "Snake Pit" starring Olivia De Haviland and others.

Poem - 'spring – Poet and Peasant' by Mairi E. Calder, Tomleah, Farnachty.

Portknockie Town Council - Provost Falconer was re-elected Provost at Portknockie.

Football – Williamson, goalkeeper with Portgordon Rangers, played in goal for Buckie Thistle 'A' on Saturday and put up an impressive display. (He was a member of a hawker family staying at Dallachy.)

May 3 **Jimmy Shand** is to play at a dance in the Fishermen's Hall on May 10. This will be an old time dance ran by Buckpool Celtic. Tickets cost 5/-

Burgh Surveyor - John Murray who was previously assistant burgh surveyor in Buckie before moving to Nairn was appointed to the vacancy in Buckie.

New floor – A new wooden floor consisting of Austrian beech has been laid on the floor of the Townhouse hall and also the lobby and anteroom.

Winner of Stop-Watch competition – Arradoul Youth Club recently ran a Stop-Watch competition in which those who participated had to guess the time at which they thought the watch would stop. The winner was Dougal Burnett, Caravan Cottage, Drybridge. Jimmy Garvock sold most books to win the prize of £1.

Boat launch - The 'Ivyrose' built for Stornoway owners were launched from the slip and shipyard of Messrs Jones this week. The 'Ivyrose' is a dual-purpose vessel.

Football - Buckie Thistle were beaten by four goals to one by Ross County in the final of the Highland League Cup. The Thistle had two Stirling Albion players, Laird and Miller guesting for them in this match.

This was Jimmy Findlay's last game for Buckie Thistle and left without any medals to mark his five years spent with the club.

Juvenile Football - Buckie United 2 Portgordon Rangers 1

United – Milne, Reid and Eddy Shepherd; W. Bisset Jappy, Tommy Lawson and Wm. 'Beel' Jappy; W. Cowie, Danny Fearn, Robbie Gordon, Fobbie Ritchie and Willie Sinclair.

Rangers - Williamson, Smith and Farquhar; Scott, Islay Shaw and Geo. 'Dorker' Grieve; Hay, Innes, Cowie, Ian Crombie and Ronnie Ritchie.

Poem – 'My Ain Countryside' written by Mairi E. Calder, Farnachty. This is found on page 8.

May 10 **New shop to be opened** - The North of Scotland Hydro Electricity Board are to open their new showrooms at 28 East Church Street on Tuesday 16 May. An electricity exhibition is to take place in the Fishermen's Hall on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 16, 17 and 18 May.

Photograph - This shows the committee and supporters of Buckpool Celtic F.C. who are presently engaged in the construction of a pavilion at Merson Park. The town council supplied the materials. (In the photograph (not good) can be recognised George 'Doddie' Gordon and joiner, Pete McGrory. The pavilion was built on the opposite side of the road from the 'Turner Pavilion'.)

Manse on Queen Street – Permission was given by the presbytery to sell the building at the junction of Queen Street and West Church Street. (This was built as a manse for the assistant minister of the South Church but it would seem that it was never used for this purpose. The town council occupied it for a short spell and had plans to make in the Townhouse but the church wouldn't sell it to the council.)

Passed his exams - Jim Leask, a player with Buckie Thistle and an employee of the Post Office passed the Civil Service Clerical exam.

Poem - 'On the Exile' This is found on page 7 column 5 and written by Georgie.

Logie Steps - A photograph on page 8 shows the sides of the steps being cemented. The steps received a lot of work done to them in 1998, with a considerable amount of money being spent.

May 17 **New owner of business** - The new owner of the General Merchant's business at 12 Duke Street, Findochty, is Gladys Harrison who has taken over from Robert W. D. Mitchell who has retired.

Football – In their last league game of season 1949/50, the Thistle gained revenge for their defeat in the final of the Highland League Cup when they beat Ross County by six goals to one.

The Thistle team was – Jenkins, tough and Leask; Massie, Mowatt and Lawrie; Milne, Allan, Wood, Buchan and Davies.

New Column with a name from the past – 'Skipper' The title of the column is 'On the Bridge'

May 24 **First time seen** - Moray Firth Furniture (Robertson's) had an advert, which occupied much of the front page of the B. A.

For sale - The Barhill Sawmill is for sale- apply to A. Campbell and Sons, Joiners. (The building, which doesn't appear to have been opened up for a long time was still standing, as it has done for many a day, in the autumn of 2000.)

Arradoul Youth Club- The last 50-50 dance proved to be so much of a success that a second is planned for Friday 2 May. The dance will start at 8.30p.m. with music by the Caledonia Band. Admittance 2/6.

Column ` In and Around Town by Penguin - "This week's bouquet goes to 'Doddie' Gordon, former O/R of Buckie Thistle. The news that he had signed for Rothes was just one of these rumours. I know that he is returning to his first love Buckpool Celtic and when the new season starts will be wearing, along with his mates, a new strip in new colours."

Column - ` Sport's Jottings' by Corsair

May 31 **Photograph of the Buckpool Celtic team is found on page 7.** They have just won the Welfare League Cup.

Team - Thain, Jim Campbell, Danny Fearn, Jimmy Leslie, Eddy Shepherd, Neil Redford, Elky Clark, Davie Geddes, Ali Martin, G. Murray, R. 'Kits' Geddes.

According to the report, Buckpool Celtic was the first team to win the cup when it was donated in 1919. The team then was - Hay, J. Clark, Reid, Murray, A. Barrie, J. Murray, J. Barrie, G. Bowie, J. Bruce, Geddes, John Barrie.

Science teacher retires Mr Carson A. Ross, MA, BSc known to many of us as 'Corker' because of his wooden leg, retired as assistant science teacher at Buckie High School on Tuesday 23 May after serving for 27 years.

June 7 **Have yourself a holiday!** Two hotels, one in Forres the other in Grantown, were advertising themselves on the front page of the B.A. The Gordon Hall Hotel, Grantown and the Cluny Hall Hotel, Forres. The Grantown hotel was advertising special weekend terms. Friday night to Monday morning inclusive £2.15. Restful lounges, excellent food with home baking.

Advert - new firm - Paterson and Cook, Plasterers, Cement Workers and Tile Fixers. 76 St Peter's Road and Geddes Buildings, Newlands Lane.

Football report on page 7 - Scottish Secondary Juvenile Cup North 1st round Buckie United 6 Seatown Rovers 1 Special match report written by 'Roy'. Heading "**Gauld Stars for the Rovers**".

June 14 **Opening announcement** - Wm. Cowie, 11 Reidhaven Street, Ianstown, starting a taxi business.

For sale - Shop at 29 West Church Street for sale.

Dances - These were now taking place every Monday and Saturday in the Fishermen's Hall with music by Bill Geddes. (There was no indication given of who was running them but we can assume that this was the start of the dances ran by the Buckie Welfare Society which continued through until the end of National Service in 1961. Much of the money from the dance was pumped into Buckie Thistle to pay high wages for Aberdeen based players, who made the Thistle the force they were through much of the 1950's)

School Duxes - The Dux of St Peter's R.C. School this year is William Jappy. The Dux of the primary department is Elizabeth B. Hillocks. (William 'Bill' Jappy was later to become a councillor with Moray District Council then Moray Council in the 1990's and into the new century.)

The Dux of Cullen School is Alistair McKay. (Alistair was to become a modern language teacher at Buckie High School but died at a very early age.)

Nicola Thain is the Dux of the Episcopal School.

Dennis Gowie is Dux of Portessie J. S. School.

Poem - "Rogie Falls" written by Pat Wilson. This is found on page 6, column 4.

Pen Portraits - The Banffshire Advertiser was to print pen portraits of the teams playing in the Juvenile League. The first one in the series is Strathlene Swifts, which is found on page 7.

Jun 21 **Boat launch** - The Copious, built for Sandend owners, Wm. McKay and his two sons, Francis and William, was launched this week from the shipyard of Herd & McKenzie. The Copious is to be used chiefly for catching herring.

Pen Portrait - Fochabers Rockets - This is found on page 7.

Photograph - A picture of the new cleansing vehicle is given in this edition. The vehicle, a 27 hp Karrier weighs 6 tons and has a 10 cubic yard capacity.

Jun 28 **Arradoul Youth Club - Bus Run** - The annual bus run is to take place on Sunday 23 July. Tickets cost 10/- Members are asked to get their tickets before the 16th July either from Miss Mary Fraser, Burnside of Enzie or Miss Rita Cryle, Cairnfield.

Bus tours - John Lawrence, Cullen, had the following announcement in the local paper - Bus tours start on 10 June and run through until 23 September.

- 1) Balmoral and Braemar, every Sunday and Tuesday leaving at 10am. Ticket 17/6
- 2) Afternoon run to Grantown every Wednesday and Friday leaving at 2 p.m. Ticket 8/6
- 3) Afternoon to Dufftown on Monday leaving at 2 p.m. Ticket 8/6
- 4) Afternoon to Fraserburgh on Thursday leaving at 2 p.m. Ticket 8/6
- 5) Evening to Huntly leaving at 5 p.m. Ticket 5/6

Dances There were no less than seven dances advertised on the front of the Banffshire Advertiser this week. Two are to take place in the Fishermen's Hall, on Saturday 1st July and Monday 3rd, with Bill Geddes and his band. There is also a dance in the St Andrew's Hall on Saturday night where the Mitchell Accordion Band is playing. Over in Cullen a dance will take place on Thursday 6th July to music by the Melodymakers.

On Wednesday July 19th Buckpool Celtic have the Wm. Hannah Broadcasting Band playing at their dance in the Fishermen's Hall.

Duncan's Band from Broadley are playing in the Oakwoods Tearooms on Friday and Saturday, where one can enjoy a mixture of Modern and Old Tyme dancing from 8-1 am on Friday and from 8 until 11.30 p.m. on Saturday. Admittance on both nights is 2/6.

Portgordon F.C. are holding a dance in the Spey Bay hall on Saturday 15 July with free buses.

Cartoon strip - 'Hit and Miss'

School Duxes - Nora Gibb is Dux of Portessie J. S. School. David Flett is Dux of Findochty Public School and winner of the Alister John Olsen Memorial Prize.

Pen portrait - The team this week is **Buckie United**. The report is given on page 7; columns 1 and 2 top half.

A photograph of Portgordon Rangers in found in this edition. The names of the players are - Smith, Grieve, Farquhar, Williamson, Shaw, Cowie, Hay, Shepherd, Reid, and Innes.

Servicemen return to Dallachy- Soldiers moved into Dallachy airfield which has become a temporary training camp for National Servicemen from now until the end of August.

Jly 5 **Advert - Buckie's Gala Week from 24-29 August.**

Bus tours - 'Alexander's' bus tours, both afternoon and evening are to commence on Sunday 9th July.

Dance - The First Target Boat Flotilla will hold a farewell dance in the Fishermen's Hall on Wednesday 5 July. Admittance 1/6 single or 2/6 couples.

School awards - In class P5 at St Peter's RC School first was Betty Hillocks with Linda Gordon 2nd. At Enzie Public School Margaret Fraser and Robin Johnston shared 1st equal place in PIV. Joseph was 1st in Crafts in Secondary 1 with Douglas Hutchinson second.

Death of Findochty provost - The death took place of Provost Kiloh of Findochty. He was 78.

Pen portrait - The team this week is the **Findochty Wanderers**. There is also a photograph of the Wanderers, with the names of the players given. Moran, Robertson, Ross, Cowie, Smith, Taylor, Campbell, Innes, Mearns, McKenzie, Lyon.

Photograph of Fochabers Rockets - The player's names are - Sutherland, Bingham, B. Gray, W. Gray, Forsyth, Tully, J. Gray, Geddes, Leslie, Jenkins, Robertson.

Jly 12 **Advert** - Buckie Lifeboat Gala Week - Events taking place - Monday - Boxing exhibition in the Victoria Park.

Tuesday afternoon - Parade of the schoolboy's boat 'Peterhythe' from Cullen to Portgordon. In the evening a Fancy Dress Parade to Victoria Park where judging will take place.

Wednesday evening - Motor Treasure Hunt, starting at Cluny Square at 6 p.m. HLI Pipe Band will be playing in the Cluny Square with a dance to follow in the Fishermen's Hall.

Thursday - Highland and Country Dancing display in Victoria Park.

Friday - Flag Day at Peter Fair.

Saturday- the Great Day - naming ceremony of the new lifeboat at Cluny Harbour.

Notice - Owing to the present dry spell the public are requested in their own interests to refrain from watering gardens, washing pavements and windows in order to conserve the water supply. J. Murray Burgh Surveyor.

Farewell dance - The Royal Corps of signals invite you to a Grand Farewell Dance in the Fishermen's Hall on Friday 14 July. Music by Coull's Band. Admittance 2/-

The Oakwood's Tearooms Len Wilkinson's Band, Inverness will be playing on Friday 21 July. Admittance 5/-. Mayne's bus will run from Buckie, leaving Cluny Square at 8.15 p.m.

All together no less than 13 dances were advertised to take place, shown on the front page of the B.A., including one by the local branches of the Labour and Liberal Parties.

Photograph - Two pictures are to be found on page 2 showing parties of bairns setting off for a picnic. Those from the West Church were to hold theirs at Cullen while those connected with the Portessie OES were bound for Rothes. The reproduction of both pictures is, unfortunately, poor.

New provost at Findochty- George Dice was appointed provost of Findochty.

A photograph of Portgordon Rangers and also that of Buckie United is found on page 7. Once again the reproduction is very poor.

Those appearing in the United photograph are named - G. Gill, secretary, W. 'Beel' Jappy, J. Reid, Bisset Jappy, Milne, Fobbie Ritchie, Tommy Lawson, A. Reid, Ernie Cowie, Robbie Gordon, Jimmy Sinclair, and Eddy Shepherd.

A report on a game between the two teams is given on the same page where the Rangers won by 5 goals to one.

Circus in town - Barrett's Circus is to visit Buckie on Monday and Tuesday 17 and 18 July. It will also be in Fochabers on Friday 24th. "The circus you must not miss"

Jly 19 **Admiral pays a visit to Buckie naval base** - Rear Admiral Austice Flag Officer Flying Training paid a visit to the naval base in Buckie this week.

Died in New Zealand - John Pirie, late of Portknockie, died in New Zealand. He was a shoemaker by trade. His widow was formerly Miss Maggie Scorgie, Wilson's Land, Buckpool.

Promotion for Buckie postman - Charles Hepburn, Elsley Place, Buckpool, was appointed Assistant Inspector at the Buckie Post Office.

Boat launch - The 'Alant' was launched from the shipyard of Messrs G. Thomson and Son on Tuesday. The 'Alant' a Danish type vessel, was built for Mr Hugo Thinnessen of Whitehaven.

Pen portrait - This week, on page 7, a report is given on the **Seatown Rovers**.

Football - In connection with Elgin Gala Week a team of Buckie Thistle veterans are to play a team of Elgin City veterans. The Buckie team will be along the lines of - Woods or Taylor, J. Bowie and Geddes; Middleton, J. Cowie and Shanks; G. Kaye, W. Hay, G. Calder, Murray and Thomson.

Jly 26 **A shift for Thistle player** - Jim Leask, the Buckie Thistle player who recently passed a Civil Service examination, is to move from the Post Office where he was a P and To Officer to the Inland Revenue where he will be an Income Tax Officer. He is to take up his new duties at the office on Queen Street.

Poem - 'Colour Bar' written by Georgie, is found on column 2 page 8.

Aug 2 **Dance** - Buckpool Celtic are to hold a Grand Flannel dance in the Fishermen's Hall on Monday 14 August. Music to be supplied by the Music Masters Dance band from Inverness.

Peter Fair - The only notice that Peter Fair had taken place was a single photograph.

New Buckie life boat - The new lifeboat was named 'Glencoe Glasgow' on Saturday, the last day of the Lifeboat Gala Week.

Wedding - The marriage took place in St Gregory's Church, Preshome, of Rolfe Witte, former, German POW, and Patricia McCurrach. Clochan. .

Boat launch - The fishing boat 'Three Lads' was launched from the shipyard of Messrs Jones Ltd this week. It was built for Messrs F.C. and A.J. Sutherland, Cleethorpes, Grimbsy.

Aug 9 **Playhouse** - 'The Blue Lamp' starring Jack Warner etc.

New feature - Personality Parade - This is found on page 2. This week it is involved with worthies from the past. 'Sandy Candy' who made and sold candy. He lived on Wilson's Lane, now Anton Street. Robbie Ross, the town crier who is always associated with the Buckie Riots of 1862. The last, Habberin' Peter Joyce, who went round selling things out of a box but had difficulty in making himself known because of a very bad stutter.

Poem - found on page 3. This is written by Mairi E. Calder but has no name.

Situation vacant - Not for a long time had there been an advert for a farm worker in the B.A. but this week there was one for a Dairy Cattleman. Applicants were asked to apply to the B.A.

Old photographs - This edition of the B.A. printed a number of photographs showing scenes of old Buckie. These are found on page 5. One shows one of Peter

Fair. There are two of Cluny Square. One was taken during the building of Cluny Harbour while the last is an artist's impression of Buckie apparently drawn from about Iainstown. The same picture was given on the front of the B.A. for a very short time many years before.

Thistle team - The Thistle chosen for the first game of the new season is - Freddie Black, Tough and Leask; Massie Mowat and Lawrie; Milne, Buchan, Carrol, Jeffrey and Morrice. Black, Morrice and Carroll were all new signings.

Buckie Welfare League - Rathven Rangers after a poor season decided to withdraw as did Portgordon. Garmouth Legion joined the Morayshire Junior League. Findochty after being absent for a year are to return.

Aug 16 **Personality Parade** - Men of Portessie - Sandy Fraser, retired schoolmaster, who when he retired became a postman. 'Aul' Pro', Alex Smith, 'Jockie Pay', John Smith.

Letters- In this edition the editor chose to reprint some letters, which had been received from readers in the past. They had obviously been chosen with care and were interesting and in some cases most amusing. These are found on page 2, column 5/6.

Serial - An instalment of a story titled, 'White Heat' is found in this edition.

Football - Buckie Thistle won their first game of season 1950/51 when they beat Inverness Thistle by four clear goals at Kingsmills Park, Inverness.

Aug 25 **Sold** - Robert McKay who bought the coal business belonging to Jimmy Slorach, Portgordon only a short time before had to sell it again when ill health meant he could no longer continue. The new owner is J. McLeod, Lossiemouth.

Old Time Dance - Buckpool Celtic are to have Jim Cameron's Scottish Dance Band to play at their dance in the Public Institute, Fochabers on Saturday 9 September.

Football - Buckie Thistle were beaten in both legs of the Morganti Cup (Highland League Cup) by Elgin City. In the first game they lost by three goals to one at Victoria Park and the second by 2 goals to one at Borough Briggs.

Aug 30 **Music tuition** - The following people were offering music tuition on pianoforte, organ, singing and theory of music. Alexander Reid, 4 James Street, Miss Anne Flett, Hazeldeane, High Street, Miss Cath Hay LRAM ATCI, 1 Duguid Street, Alex Nicol, Firthview Cluny Terrace.

All Saints Sunday School- A photograph on page 2 shows (if poorly) 100 children all ready to leave for their picnic on the Seafield Estates.

Poliomyelitis - A case of polio has been reported in Portknockie. This is third case in Banffshire, the others being in Aberlour and Gardenstown.

Football - A Welfare League Select team was beaten by four goals to one by an Orkney team in Kirkwall.

Sept 6 **Fire Service** - The **NFS** were being thanked for dealing with a fire; which took place at Gloneen, Chancellor Place, Portessie.

Playhouse - 'Jolson Sings Again' starring Larry Parkes (A great film, much enjoyed.)

Poem - 'Face Ma Critic' , written by Mairi E. Calder. This is found on page 7. Apparently Mrs Calder's work had been criticised by someone and in this poem she gives an answer back.

Sept 13 **The Mysteries of Cullen's Charter**- This article, found on page 2, has been written by J. Butler. He based his story on notes given to him by A. Hutchison, Town Clerk of Cullen.

Poem - 'Greenock Choir' written by J. Barr. The poem accompanies a photograph of the Greenock Gospel Male Voice Choir which paid a visit to Buckie. Both are found on page 3.

Jail sentence - Mrs B. Reid, or Morrison or Fleming, Newton Croft, Glack of Midthird, Botriphnie was sentenced to three months in prison for ill-using two boarded out children in her charge.

Buckie Welcome Home Fund - Buckie Town spoke of trying to force the issue of a pay out.

Boat launch - The fishing boat Sirius was launched from the shipyard of Messrs Jones Ltd on Tuesday of this week. The Sirius was built for Joseph Smith, 25 Linn Crescent and Alfred Geddes, 40 Linn Crescent.

Sept 20 **Playhouse** - 'Gunga Din' starring Cary Grant, Victor McLagen etc.

Sept 27 **Cluny Revellers** - A notice read that practice was to start in the Commercial Hall on Tuesday 3rd October.

Merrymakers Concert Party- practice begins in the Cluny Hotel on Tuesday 3rd October.

Article written about different meaning of words - "Dinna Ca' Me Hinnie Honey" The Things You Say by Spectra. Found on page 2 of this edition - quite interesting.

Poem - 'Never a Nickel' written by J.C. Portgordon.

Teams in the Welfare League in 1950 - Reading from top to bottom after five games had been played - Buckpool Celtic, Portsoy, Fochabers, Buckie Rovers, Seafield Albion, Banff Rovers, Isla Vale, Arradoul, Findochty and Strathlene.

Oct 4 **Pubs for Portessie** - Two people applied for licences for public houses in Portessie. One was Cecil Smith, barman, who had made several applications before and for the same place, 27 Rannas Place. The other applicant was Wm. Harper of 13 Oglivie Street who was seeking a licence for 40 Great Eastern Road. David W. C. Currie, Kirriemuir, was in for a licence for the St Andrew's Inn and Hotel.

Arradoul WRI- Will people wishing to can fruit are asked to hand their names to Mrs Chisholm, Dalmeny, St Peter's Road, before 9th October.

Dance - Buckie Thistle Supporters Club are to hold a 50-50 (half modern, half old time, (eightsome reels etc) dance in the Fordyce Public Hall.

Buckie Female singer - Miss Jean Smith, 19, 125 Main Street, a student at Aberdeen University, a well known local soprano can be heard on Friday of this week singing on the Scottish Home Service.

Three notices - Will the person who removed the table from the lobby of the Fishermen's Hall between 7 and 8 p.m. on the evening of 30 September return same immediately (or buy the four chairs!)

Will the person who removed the wrong 'Driback' raincoat from the Playhouse cloakroom on Saturday night please return same to the Playhouse when his own can be collected.

Would the lady who picked up the wrong pair of brown (flat-heeled) shoes on Monday 2nd October please return same to the Fishermen's Hall and collect their own.

We can only wonder how much success the notices achieved.

A photograph on page 5 shows two local ladies who had recently qualified as nurses at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary. One is Nurse Nellie Flett Smith, 17 Oglivie Street, Portessie and Esther, M. Addison, 23 Seatown.

Oct 11 **Knockshinnoch Mine Disaster - The** proceeds from a whist drive held in the Victoria Bowling Club pavilion went towards the Knockshinnoch Mine Disaster Fund. (A number of men lost their lives in this Ayrshire mine when water flooded in from a peat bog overlying the mine workings)

Wulfrun (a name from the past) on the Welfare League - Buckpool Celtic were still leading the field, Buckie Rovers were sitting mid table with Findochty still to win a point.

Oct 18 **Poem** - 'The Tattie Houkin' written by J. C. Portgordon. This is found on page 3.

Buckie Youth Fellowship met on Sunday evening as usual in the west Church Hall when there was the usual big turnout. Solos were sung by Dorothy Morrison, Jess Ann Cowie and Margaret Cowie, while Wm. Cowie and Alex Cowie sang a duet.

Photograph of the Ladies Choir is found on page five. This had been taken at an earlier time.

Oct 25 **Playhouse** - four films being shown this week are - 'That Midnight Kiss' with Kathryn Grayson; 'Twelve O'Clock High' with Gregory Peck; 'My Foolish Heart' with Dana Andrews and 'The Fighting Kentuckian' starring John Wayne.

Elite Enterprises - Ballroom dancing in the St Andrew's Hall every Monday evening starting on Monday 30th October. Music by the Blue Rocket's Dance Band. Admittance 2/6. Free buses from Keith and Elgin picking up in between.

Photograph of the 3rd Buckie (Portessie) Co. Boys Brigade. Taken at their Enrolment Service.

Cycle Race Competition A cycle race competition was staged in June 1898 over the 27-mile distance between Buckie and Lhanbryde, return. David Reid, Portgordon completed the distance in 1 hour 16 minutes to set up a record. D. Allan broke this time when he knocked off ten seconds, spurring David Reid on to try again on the last day of the competition. This time he did the distance in a time of 1 hour 12 minutes, a record that in 1950 had stood for 52 years.

David Reid has offered to give the trophy he had won in 1898 to anyone who can officially break his record.

An attempt was made by members of Buckie Cycle Club on Sunday when the following times were recorded. W. H. Addison, 1 hour, 12 minutes and 54 seconds; J. Cowie, 1 hour, 16 minutes and 36 seconds. Others who competed and returned with time all below 1 hour and 30 minutes were - Wm. Cowie, D. McKenzie and J. Reid.

Nov 1 **Playhouse** - 'Back to Bataan' John Wayne etc.

Boat launch - Thomson's Shipyard launched a boat this week but without a name. The boat was built on spec and now awaits an owner.

Christmas story of the N.E. and about Buckie - This is found on page 3 and is titled - 'Cast Your Bread'

Photograph on page five – This shows the first appearance of 1st Buckie Boys Brigade bugle band. 60 NCO's and boys together with 4 officers headed by the bugle band paraded in the Buckie High School Primary Department playground.

Nov 8 **New drill instructor** - Sergeant Major Coggle has arrived in Buckie as instructor of the Buckie branch of the Territorial Army. He replaces Sergeant Major Stratton who has gone to Malaya. Sergeant Major Coggle has served for 6 years in the 1st Batt. Gordon Highlanders, four being spent in Germany where he was Provost Sergeant Major.

Land Army to be disbanded - The Women's Land Army is to be disbanded at the end of November but the WLA Welfare and Benevolent Fund will continue.

Poem - 'WRI Party' written by J. C. Portgordon. This is found on page 6.

Football – In a friendly match played at Victoria Park Buckie Thistle were unlucky to lose by the odd goal in 11 to a good Aberdeen 'A' team.

The Thistle team was – Black, Wood and Leask; Tough, Rae and Lawrie; Milne, Buchan, Massie, Jeffrey and Morrice.
Mowat was now serving with the RAF.

Nov 15 **Playhouse** – 'She Wore a Yellow Ribbon' starring John Wayne. 'The Forsythe Saga' starring Errol Flynn and Greer Garson.

Advert - Bruce Gerry, Fishmerchant, 15 Low Street.

Photograph of Portgordon war Memorial showing the 1939-45 plaque being unveiled by Mrs McLean who lost two sons in the conflict. A new railing has been erected around the memorial paid for by the Portgordon Ratepayers Association and the War Work Party.

Youth Centre opened - The newly built Youth Centre on New Street was opened on Wednesday 8 November. The building consists of two nissen huts, one large and one small. The large one forms a hall while the small one contains toilets etc.

A dance took place to music by the Bluebell Band with Peter Cowie as MC. George Innes, an invited guest, sang a number of songs including – Bless this House, Westering Home, Marie's wedding, Where The River Shannon Flows, Galway Bay and bonnie Strathyre.

Mondays the hall will be given over for handicrafts and table games; Tuesday – badminton, Wednesday General Club Night with games, Quizzes, dancing etc, Thursday- Country Dancing, discussion and choir, Friday and Saturday open with no fixed programme. Sunday- Youth Fellowship.

Nov 22 **Buckie Choral Society** is to stage a Scots Concert on St Andrew's Night in the Fishermen's Hall.

Rathven Parish Church Young People's Association next meeting will take place on St Andrew's Night.

Buckie Film Society 4th programme of International films – 'Murderers are Amongst Us' with English sub titles this will be shown in the Playhouse on Sunday November 26.

Membership cards £1- Guest tickets 2/6.

Rathven Youth Club – Whist Drive and Dance in the WRI Hall on December 1st.

Buckie Thistle Supporters Club are still continuing their practice of holding dances all over the area. Their next dance is to be in the Deskford Hall with free buses from Keith and Buckie.

The Ex- Servicemen's Dart's Club are to hold a dance in the Public Institute, Fochabers.

New dance band - The Sky Rockets Dance Band- Kinloss - are open for engagements.

Shoe shop moves - The DE shoe shop which had been located at 10 West Church Street for a long time moved to 26 east Church street where it still was in 2000

Sailors' Home - The building, which had been bought off the Society by Buckie Town council, was sold by them to Banff County Council, though not all councillors agreed on the sale.

Nov 29 **Playhouse** - 'The Good Old summer Time' starring Judy Garland.

Sales of Work This was **seen** as the most popular way of raising money in 1950, previously it had bazaars. There were no less than five Sales of Work advertised on the front page of this edition. The organisations holding them were - Buckie North Church in the Fishermen's Hall, Buckie Salvation Army in their hall on Baron Street, Buckie Methodist Church in the Fishermen's Hall, Findochty Football Club in the Town Hall, Cullen Salvation Army in the Burn Chapel

The Fleet 's in - A Grand Dance will take place in the Fishermen's Hall on Monday night. Music to be supplied by the Navalaires Band, making their first visit to Buckie. Come and meet the Navy boys. 8-1 am. Tea and refreshments. Admittance 2/6.

Buckie Thistle supporters Club are to hold their next dance in Urquhart Public Hall. Free bus from Buckie.

Corsair replies - The sport's correspondent answered a critic from Cullen who criticised his way of writing a report on a football match. As Corsair said no scribe can make an exciting report out of a tedious game, if the report sounds tedious to read it is because it was a tedious match. He refused to use phrases such as waltzed or sand danced to describe the movement of a player since footballers didn't do this. He said that all games in the H/L were much alike but with only a few people travelling to away matches he tried to describe the way that the game had gone hopefully to create the picture as best he could.

Dec 6 **More Sales of Work - Findochty** Salvation Army are to hold their one in the Masonic Hall. St Mary's Church, Cullen are to hold theirs in the hall while the Methodist Church, Portgordon are to hold one in the hall.

Dance - Buckpool Celtic are to have the Hawthorn Accordion Band to play at their dance in the Fishermen's hall on Tuesday 19 December. This will an Old time dance. On Wednesday George Cowie's Bluebell Dance Band will play, again in the Fishermen's Hall.

'A' Coy 5/6 Btn. Gordon Highlanders (TA) opening dance of the season **in** the Drill Hall, Buckie on Friday December 8. Music by the Sky Rockets Band. Gents 2/6, ladies 2/-

Electric Power was switched on in the village of Clochan this week. A photograph shows Mr Balfour Black of the Hydro Board speaking to Mrs Sim.

Gruesome find - The body of a baby boy was found lying in the middle of Portgordon harbour this week among the mud and seaweed. It was found by a fisherman when he went to check his boat. Police are making enquiries.

Plaque dedicated - A wall plaque **was** dedicated in the South Church on Sunday. This bears the names of 23 members of the congregation- 22 men and one woman

who lost their lives in the second world war. Mrs Alex Coull, 30 New Street, who lost three of her four sons, all of whom served in the RN, performed the opening ceremony. Skipper Alex who died in Alexandria, Skipper Wm. Who was drowned off Aberdeen and AB George who was lost at Narvik. John, an engineer served on board a minesweeper.

Dec 13 **Church Officer required for West Church** - Salary £40 per annum. Apply to Wm. Reid, Session Clerk, 16 Linn Crescent.

Concert in the Fisherman's Hall – Billy Bleach in association with Butlins Ltd present Xmas Pie' on Wednesday and Thursday 20 and 21st December. "60 laughs a minute".

St Andrew's Hotel - Book now for Xmas Day lunches and dinners – Lunch 6/- dinners 7/6.

Playhouse - 'They Were Not Divided' the film tells the story of the Guards Armoured Division.

Buckie Youth Club Christmas Social - George Innes sang the following songs – Count Your Blessings, the Sunshine of Your smile, Down In the Glen, I'll take You Home Again Kathleen.

Please come home - Would the lady who took a pink and blue tea cup and sandwich dish by mistake at the Unionist Whist Drive in the Fishermen's hall please return these to Mrs Gibson, Reapers' Hotel, convenor of the tea committee.

Buckie will have a Christmas tree. This was agreed by members of the town council this week.

Dec 27 **Advertisers** - Bert Nicol, Cluny Lane, Upholsterer. Thomas W. Lang, 29 West Church Street, Ophthalmic and Dispensing Optician. Gordon Brothers, Motor Hirers, 3 Harbour Street, Motor Hearse and saloon cars. Calor Gas, A. Martin, 141 Mid Street, Keith. Little Wonder, 37 East Church Street, Ladies and Children's Outfitters. George Barclay, 31-33 East Church Street, New Year, New Wireless. D. Watt, 41D Commercial Road, Electrical. Smith's Radio service, 10 Cluny Square, Records – Bibbidi - Bobbidi – Boo, Mona Lisa, Ashes of Roses, Mambo Jambo, Once In a while, Sunshine Cake. Filing cabinets (£14.10) etc, W. F. Johnston, Banffshire Advertiser, 13- 15 West Church Street. Farquhar, Motor Hirer, 3 Hill Street, Portknockie. Funeral Undertakers, A. Hendry and Sons, Land Street. Hays – 39-41 West Church Street, The Ladies' Shop- the Man's Shop. James Mackay, Draper, Dry Cleaners, 5 East Church Street. Sutherlands's Furnishing Store, High Street. Walker and Smith, electricians, 25 East Church Street. Hendersons, House Furnishers, 253 High Street, Elgin. Jameieson, Cycle and Radio Stores, Seaview Road. Floral Art, G.R. Christie, The Nurseries, Fochabers. Home and Away, try Mayne's Taxis, 6 Cathcart Street. George Watson, Taxi Gordon Street, Portgordon. Alex Esson, Tailor and Outfitter, Cluny Square. Moray Firth Furnishing Co. (Robertsons), 37 West Church Street and 17 High Street. Sutherlands, for toys, High Street. George Robertson, Draper, Cullen.

Cheap rail excursion - Every day from 16 December to 2 January Leaving Portgordon at 9.36 reaching Aberdeen at 12. 11 p.m. Approx. fare 8/6. From Buckie 8/-

Cheap tickets on any train any day – Buckie to Banff 2/8; Buckie to Cullen 1/-; Buckie to Keith 3/-

Portgordon to Buckpool 4d to Buckie 6d.

