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Jan 3 **Buckie Youth Club** – Grand New Year Social in the Youth Centre, New Street on Wednesday 10 January.

**Hudson Bay Company** - Young men between the ages of 18 and 21 are wanted by the Hudson Bay Co. Canada for vacancies in the Far North. Wages £37 per month as trainees less £16 for full board. 6 weeks holidays after three year's service with full pay. Free medical and dental examination. The applicants must be reliable and adventuresome young men who want to forge ahead. (At least two local men were accepted -? Murray from Portgordon and Ian Cruickshank, Kirkland, Clochan.)

**Advert - Fit** Kelvin Hughes Echo Sounder for bigger net profits.

**Photograph** - Provost Hendry is shown standing on Cluny Square surrounded by many children waiting on the arrival of Santa Claus. Also shown are members of the Merrymakers Concert Party who were standing by to entertain.

**Christie's Mobile Cinema was** still doing the rounds although no mention is now given of the venues. The film being shown this week is "The Cave Dwellers".

**Optimists** - Will the person who took the lemon-coloured cardigan by mistake from the dance in the Fishermen's Hall, Portessie (sic) on Monday please return to hallkeeper.

**And-** Will the person who took the gent's raincoat, with gloves in the pocket, by mistake from the St Andrew's Hall on Saturday kindly return it to Smith 15 Wilson's Land.

**Youth Fellowship-** The meeting this week took place in the West Church Hall since the Youth Centre was unavailable.

Ann Coull sang the hymn - 'Angels from the Realms of Glory', Sheila Burgess 'Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken, Balfour Black, 'My Hands are in Thine Hands'. As usual a rousing session of community hymn singing took place with James Smith at the piano.

**Fishing news and comparisons** - A modern trawler costs £130,000 - £150,000 - 150% above pre-war prices.

In 1938 a trawl net for use in the North Sea cost £15.15 today in 1951 the same net costs £76.5. Manila rope cost £2.5.6 a coil in 1938 is now £11.9.3.

**"Terror at Victoria Park"**- The fourth instalment of Spike's new serial is found in this edition. (All together there were 15 instalments, one being printed each week. )

**Film Reviews** - This was now being done by Mary Grant.

**Football** - In the first game of 1951, Buckie Thistle beat Deveronvale by five goals to nil. The Thistle team was - Black, Wood and Stewart; Tough, Rae and Jeffrey; Milne, Buchan, Massie, Morrice and Leask.

**Article on the Hudson Bay Co.** This is to be found on page 8. In it we are told how men employed can, with promotion, earn £200 per month and even higher. Once trained and serving as a junior post manager he will earn between £58-£67 per month with free house, furniture, fuel and light.

Jan 10 **Banff County Council, Education Department** – **School Meal's Service** - Cook and dining room attendant required for Enzie Public School.

**Search on for 'Geordie'** - The search is on for someone to play the part of 'Geordie' the 19 year old giant of David Walkes' best selling novel in a film to be made of the book.

Applicants wishing to be considered are required to have the following attributes – be about 19 years old, not less than 6'1 ½ " tall and weigh not less than 13 ½ stones. They must have broad shoulders, have an athletic build. Colouring, fair or auburn with blue eyes and a fresh complexion. The accent should be Highland but not broad. General appearance, an unspoiled Highland lad with good strong open features.

**Banffshire population statistics** – In 1950 this was 50,900. The Birth Rate per 1000 = 16.8; Marriage Rate per 1000 = 8.0; Death Rate per 1000 = 16.2. The Infant Mortality Rate of live births per 1000 = 32 with Still births = 27.

**Enzie WRI Christmas Party** - During this a few hands of whist took place. Rolfe Witte, and Erwin Munch, two former German POW's took first and second prizes respectively. (Rolfe Witte had recently married Miss Pat McCurrach, a Clochan girl. Erwin later married a Miss Taylor from Buckie. Although Rolfe and his wife emigrated to Canada, Erwin was still alive and looking very well, living in Buckie in 2000.)

**Football** – Elgin City 'A' won the Aberdeenshire League.

George 'Rough' Stewart, the former Thistle player moved from Dundee to St Mirren.

**Burning of the 'Clavie'** For the first time in history the Burning of the Clavie at Burghead will be accompanied by a Pipe Band.

All is ready for the big night. The barrel has been delivered from Buckie, the tar has been ordered, while the big nail, which has been used to fix the barrel to its support for years, will be driven home.

**The Stone of Destiny-** Some persons, then unknown had stolen the 'Stone of Destiny' from below the Coronation Chair in Westminster Abbey.

**Northie**, the B. A. columnist described the theft in these words – " A rude and barbarous act which sent a pang of distress through the minds of all law abiding Scotsmen. However one may wish that Scotland receive a greater measure of self-government the wanton removal of the Coronation Stone is an act of real vandalism. (I wonder how many were really of a similar mind.)

**Christie' Mobile Cinema** (advert) Look out for Superior Attraction – Adult admission 1/6- children 1/- (This was the last advert and we never learned what the attraction was.)

Jan 17 **Wanted** - an organist for the Church of Scotland, Enzie. Applicants should contact J. Mowatt, Session Clerk, Blair of Tynet.

**Photograph – page 2** - shows young boxers from Buckie along with two officials. The boxers in the photograph are – Charlie Geddes, Martin Imlach, Kenny Cowie and Bill Bruce. The officials – Willie Lyon and Alex McGregor.

**Photograph on page 7** shows a RNZAF football team. A member of the team is Corporal John Gordon, a native of Buckie and former Buckie Thistle player in the early post-war years. He joined the New Zealand Air Force in September 1948 where he now serves as a fitter. His wife May comes from Dundee while his home in Buckie was at 16 James Street.

Jan 24 **Navigation class at B.H. S.** – Should enough students enrol classes will take place-giving instruction in Navigation, Signalling and First Aid. Contact should be made with A. P. Weir Headmaster.

**Advert** - Webster's Garage for Radio .

**'Terrier's Dances'** The local Territorial Army are to run dances on a Saturday night in the Drill Hall. Music by the Rhythm Club Boys. Admission – Ladies and Gents – 1/6.

**Collection for loyal servant** - The Session and Congregational Board of the North Church are to take up a collection to honour the services of Robert G. Duncan, teacher and Superintendent of the Sunday School for many years. R. Munro, 1 James Street is in charge of the collection.

**Burn's Suppers** - Page two carried reports on a number of Burn's Suppers which had taken place in the local area , these include – Arradoul WRI, Rathven WRI, Buckie Labour Party, Portessie OES and the Townswomen's Guild.

**Merrymakers Concert Party** - The group are proving very popular and much sought after. This week they are to be Rothies with a concert in aid of Rothies F.C. Supporters Club.

**Amateur Boxing** – Alastair McKenzie, 'Sniper' Maxwell Street, Fochabers, became the youngest Amateur Boxing Champion in the North East Section when representing Fochabers Recreation Club at Inverurie last Friday he defeated Charlie Geddes, Buckie, in the first fight and N. McLeod, Aberdeen in the Final. He has had 14 fights since starting boxing and he has only lost two and those to boys older and heavier than himself. Donald Campbell (still involved with the fight game fifty years on) won his bout at Welterweight against H. Bremner of Huntly.

Jan 31 **Playhouse** - 'Ticket to Tomahawk' starring Dan Dailey.

**Seat collection and letting** - This will take place in the vestry of the North Church on Wednesday 7 February from 7-8 p.m.

**Scottish Country Dance** – This will take place in the St Andrew's Hall on Wednesday 7 February . Music by Lemon's Banffshire Band.

**Advert** - Radio Repairs – G. Hendry, 4 Hope Street, Portgordon.

**Football** - Alex Wilson who signed for Portsmouth from Buckie Rovers as a 15 year old two years ago made his first team debut on Saturday against Coventry City.

**Buckie Cycling Club officials appointed** - Secretary – Margaret Cowie, treasurer- Elma Murray, racing secretary- W. H. Addison, captain – W. A. Cowie, vice captain – J. Cowie, Committee – W. Milne, John Cowie, P. Paterson and J. Reid. The election of a president and vice president was held over.

**Cardmaster** - At a whist drive held in Enzie Public School in aid of school funds the cardmaster was Mr Joseph Fraser, Burnside of Enzie.

Feb 7 **Photograph of Fochabers Boxing Club members** - In the picture are Mr Donald Harrold 'Shod', trainer and boxers , Cameron, Douglas, D. Campbell, Murray, Purdie, Allison and Alistair McKenzie.

**Findochty hit by sea tragedy** –Four local men were lost when the steamer Eleth was sunk in the Irish Sea. There was only the one survivor out of a crew of ten, with a number succumbing to the elements even when aboard lifeboats. Among

those who lost their lives were two brothers, Captain Alex Smith, 54, of 2 Seafield Street, Findochty and John Smith, 49 of George Smith Portessie, second engineer Alex Flett, 52 of 10 Mid Street, Findochty and James Wood, 17, only son of Mr and Mrs James Wood, 5 Morven Crescent, Findochty. The steamer was enroute from Birkenhead to Dundalk with a cargo of coal.

**Photograph taken on stage of members of the Enzie Amateur Dramatic Society** – The play is 'Beneath the Wee Red Lums'. In the picture are – Mary Duncan, Willie Potts, Alex Wyllie, George Grigor, John Hendry and Margaret 'Meg' McKay.

Others who take part in the play are Mary Fraser, Margaret Johnston, Wm. Palmer and Joan McCurrach.

The play is the most ambitious yet and depends on sheer acting ability. The producer is Mr W. F. Johnston

The school was packed on both nights last week to watch the performance.

**Teacher retires** - Miss Anne Gordon retired after 31 year's service to teaching at St Peter's RC School. She received a chiming clock and wallet of notes from staff and pupils, both present and past.

**Promotion for Buckie postman** - Mr George 'Doddie' Shand, a post man in the Buckie office was presented with gifts on leaving to take up a new post as a Postal and Telegraph Officer at Coatbridge.

**Football** - Alex Jenkins, Fochabers, who has been the Thistle understudy goalkeeper for more than a year is to be between the sticks on Saturday, replacing the injured Black.

**Weather** – After a spell of severe winter weather which resulted in a number of football games being cancelled it was being asked whether we had seen the last season when Highland League football would be played without a winter break. ( In 2000 although this had come to pass with teams in the Premier League the practice had still to be adopted by the Highland League clubs. Perhaps the fact that winters have been far less severe, than previously over the last thirty or so years may have had much to do with this.)

**Scotch or Scottish** - In a report which told of the return of a Buckie woman to her home in Buckie after being abroad in New Zealand for the past 30 years, the writer said that Lizzie Innes, previously of Cluny Terrace had married a man Reid. It went on to say that although he had been born in New Zealand his parents were **Scotch**. (Am I right in saying that this term is reserved for Glenmorangie in 2000?)

Feb 14 **A change for Buckpool Celtic** – The go ahead Welfare League team has been instrumental in taking many of the well known Scottish Broadcasting Dance Bands to Buckie, including Jimmy Shand on a number of occasions, invites you to a Grand Modern Dance in the Fishermen's Hall on 26 February. Music to be supplied by Charlie Dey's Band from Inverurie with six in harmony. This is the first time that this band will have been playing in our area.

**Opening announcement** - James F. Mair is to open for business as a hairdresser at 8 Victoria Place, Portknockie.

**Business sold** - Robert McKay, Coal Merchant and Contractor sold his business to Richard D. Grant, Burnbank, Fochabers. The sale of the business to a Lossiemouth man, reported previously, must have fallen through.

**Your Favourite double** join Fochabers Ex Servicemen's Darts club at their dance in the Public Institute on Saturday 17 February. Music by the Waverley Band. Admission 2/-

**Fishing boat for sale** - The fishing boat 'Friends' is for sale. She lies in a damaged condition on the island of Eillean Glass, Port Appin.

**Fochabers Carpet Bowlers** - They are shown on a rather poor photograph on page two.

**Buckpool Celtic Pavilion** - On page five a photograph shows the pavilion erected by members of Buckpool Celtic, which previously stood on the edge of the playing field opposite the Turner Pavilion (formerly Seafield farm house and later the 19<sup>th</sup> hole of Buckpool golf club).

The building contains 2 dressing rooms, showers and toilet. The internal plaster work and outside cement work was done free gratis by local firm Paterson and Cook. The harling and rones were done by Alex Simpson 'Pim', a member of the committee. The bulk of the building work was done by Charlie McKay a former member of the committee. The plumber work was done by veteran Jake Campbell, 29 Seaview Road, assisted by his son Alex 'Cak', who is a member of the management committee.

The joiner work was under the supervision of Pete McGrory, another committee member. The Celtic wish to thank Bailie Tuxworth for his wholehearted co-operation also Mr John Murray, Burgh Surveyor.

**Article on Amateur Radio** - written by Ham titled 'My Friends the Hams' tells something about the amateur radio enthusiasts who tickle the air waves.

**Juvenile Football** - Teams entered for the Buckie Juvenile League are Arradoul Wanderers, Buckie United, Findochty Wanderers, Fochabers Rockets, Portgordon Rangers and Seatown Rovers.

**Football** - Hebbie Thain, the former Buckpool Celtic player signed for Nairn County. He scored a goal on his debut.

**Poem** - 'To Burns' by J. C. Portgordon

**Photograph of Nurse Margaret Cowie, SRN, 95 Seatown.** This is shown on page 8. Nurse Cowie has just passed her SCM certificate at Stobhill Hospital in Glasgow. She is a daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Cowie, 95 Seatown. She has now taken up an appointment with a Nursing Home in Glasgow.

Feb 21 **Photograph of the installation board of Lodge Gordon No 589-** Alex Hendry RWM, Archie Adams PM, secretary, Willie Farquhar PM, treasurer, Willie Anderson PM, Frank McGregor PM, D.L. Fowler, DPGM.

**Vagrants in court** - Two vagrants were up in front of the members of a police court this week charged with begging in shops in the town. Provost Hendry, on the bench, told both the accused, a man and a woman, that he was prepared to let them off if they cleared out of town. They agreed to do so.

**The disappearance of the Stone of Destiny or Coronation Stone was still of interest.**

A **poem is found on page 3** written about it. This is titled 'The Stone' by a Scot in London with apologies to Lady Nairn

**Merrymakers concert party** - The group still continue to be popular, appearing at two venues this week, at Pinefield Camp, Elgin and in Fochabers.

**Buckie Welcome Home Fund- Mr A. Gerry,** treasurer stated that the fund stood at just over £7,000. The list of those who were entitled to receive money from it was kept open for some time longer to give all a chance to have their names included.

**Death of shipbuilder** - Mr James Herd, 73, partner in the well-known shipbuilding firm of Herd & McKenzie died at his home, Crandhu, Station Road, Findochty on Tuesday.

He served his time in Dumbarton with Denny Brothers and in 1903 set up with T. McKenzie in Findochty the firm that bears their name. The firm later moved to Buckie. He was a JP. He leaves a family of 6 daughters and two sons.

**A photograph on page 8 shows a group of lads playing table tennis in the Fochabers Recreation Club.**

**A photograph on page five shows some Buckie youths playing snooker.** Two in the group were recognised as 'Tig' Lyon and 'Whitey' Hay.

Feb 28 **Applications for pub licenses** - Cecil Smith and Wm. Harper, both of Portessie have again made application for a license to open a public house in the village. Cecil Smith and other members of the family had done this on several occasions.

**Gardiner's Shipyard to reopen?** It could be that Gardiner's Shipyard in Cullen will be re-established after a lapse of many years by Mr W. Gardiner who has been working with a shipbuilding firm in the south. For many years his father and grandfather built boats at the end of the Seatown.

**Apprentices required** - No less than three apprentices are required for different trades in Buckie this week. An apprentice motor mechanic is wanted by Webster's Garage, an apprentice printer is required by the Banffshire Advertiser and an apprentice tinsmith by Richard Irvine and Sons.

**Fishing boat sold** - The motor boat Begonia was sold this week for £8,200 after some brisk bidding.

**Poem – page 8** - 'The Missing Stone' by J. C. Portgordon.

**Portknockie provost appointed-** Bailie Wm. Geddes was appointed provost of Portknockie to succeed Provost Falconer who has resigned. Provost Falconer, writing from a Nursing Home said that it was 11 weeks since he had been able to attend meetings and felt that it was best if he was to resign. Bailie Geddes has been a member of the council since 1934. The appointment is only temporary, up until the next election in May.

Mar 7 **James Smith, Portessie appointed organist at Enzie Church of Scotland.**

**Welfare League football** – Findochty F.C. have pulled out of the Welfare League after having difficulties in fielding a team. They lost all of the 9 games they played, losing 38 goals in the process and scoring only 11.

**Highland League football** - Alexander Lawrie the Thistle player is to emigrate to Canada. A former Aberdeen junior player he has been with Buckie for three seasons.

**Poem on page 8** - This is titled 'Fitba' and written by S.C.

Mar 14 **Davie Wood's presentation** - Davie Wood, a player with Buckie Thistle is seen in a photograph on page 4 being presented with a clock by his workmates at the yard of Merson and Gerry Ltd to mark his forthcoming wedding.

**Photographs on page five are of four local seamen who lost their lives** – Two men were lost off the Peterhead drifter, Caledonia. They were George Slater, 7 Pulteney Street, Portknockie, who was a deckhand and Robert Slater, formerly of Park Street, Portknockie who had been living in Peterhead. George Slater leaves a wife and 3 daughters while Robert Slater leaves a wife and two young children.

Alexander Grant, 27 Well Road, Buckie lost his life off SS Peedo at Sapele on the Gold Coast. He was 24 and joined the MN in December. He served his time as a ship's carpenter. He did his N. S. in the Royal Air Force and was well known as a local footballer.

David Flett, 23, 61 Yardie was accidentally drowned at Blyth when returning to his ship, the collier, Eden Wood, after being ashore at the cinema. He is believed to have slipped between the boat and the quay.

**Strathlene House Hotel - A** suggestion was made at the recent meeting of the town council that Strathlene be let to a suitable tenant with managerial experience. Bailie Reid reminded members that the Strathlene estate, including the house and grounds, had been bought by a previous council for the community of Buckie and the enjoyment of its inhabitants, if it was let, as was suggested, it could be that be certain reservations would be imposed.

Mar 21 **Playhouse** - 'Sands of Iwo Jima' A war film showing the American troops in action in the Pacific. John Wayne played a starring role.

'Broken Arrow' starring James Stewart. 'Comanche Territory' starring Maureen O'Hara.

**Buckpool Celtic dance** – Music to be supplied by Charlie Presley's Modern Dance Band from Fraserburgh. (This was the first time the band had played in the local area but became very popular.)

**End of the road** - Wm. Mair, Joiner and Carpenter, Portknockie thanked all his customers for their support over the time he had been in business.

**Notice from Banff County Council** – on and after 19 March the following departments will be located at 13 Cluny Square, Buckie. Chief Area office, Welfare Department, Buckie District Council, Registrar of births, etc (Rathven District), Youth Employment Service, Buckie District. R. J. Cumming, County Council, Banff.

**A Whist and dance in aid of Preshome Restoration Fund** will take place in the Enzie Public School on Friday 5 April. Music by Duncan's Band.

**Photograph on page two** – This shows 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. A. Lyon of Buckie Company ACF presenting Gunner R. Thomson, Lorraine, Baron Street, with a gift on behalf of the Company on his being called to the colours. Gunner Thomson is now serving with the RA and stationed at Longmore Camp, Hants. He is meantime on leave.

**Situation vacant** - A tractor orraman is required. Apply to Clark, Dytach Farm, Fordyce.

**Tee name - Flett 'Crow'** (This was noted from information given when James Flett, Findochty, a former skipper, had died.)

**Photograph showing members of the committee of Buckie Youth Club.** (The names are all given but unfortunately the picture is not too clear.)

**"Terror at Victoria Park"**. The 15<sup>th</sup> and final instalment of the serial written by Spike is printed in this edition.)

**Toastmaster's Club – (See page 8)** ` St Andrews Hotel was the scene last Saturday of the inaugural meeting of the Toastmaster's Club in Buckie when a team of 14 men from Aberdeen Toastmaster's Club No 731 took part in a demonstration before an interested audience of 30 business and professional men from Buckie and District.

After a series of speeches had been delivered and subsequently evaluated Mr Dickie, Headmaster, B.H.S. took the chair and called for a formal motion that "A

Toastmaster's Club be formed in Buckie". This was moved by Mr J.C. Thomson and unanimously adopted.

A meeting will take place later to appoint the various officials.

Mar 28 **Advert** - Scottish Radio and Sounding Co. Ltd, 18 Marine Place.

**Arradoul Youth Club** - Old Tyme Dance in the Townhouse Hall, Buckie on Saturday 31 March 8-11.30. Waverley Band . Admission 2/-. Special feature 'Monymusk'. (This was the first dance ran by the AYC in the Townhouse on a Saturday night but they were to continue for a long time afterwards. Two of those actively engaged in running the dances were Mary Fraser and George 'Dod' Innes.)

**Poem and photograph.** Both are found on page 2. The photograph is of 17 year old Grace Campbell, 2 Mid Street, Findochty while the poem, titled 'Scotland' was written when she was 16. She is a pupil at Buckie High School.

**Photograph of presentation** - This is found on page five and shows Sinclair Cowie, being presented with a gift from the cast of the Merrymakers, of which he is a member, to mark his forthcoming wedding to June West, Main Street. (One of those shown in the photograph is 'Wee Johnnie Cowie'. Johnnie, a well-known character, was unfortunate enough to lose his life in a motor accident some years later.)

**Poem on page 6** - This is titled 'The Rural' by Rathven Lad.

**Scotland's population** - At the end of 1950, the population of Scotland was 5,165,900, an increase of 5,800 over the total at the end of 1949.

**Rationing still in force** - The current ration book 1950/51 expires on 19 May and the distribution of ration books for the year 1951/52 will begin on 16 April.

**Tee name or?** George Smith 'Charlie' formerly of 34 Commercial Street, Findochty, died in an Aberdeen hospital

April 4 **Gi'es it back** - Buckie Methodist Church ask that the person that got the tea urn to please return it.

**Hawthorn Accordion Band, Perth** is to be playing at a dance ran by Buckpool Celtic. In the Fishermen's Hall on Wednesday 18 April commencing with the Grand March at 8.30 p.m. Take your partners for the Gay Gordon, The Waltz and Monymusk. Admission 3/6. Tea, lemonade and cakes will be served. bus, under license, will run from Keith.

**Lucky couple** - The twosome ringed at the recent Buckpool Celtic dance in the St Andrews Hall were Sandy Lawson and Elma Cowie.

**Unionist Whist Champion** - Mr Frank Taylor. 1 Cruden Cottages, Connage, won the Banffshire Unionist Association County Championship.

**Freedom of Buckie-** The members of Buckie Town council are to offer former provost W. J. Merson, the 'Freedom of Buckie'. If he accepts the honour he will become the first freeman of the burgh.

**Welcome addition at Victoria Park** - It is now possible to get a cup of tea and hot pie on match days at Victoria Park, courtesy of the Supporters Club. The ladies manning the stall are - Mrs Lena Milne, Mrs Rumbles, Mrs W. Shearer, Mrs E. Stephen, Mrs A. Thomson and Mrs A. Tapper.

April 11 **Playhouse** - 'Gunfighter' with Gregory Peck.

**The Olive - Buckie** owners bought the Peterhead drifter, Olive, for £850.

**Big pupil intake - 53** pupils enrolled in the new infant class formed at Buckie High School after the Easter vacation.

**Football** - Jimmy Thain, brother of Hebbie, who recently signed for Nairn County, was in the Thistle first team

On Saturday against Elgin City. He played at inside left in a game in which Buckie won by three goals to one. (Jimmy later became a fixture in the Thistle team in a the famous half-line of Thain, Jimmy Dutch and Bobby Jeffrey.)

April 18 **Church Parade**- Lodge Richmond 1137 (Portgordon) was to attend a Church Service in the Methodist Church on Sunday. Later Lodge Gordon 589 (Buckie) held a church parades to All Saints Church.

**Poem** - 'Recognition'. This is found on page 6, written by Farotat.

**Columnist -Penfair**, who writes about a variety of topics, spoke of another stone (not the Coronation Stone this time) that was causing people some concern. The stone in question happens to be a lintel above a window in the derelict property on St Peter's Road, opposite the St Andrew's Hotel. It is hanging in such a precarious position that people are giving the building a wide berth.

**New town councillors** - Two new councillors joined Buckie Town Council following the recent election. Dr J. F. Cameron topped the poll while Jimmy Lawson, who had thrown his hat into the ring on previous occasions (only missing out last year by 11 votes) was the other.

April 25 **Lucky couple at dance this week is** - Peter Hay, Portgordon and Nellie Bruce.

**Poem** written about the 'Greenock Choirs Visit To Buckie'.

**Loss of submarine Affray** - The submarine was reported to have sunk with the loss of 75 members of its crew. They are having difficulty in locating where the vessel sank.

**Dental Surgeon retires** - A. W. Murdoch LDS, Dental Surgeon retired on Saturday. He set up in business in Buckie on January 1<sup>st</sup> 1919. He served his time in Elgin before continuing his studies in Glasgow, He later went to South Africa where he worked as a dental mechanic.

**Football** - In a friendly match - a benefit match for Jim Leask - Buckie Thistle drew 3 -3 with Ayr United.

Thistle - Jenkins, Stewart and Leak; Tough, Wood and Jeffrey; John Hendry, Buchan, Marnoch, Jo Hendry and Johnnie Logie (Elgin City).

**The Caledonia** - The fund set up to help the dependants of those lost off the Peterhead drifter Caledonia stood at £3,879, 17.9

May 2 **Playhouse** - 'Sunset Boulevard' with Gloria Swanson and Wm. Holden.

**Poem** - 'Cauld Winter', written by S.C. This is found on page 6

**Welfare League football** - Buckpool Celtic were champions of Buckie Welfare League and have now won it three seasons out of four. On Saturday they beat Strathlene by five clear goals, with George 'Doddie' Gordon scoring a hat-trick. In mid week B.C. beat Fochabers by 6 goals to one with Jim Campbell and Gordon again being among the goals.

May 9 **Playhouse** - 'So Long at the Fair' starring Jean Simmonds and Dirk Bogarde. 'Nancy Goes to Rio' With Jane Powell (The No 1 pin up of our hut, members of 367 Signals Unit, Sai Wan at Cape Collinson on Kong in 1951/52) and Ann Sothern.

**Grand Sailors dance** - in the Townhouse on May 18. Dress optional. Open buffet. Prize for the Handsomest Member of the Forces and Best Dressed lady. **Ticket 5/- - Forces 3/-**

**Jimmy Sutherland and his music from the Lido in Elgin** is to make his first visit to Buckie when he plays at the Buckie and District Secondary Juvenile Football Association dance in the Townhouse on Monday 14 May. A bus will run from Elgin and return after the dance. A bus will also run after the dance to Portgordon and all places along coast to Portsoy. Ticket 2/6

**Portgordon Scout for Jamboree - George** Sinclair, St Elmo, Portgordon, a member of the Buckie Troop of Boy Scouts is one of the 4 Banffshire boys selected to attend the World Jamboree to be held in Austria in August.

May 16 **Playhouse** - 'The Wooden Horse' starring David Tomlinson and Anthony Steele.

**Morayshire Junior Football** - New Elgin the champions are to play a friendly in Portknockie against Seafeld Albion.

**Vandalism at Buckpool** - It was reported that vandals had badly destroyed the recently constructed pavilion at Merson Park.

**Photograph** - A picture in this edition shows Mr and Mrs Richard Penwright and their two children, Leslie, 4 and Margaret 6 months as they leave Buckie for Tasmania to join an uncle in Tasmania. Mr Penwright was a temporary PE instructor in the local schools.

**Situation vacant** - Handyman wanted for the St Andrew's Hotel.

**Death of former Buckie grocer**- Word has been received of the death of former Buckie grocer, Mr Robert Gillan at his home in Galashiels. He was a native of Urquhart and served his time as a grocer with his brother in Elgin before moving to Buckie in 1899 and taking over the shop on Baron Street formerly occupied by Wright's Grocers He later had a shop at 9 East Church Street. He retired 15 years ago and moved away from Buckie. He is survived by his wife and five sons, four of who are graduates of Aberdeen University. His second son, John F. Gillan, Advocate, Aberdeen, studied Law at Edinburgh University.

**Photograph** - The picture shows vessels of the high speed Naval Target Services Unit tying up at the Buckie Harbour. They are back in Buckie prior to the annual naval manoeuvres in the Moray Firth.

**Highland League football** - Jock Massie and Peter Carroll, former Thistle players signed for Huntly. In the 'Sporting Gossip' column it says they will be playing for less money.

**Church Parade** - Lodge Craigenroan 1247 - held a church parade to the Rathven Church.

**No aid for rebuilding of the Cullen Town Hall** - A report in the B.A. says that the Scottish Home Department is to give no support for the reconstruction of Cullen Town Hall, which was burned down in 1942.

May 23 **4 Jumble sales** - No less than four Jumble Sales were advertised on the front page of this paper. (It was interesting to note how fund-raising events changed over time. At one time bazaars were very common and proved to be

immensely successful, then it was Sales of Work, while in more recent times (2000) it has been coffee mornings and Soup and Sweet lunches.)

**St Andrew's Hall - Grand** dance tonight, Wednesday. Modern music played by the **Skyliners Dance Orchestra**.

**Columnist makes his return-** The 'Skipper' who formerly wrote a column title 'On The Bridge' announced his return after being absent, on holiday, for a long time.

\*\*\* **Buckie's Coat of Arms - Provost Dr Hendry provided the gift of the registration of a fitting 'Coat of Arms' for Buckie. The new coat of arms will incorporate the 'boatie'.**

**Freedom of Buckie** - It is said that Provost Merson has been graciously offered and has agreed to accept the 'Freedom of Buckie'.

**Poem** - 'On Hearing the Lark' This is found on page 4 and written by W.G. Mair, Aberdeen.

May 16 **Died in Aberdeen** - The death took place in Aberdeen of Wm. Scorgie, motor mechanic at the age of 46. (He was the husband of Helen 'Nellie' Miller, who with her son Raymond ran the garage on West Church, which had formerly been in the family, taking over from George Webster.)

**Welfare League football** - League champions, Buckpool Celtic, were beaten by three goals to one by their bogey team, Buckie Rovers.

The Rovers also beat Portsoy to reach the final of the St Valery Trophy. Their team was - Moulton, J. Coull and A. Cowie; Murray, Allan and Thain, G. Bruce, A. Flett, J. Coull and Wyper.

**Highland League football** - Buckie Thistle who had had Freddie Black in goal this past season have signed goalkeeper ,Gordon Rennie, from Dundee.

**Juvenile football** - Findochty Wanderers beat Arradoul Wanderers by 9 goal to one in one game then lost by 6 goals to nil to the same team in the next game - a strange occurrence.

May 30 **Another dance band makes its first appearance** - Buckpool Celtic are nothing if not enterprising and have been instrumental in attracting a wide range of dance bands to Buckie. For their next dance in the Fishermen's Hall on 18<sup>th</sup> June they will have the Billy Thain Band from Aberdeen, making their first appearance in the local area.

Their advert was worth noting - "A free tip to all dancer - invest 3/6 on the Buckpool Celtic dance and your (sic) on a winner"

**In the Playhouse this week** - 'Bitter Rice'; 'Lets Dance' with Betty Hutton and Fred Astaire'; 'My Blue Heaven' with Betty Grable and Dan Dailey; 'the Mudlark' with Irene Dunn etc.

**Dod Osborne** - A wee bit about the Buckie- born 'pirate' is found on page 5, column 1. It talks of some other project in which he is involved.

**Down among the 'Z' men** - A huge number of 'Z' men (soldiers on reserve called back for training) will be stationed at the former airfield at Dallachy during the summer months. The bus company, Wm. Alexander and Sons Ltd are to be given special permission to run buses, at night, to both Elgin and Buckie from the camp.

**Welfare League football** - Buckie Rovers won the St Valery Trophy after beating Seafield Albion by three goals to one. George 'Doddie' Gordon was in the Rovers' side.

June 6 **Buckie School Duxes** - Alex C. Flett, 4 Grant Street, Ianstown is dux of Buckie High School. He was the winner of the Fraser Medal for Maths, Dr Hendry medal for Science, Muir Medal for Latin, the Town council prize for English and the C.W. Thomson prize for French.  
Dux of the primary department is Doris Cowie, 104 Main street.

**Death of Buckie doctor** - the death took place this week of Dr Alexander Cruickshank, at his home, Rosemount, High Street, Buckie.

**Juvenile football** - Buckie United won the Juvenile League after beating Findochty Wanderers by one goal to nil.

**The United team was** - Martin, Reid and Allan, Dawson, Gauld and Ritchie, Birnie, Mair, Newlands, Fearn and Webster.

**Findochty** - Mearns, Morren and Marshall' Flett, C. McKenzie and J. Ross, Smith, G. Robertson, James Ross, A. McKenzie and Cowie.

June 13 **Dux of St Peter's RC School** - Isobel Duncan, 76 Main Street is the dux of St Peter's RC School. The dux of the primary department is Dorothy Simpson, 22 St Peter's Terrace.

**Dux of the Lady Cathcart School is** - Ian G.S. Ferguson.

**The parish of the Enzie** - The Enzie was created a Quod Sacra parish on 11 June 1851, being disjoined from Bellie on the west and Rathven on the east. Very much earlier the minister at Enzie served as far south as Dundurcas (near Rothies) on Speyside.

The signatories included - Charles Gordon, Duke of Richmond and Lennox, Andrew Stewart Esq, Auchlunkart and Tannachy, Thomas Balmer Esq, Fochabers, Commissioner, to the Duke, Rev Robert Cushnie, present minister of Bellie, Rev James Gardiner, Rathven, Rev Andrew Younie, representing the church and chapel of Enzie. The document is in the name of John Barron, Clerk of Tiends, in Edinburgh.

June 21 **Inflation-** The Banffshire Advertiser is now to cost 21/2 a rise of a half penny. In 1881 the first edition cost one penny and remained so up until well after the turn of the century when it rose to twopence. **(Note that the paper is now published on Thursdays, previously it had been Wednesday, later this was changed again to Tuesday.)**

**Z men at Dallachy** - A total of 3.500 men will do their 'Z' training at Dallachy. There are soldiers at Dallachy at present putting up all the various tents, they have only recently returned from Malaya. The 'Z' men will be from Banff, Moray, Aberdeen and the north.

**Poem** - 'The Children's Concert' written by J. C. Portgordon. This is found on page 5

**New Serial by 'Spike'** - "Death at Linzee Gordon Park".

**Presentation** - Rev G.W. Ewart, minister of Enzie Church is to retire after 18 years. He was met by members of the congregation when he and his wife received the presentation of a number of gifts.

June 28 **Advert** - Leys and Duncan - Coastal Radio, Marine Place, Buckie and 7 Low Street, Banff. (Sandy Duncan of Boghead Farm, Fochabers is married to Joey Young, Arradoul Mains.)

**Poem** - 'The Auld Sheep Fauld', written by M.E. C. Clochan. This is found on page 2

**Tragic story** - Mrs Elizabeth Ross, 9 Thornhill Huts, Forres, formerly of Carnoch Cottages, Rathven, who lost her 3 year old son, Edwin, when he was killed by a car on the Buckie to Cullen road, outside their home, in June 1946 was deprived, in tragic circumstances, of her remaining children, Moira, 12, and Violet, 5.

\*\*\*\* The two girls had left home about 7.30 p.m. to go for a walk, when they did not return at their usual time the mother became alarmed and the police were informed.

A search resulted in the coats and shoes of the sisters being found near a 12-foot deep static water tank on the disused aerodrome at Balnakeith near Forres.

Forres Fire Brigade later pumped the tank dry and the worst fears were confirmed. Lying on the slime at the tank bottom were the bodies of the little girls.

Mrs Ross has been a widow for the past five years.

**Poem** - 'Skate Rawns' written by S.C. is found on page 6, column 2.

**Stationmaster to leave Buckie** - F.G. McHardy, stationmaster at Buckie for the past 8 years has been promoted and moved to a new post. He is to be a special grade stationmaster at Fraserburgh

Jly 5 **Advert** - Cluny Cleaners (Andrew Henderson, formerly of Findochty) 5 High Street.

**St Andrew' Hotel** - The cocktail bar to open on Saturday 7 July.

**Joint duxes of Portessie School** - Rose E. Smith and Alex Smith. There are also joint duxes in the Portessie Primary Department - they are James A. Campbell and Malcolm B. Slater. Their photographs are in the paper, though the quality is poor. .

**Dux of Findochty J. S. Primary Department is** Sheila Campbell.

**St Peters RC School prizegiving** - At the annual prizegiving Mr Weir, senior male teacher presided, taking the place of the headmaster, Mr Martin who was ill, spoke of Billy Jappy, dux last year who had brought glory to the school by gaining a scholarship to Gordonstoun while the school also basked in the reflected glory of Frances Hutcheson who took first place in the under 16 soprano class at the Aberdeen Music Festival.

**Dux of Shielburn Public School** - Billy Anderson

**Photograph of the prizewinners at Enzie Public School** - In the group is my brother and sister, Joseph and Margaret Fraser. (Joseph was 1<sup>st</sup> in Secondary 1 while Margaret was first in P7.) The picture, unfortunately, has been poorly reproduced.

**Portgordon dux and prizewinners** - Secondary department - joint duxes - Easter Phebe Innes, and Alice Brander, Leslie Dunn is dux of the primary department.

**Why Buckie asked a letter writer?** He said that he was of the opinion that it came from the Latin word - buccinum meaning a shellfish such as a whelk. The word Buckie, he also said, means a sullen, stubborn, obstinate or unmanageable person. He asked whether anyone had other interpretations.

**Arradoul Youth Club** - held another very successful dance in the Townhouse on Saturday when 80 couples were present and danced to music by the Waverley Band. George Innes was M.C. Mr and Mrs John Duncan and members of the

band judged an ankle competition. The winner was Margaret 'Meg' Mackay with Mary Grant and Bunty Hunter as R's /Up. The lucky prizewinners were Wm. Dalgarno and Tommy Lawson.

**'Miranda' is now doing the week's film review. The Children's Corner by 'Prunella' and 'On The Bridge' by the 'Skipper'.**

Jly 12 **for sale** - The Wholesale Grocery business belonging to Charles Milne, 19 Garden Lane.

**A number of dances were arranged for the 'Z' men' at Dallachy at the request of the OC 153 Highland Infantry Brigade.** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday - 16 - 21 July in the Fishermen's Hall . Usual refreshments.

**Photograph** - This shows a group of girls from St Michael's Youth Club, Dumbarton who have been spending two weeks holiday at St James, near Drybridge under the leadership of Miss Wart and Miss Inglis.

**Photograph** - This shows a Claus Combine harvester being demonstrated at Cullen House Home Farm this week. The photograph shows it being used as a stationary thresher, with power being provided by a David Brown paraffin unit. The Claus combine has a fully booked programme for the whole of the harvest season.

**Change in the Buckie population** - There has been a decrease in the Buckie population. In 1931 the total was 8689 while in 1951 it is now 7.705 representing a decrease of 11.3%. Banffshire's population fell from 50,135 in 1931 to 47, 772 in 1951- a fall of 8.7%

**Photographs** - The reproduction of photographs in this edition and for some time past are very poor, mostly as dark as being unreadable.

Jly 19 **Advert - Stewart** Kay and his Caledonian Dance Band have some free dates for season 1951/52.

**Circus** - Robert Fossett's Circus is to pay a visit to Buckie on Friday and Saturday, 20 and 21 July.

**Dave Lawrence and his band were to make their first appearance** in Buckie when playing at a dance being ran by Buckie and District Secondary Juvenile Football Association. This will take place in the Fishermen's Hall on Wednesday 25 July. Admission 2/6. Free bus will run after the dance to Dallachy, Portgordon, Findochty, Portknockie and Cullen.

**The 'Z' men** - To accommodate the 'Z' men presently billeted at Dallachy dances will take place in the Fishermen's Hall, Buckie on the evening of 23, 24, 26 and 27<sup>th</sup> July.

**Sunday school picnic** - Four busloads of children, 80 in number, belonging to the Baptist Church Sunday school held their annual picnic to Hopeman on Saturday, when they enjoyed glorious weather.

**Death of former Portknockie provost** - The death took place this week at his home, Anchorage, of ex Provost James Falconer JP. He was 62 years of age. A native of Portknockie he started his working life as an apprentice grocer and in 1924 became both a town councillor and magistrate at the same meeting. He became provost of Portknockie in 1934, succeeding John Bruce, he later served for a long time as a member of Banff County Council. He is survived by his mother and brother.

**The 'Z' man** - Several thousand 'Z' men arrived at Dallachy on Saturday to go through an intensive training programme during their two-week's stay. The men came from all over Britain to join their respective units in the 153 Highland Infantry Brigade. The officers, NCO's and men will all live under canvas. A number of special trains carried the men to Spey Bay.

The arrangements for fitting them out with uniforms, eating utensils, bedding etc worked very satisfactorily throughout Saturday.

On Sunday the men spent the day settling in and many renewed old acquaintances of the war years.

The camp commandant is Lieutenant Colonel P. T. Telfer Smollet, HLI.

**Column 'Out and About'**- The long needed requirement of a restaurant on East and West Church Street was met on Monday when Messrs Fowler and Sons, Bakers, opened an attractive tea room in the premises formerly occupied by the D E. Shoe Shop. There is word that Messrs Valentine, Bakers, on East Church Street, are likely to be opening one too.

**Glasgow kids** - Forty pupils from Glasgow Public School are spending a 14-day holiday in Buckie High School. Last year they spent the same length of time in the Macduff School.

Jly 26 **Arradoul WRI for Peter Fair - The Rural** had an advert in the B. A. inviting people to patronise their tent at Peter Fair.

**Open-air whist drive** - An alfresco whist drive was advertised to take place at the Buckie Bowling Club on Friday 10 August. Ticket 2/6.

**Singer Robert Wilson** - The well-known singer, Robert Wilson, is to appear in the Fishermen's Hall on Tuesday 7 August. The public have the opportunity to hear Robert Wilson, ('Down In The Glen',) together with a full supporting cast, including Stanley Baxter, at two houses on that date. Tickets - 4/-, 3/- and 2/-. A Grand 50-50 dance will follow. "Come and dance with the stars".

**Sale of Work in the Clochan School** - A Sale of work will take place in Enzie Public School on Wednesday 1st August at 3 p.m. in aid of St Gregory's Preshome Renovation Fund. Admission 6d. A dance will follow at 9 p.m. with ticket 2/-.

**Furniture Sale - Special Announcement** - The first auction sale of furniture will be held in our new auction salesroom - 8-9 Cluny Terrace on Saturday 4 August. The sale will start at 2 p.m. sharp. Moray Firth Furnishing company, 37 West Church Street and 17 High Street.

**Buckie Lifeboat Gala Week** was a great success with trips round the bay by fishing boats being immensely popular.

**'Z' men** Three 'Z' men were up in court in Buckie for stealing a parcel off a bus between Buckie and Tynet. The parcel contained messages a woman had bought in town including a pair of knickers. Another 'Z' man was fined for cycling without lights.

**Football** - Frank Smith, Buckie Thistle reserve team trainer and former player, has been appointed first eleven trainer in succession to Alex Thomson 'Bomber', who has been trainer for the past three years.

Aug 2 **Portessie Flower show and Sale of Produce** will take place in the Church Hall Portessie on Wednesday 8 August.

**Barhill Road, Garage** - Personal attention of proprietor, John H. West.

**Peter Fair** – The Banffshire Advertiser had a photograph taken of the fair with the caption beneath speaking of the big changes in accommodation for the show people. Instead of the canvas tents of days gone by they were all equipped with the most luxurious of caravans.

**Report - Heavy** rain on Thursday evening curtailed the size of the crowd and threatened to spoil the following day, however, Friday morning began bright and clear and later developing into brilliant sunshine. Most shops and businesses in the town closed at half day to allow their staff to attend the fair. Continuous queues took place on Cluny Square as people waited for buses. The warm sunshine meant that all the ice cream vendors did a roaring trade.

The many housy-housy stalls were popular with the housewives where the winners could have their choice of tea sets, shopping bags and other useful household articles.

There were no smoking fires outside the old canvas bow tents as would have been seen in days gone by but in their place a large fleet of modern homes on wheels, all tastefully painted in cream and green with shining chromium fittings.

The fair could not go by without the usual one or two people falling foul of the police. A well-known Buckie firewood merchant was fined £15 for assaulting two policemen.

**Keith Show** - For the first time since it was instituted in 1872 a film record of the Keith Cattle Show will be made this year and in the evening the camera men of Caledonia Associated Cinemas will be at the Keith versus Buckie Thistle Highland League Cup tie in Kynoch Park.

**The 'Z' men** - With the departure of the last of the 3000 'Z' men from Spey Bay station on Saturday, Dallachy Camp now resumes its usual site as a weekend training centre for The T.A. and Army Cadet units.

**Football** - Buckie Thistle have signed the following players for next season – Goalkeepers – Rennie, Jenkins and Black; Full-backs – Tough, Leask, John Smith, G. Sandison, Wm. Marnoch; Half/backers – Wm. Milne, D. Wood, R. Jeffrey. G. Murray, Gordon Geddes; forwards – Buchan, Morrice, James Thain, A. Stewart, John Anderson, Wm. Forsyth, James Ritchie and Eddy Smith.

Aug 9 **Arradoul Flower Show- will** take place on Wednesday 22 August.

**Buckie Welfare League** - Teams entered for season 1951/52 are – Buckie Rovers, Buckpool Celtic, Portsoy, Isla Vale, Arradoul, Seafield Albion, Banff Rovers and Strathlene. Fochabers decided to withdraw, after having difficulty in raising a team.

President – J. Chisholm, Keith, vice presidents, G. Innes, Arradoul, and R. Paterson, Buckpool Celtic, secretary, J. Davidson, Portgordon, treasurer, D. Chisholm, Buckie. Hon president, A. W. Macdonald, manager of Buckie Thistle.

**Award for Buckie soldier - Pte** John Murray McKay, son of Mr and Mrs D McKay 'Kye' 20 James Street, Buckpool, was adjudged the best shot in the young soldier's competition at a recent British Troops Berlin Rifle Meeting. Pte Mackay an apprentice slater before being called up has been in the army for nine months. He is 20 and serving with the 1<sup>st</sup> Bn. Black Watch.

Before joining the army he had never handled a rifle but has made such progress that he walked away with a score of 184 out of a possible 220 fired at 300 yards. He was congratulated by General Bourne.

He says how he enjoys serving in Berlin where his favourite sport is rowing, this being amply catered for at the Carlyle Club, situated on the Havel Lake just outside the barracks.

**Football** – The Buckie Thistle team for Saturday is as follows – Rennie, Tough and Leask; Milne, Wood and Jeffrey; Morrice, Buchan, Stewart, Thain and Black. Note that Black formerly played in goals.

Aug 16 **Buckie Welcome Home Fund** - A meeting of the general committee of the Welcome Home Fund took place when the business being discussed was the names to be added to the war memorial.

**For New Zealand - The** Buckie paper carried a photograph of the Milne family of 14 Sutherland Street who left for N.Z. today. The family who are bound for Dunedin consists of father Mr John Milne who has been a mason with A. Milne and Sons since 1919 and foreman for the past ten years is to continue in his trade as a bricklayer in New Zealand. his wife, son, John, and daughter Marie. Twenty years old Marie is a student nurse having completed two and a half years of her course at the Royal Samaritan Hospital in Glasgow intends to continue in nursing in Dunedin. Son John, who is 19, has served three years as a motor mechanic also intends to find work in this line.

Mr Milne has a brother in New Zealand who lives on a farm 70 miles from Dunedin. He left Buckie

20 years before and hasn't been home since.

The family sail on the New Zealand shipping company ship Atlantis.

It is estimated that 130,000 people will emigrate from Britain this year.

**Toilets for Fochabers Square** - An article is found on page 2 column 6. By all accounts the bus shelter, of which the toilets form part, was widely welcomed by all then. (By 1999 the shelter, together with the toilets, had been so badly vandalised that it was decided to demolish them this, however, did not meet with everyone's approval.)

**Football** - Buckie Thistle beat Keith by the only goal of the game on Show night. The Buckie team was Rennie, Tough and Leask; J. Smith, Wood and Geddes; Milne, Buchan, Stewart, Thain and Morrice.

The Thistle had drawn 2-2 with Rothes in the first game of the new season.

**Poem - The** first poem for some time is found on page 6, column 4. This is titled - 'When The Sun Gangs Doon'. It has been written by W.W. T., Buckpool.

**Football** - Preston, a football player meantime stationed at Kinloss, played for the Thistle 'A' team in a 6-2 wins against Turriff.

**Aug 23 1951 - The Banffshire Advertiser was printed in a smaller different form from that of the previous style. There was also a column less. In a note to readers the editor assured all that the paper would be still giving good value for money with news from the local area. To promote the interests of the area from Portgordon to Cullen and the surrounding district remains the paper's aim. The paper still cost tuppence ha'penny.**

**Gordon Castle- Fochabers** - A report on the front page of the 'Advertiser' said how Gordon Castle might once again become the property of the Richmond and Gordon family.

**Strange story of Cullen House** - This is found on page 4 columns 3 and 4. "She Dreamt of an Earls Death".

**Football - A** photograph of Buckie United (poor reproduction)

G. Dawson, J. Reid, A. Martin, I. Gauld, W. Leask, G. Birse, E. Cowie, D. Newlands, D. Fearn, J. Webster, W. Allan.

**Mona Grant, dancer** - This edition carries a photograph of 12 year old Mona Grant of 23 Admiralty Street who has taken nine firsts, 2 seconds, 2 thirds and a silver medal in dancing competitions. She is a popular member of the Merry-makers Concert Party.

**New stationmaster** - Mr John Marchbank has been appointed stationmaster at Buckie.

**A letter to clear up confusion -** Iainstown is called after a laird of the Grant family and it belongs to the Seafield Estate. It lies on the east side of the Rathven Burn. Gordonsburgh, as the name would suggest, lies in the Gordon lands on the west side of the burn. The burn is the march or boundary between the two estates.

**Photograph and article -** This shows and gives some information on Rev David Dewar, minister of Bellie Parish Kirk from 1837 to the Disruption of 1843, thereafter minister of the new Free Church in Fochabers. (Found in this edition.)

**Less herring cured in Buckie -** Up to the end of last week there were 940 fewer barrels of herring cured in Buckie compared to the same period last year according to figures issued by the Associated Herring Merchants Ltd.

Some statistics (whole barrels)	1950	1951
<b>Buckie</b>	<b>2,385</b>	<b>1445</b>
<b>Lerwick</b>	<b>28,070</b>	<b>12,757</b>
<b>Stornoway</b>	<b>17,145</b>	<b>3,415</b>
<b>Fraserburgh</b>	<b>25,013</b>	<b>13,283</b>

**Football -** Buckie United won the Juvenile Cup Competition when they beat Arradoul Wanderers by three goals to one. Danny Fearn had 2 with Ernie Cowie having the other. George Cormack, one of the best players on the field, scored Arradoul's goal from the penalty spot.

**Spike -** The last instalment of his serial - "Death at Linzee Gordon" is to be found in this edition.

**The 'new' Buckie Paper has 12 pages with wedding and other announcements being found now on the last page.**

Aug 30 **'Diles' saves boy from drowning .** Robert Souter, Westdale, St Peter's Road, son of Mr and Mrs Richard Souter, was saved from drowning after falling into Buckie Harbour by John Cowie, Diles' who dived into the rescue. This was the first swim by Mr Cowie for 20 years, the former professional football player with Buckie Thistle and Falkirk who suffers from an injured arm a result of a motor cycle accident.

**Playhouse -** Films showing this week are - 'Rawhide' starring Tyrone Power and Susan Hayward also 'Pandora and the Flying Dutchman' with James Mason and Ava Gardner.

**Hunt for 'Geordie'** A person to play the part of 'Geordie' in a forthcoming film of that name had yet to be found. A reward of £50 is being offered to anyone who can recommend someone suitable. (In the end Bill Travers played the part, later marrying Virginia McKenna.)

**Poem -** 'The Moray Firth' by M.C.N. This is found on page 8 columns 1 and 2.

**Football -** In this edition a picture shows Arradoul Wanderers, winners of the Kings Café Cup and R/Up to Buckie United in the Inter Section Juvenile Cup. The reproduction is unfortunately poor.

Davie McQueen (trainer|), G. Cranna, G. Cormack, A. Paterson, J. Murray, J. Sinclair, J. Hay, A. McPherson, W. Jappy, I. Shaw, G. Cochrane, T. Garden.

**Football** – Two Buckie Thistle players called to do their N.S. in the RAF. Alex Jenkins, goalkeeper from Fochabers and Gordon Geddes from Tynet who plays as a half/back.

Sept 6 **Local singers do well in Edinburgh** - Mrs Jessie Murray, 72, 29 Merson Street received a terrific ovation from a capacity audience whom she held spellbound with her contributions to the Folk Song Ceilidh held in Edinburgh on Friday. She sang two songs in the first part of the programme, these being 'Skippin' Barfit Thru the Heather' and 'the Ale Hoose'.

Blanche Wood from Portknockie sang 'I'm A Bonnie Young Lassie', 'Portknockie Road' and 'The Reid Road' the last two being particularly well known in Portknockie.

Later Mrs Murray sang 'Fair Ellen' and 'Barbara Allan'

**Photograph** A better photograph on page 9 shows Ronald and James Fowler. While one of them is busy pumping up his bike the other stands looking on. The caption reads- "You do the pumping and I'll pech".

**New factor for the Cluny Estates.** These include Cluny, Midmar, Kebaty and Shiels in Aberdeenshire, Buckie in Banffshire and Kinstearly in Nairnshire.

**Makers Concert Party gave a concert in Fochabers-** Solos were sung by Balfour Black and Daisy Marshall; duets by Daisy Marshall and Maria Sluyter; dances by Mona Grant, comic dialogues by Harry Forbes and J. Sinclair Cowie, accordion selections by James Morrison, while boy soprano, Robert Penwright sang a few songs. Others who participated were – Betty Marshall, Janet Stephen, June Legge, Helen Knowles, Joyce Morrison and Messrs John Burnett and John Cowie.

**Boyne Castle – Portsoy** - A photograph and article on the Boyne Castle is found on page 11, unfortunately the reproduction is poor.

Sept 13 **Wanted - A** caretaker is required for the Townhouse on Cluny Place. Wages offered are £5 per week with a free house of three rooms, fire and light.

**Portknockie Provost resigns - Provost** Geddes, Portknockie, resigned after strong words had taken place between him and 2 young councillors, Councillor Wm. Mair and Bailie Sudding, and Provost Geddes had served 18 years as a magistrate.

**Photographs - It** had been the practice for some weeks past for the B.A. to have a whole page of photographs on page 11, unfortunately the reproduction of the photographs for some time also has been very poor. One photograph this week shows the additions that have been made to Gray's meal mill on Garden Lane.

**Football** - Buckie Thistle signed former Keith player, Gilbert Hilton. (He is remembered as being a diminutive sized player but a good crosser of a ball.)

Sept 20 **Railway station to close - Notice** is given that as from Monday October 1<sup>st</sup> Tochineal Station near Cullen in to close for passenger traffic.

**Playhouse** - The Jolson Story starring Larry Parkes.

**Road repairs** - St Peter's Road is to be resurfaced. (Probably the next time that this was done was during the year 2000)

**Bellie Parish Kirk, Fochabers** - An early plan of the church is found on page 7. The plan itself is kept in the Records Office, Edinburgh, signed by John Baxter architect and dated 1795. The Duke of Gordon met the cost of building the church.

**Story on page 8** - 'Banffshire Forger Worker For an Earl. J. Sutherland.

**National Service** - As from November 1 1951 farm servant are to become liable for National Service.

**Football** - Arradoul Wanderers won the Central Cup by beating Fochabers Rockets by 6 goals to 0. Durno had three goals. They lost, however, in the final of the Venice Trophy to Findochty Wanderers.

Sept 27 **Second Portknockie councillor resigns - Treasurer** John Mair DSC resigned from Portknockie Town Council in sup [port of Provost Wm. Geddes who resigned recently. Mr Mair who had been a member of the council since 1928 said that Provost Geddes had been treated with everything but respect. He spoke of the nonsense that had been spoken at recent meetings together with childish behaviour.

**Dances etc** - Buckpool Celtic the go ahead Welfare League side are to have Jimmy Sutherland and his music from the Lido Ballroom in Elgin playing at their dance in The Fishermen's Hall on 8 October. At half time Cliff Scott and Betty Fraser, North of Scotland Ballroom Dancers will give a demonstration of different dancers and also Formation Dancing by the Lido Dancing team. Admission 3/- A Grand Dance will also take place in the Fishermen's Hall on Saturday 29 September from 8-11.30 PM. Dance prizes- Special prizes of £1, 10/- and 5/- Geddes' Band - Admission 2/6

Arradoul Youth Club - Old Thyme Dance in the Townhouse, Buckie, every Saturday from 8-11.30 p.m. Admission 2/-. Free bus after the dance to Portgordon, running via Arradoul and Enzie Cross Roads.

Dance in the St Andrew's Hall on Saturday 29 September from 8-11.30 p.m. Music for dancing by Lawrence Band, Banff. Competitions- Spot, Elimination Waltz and Novelty. Prizes. Lucky door tickets. Excellent buffet. Buses after the dance to Portgordon and Cullen.

Buckie Thistle Supporters Club is holding a Whist Drive in the Cluny House. Tonight, Thursday commencing at 7.30 p.m. Note that these whist drives will be held every Thursday until further notice.

**Photograph** - A picture on page four shows Viscount Reidhaven, son of the Earl of Seafield, a boy of around ten standing on top of a combine harvester then working at Cullen House Home Farm.

**Rise in pay for farm workers** - The wages of all farm workers was set to rise by about 8/- for male workers and 6/- for females.

Adult male workers - 108/-; Adult shepherds - 120/-; Adult specialists - 117/-.  
Women aged 16 - 74/6; Woman specialists 18 + - 82/-.

**Another railway link likely to close** - The closure of the railway link from Inveramsay to Macduff is now almost a certainty, though efforts will be made to counter this.

**Football** - Findochty Wanderers reached the final of the North Cup after beating Clach Rangers by four goals to two in Inverness.

**The team was** - Mearns, Campbell and Marshall; Flett, A. McKenzie and Ross; Smith, Robertson, G. McKenzie, Wood and Cowie. A. McKenzie got a special mention.

**Buckie Rovers** - The Rovers' president, James Cowie, was presented with a gold watch on his departure from Buckie for Coatbridge where he has found a job at his trade as a cooper. James Cowie in his long association with the Rovers has been trainer, manager and president. The watch was handed over by player and captain, George Innes.

**Levels of hygiene not good enough - Banffshire's** Sanitary Inspector, paid a visit to both Peter Fair and Keith Show and was not impressed by the standard of hygiene or the way that food was handled by the various tea stalls, ice cream vendors, bars and those selling fruit.

Oct 4 **American makes return visit** - Joseph Stewart, whose father was a mason, paid a visit to the place of his birth after 28 years. He is a brother of Mrs Munro, 2 South Land Street. Mr Stewart, who is a caretaker, lives near to Chicago.

**Photograph** – shows Sandy Hutchison, Iainstown, organist of the South Church for the past five years who is now a student at Guildhall School of Music and Drama in London. Sandy is a son of Mr Alexander Hutchinson, solicitor and Town Clerk of Cullen and Mrs Hutchinson, Whinny Knowe, Iainstown.

**Notice** - Buckie Miniature Rifle Club. The club will open on Thursday 11 October at 7 p.m.. the range is at the rear of the Territorial Hall. New members will be made most welcome.

**Advert - Cluny House Hotel** – Breakfast, Lunch and Tea. Open 7 days . Entry from High Street. 'Let us serve you'. Phone 3905.

**Playhouse** - 'The Naked Heart' starring Trancoise Resay etc. 'To Please a Lady' starring Clark Gable and Barbara Stanwyck; 'This is my Affair' with Susan Hayward and Dan Dailey.

**Buckie Rifle Club** held their annual general meeting in Fowler's Tea-rooms. Hon President – W. F. Samuel; Hon vice presidents – A. Anderson and Wm. Smith; President- S. S. Fowlie; Vice Presidents - D. L. Fowler and J. Garden; Secretary/Treasurer – George Paterson. He has taken over from A. R. Wilson, Portgordon who held the post for a many years but who has had to retire through ill –health. Mr Fowlie gave a tribute to Mr Wilson.

**Page 6 photographs** as has been the practice for a number of weeks past page 6 was given over to a number of photographs. While the bulk of them are very poor, it being difficult to see who is in the photograph there is one showing four Buckie young men, namely- Peter Cowie, Al. Smith, Cornal Cowie and Jim Reid. Jim Reid died in his forties while Ali Smith also died before he was retiring age. (In November 2000 Jim Reid's daughter died suddenly at the age of 43. She left a husband and two teenage children.) Another photograph, which is fairly clear, shows Joyce Morrison, Colonsay Place, cutting her 21<sup>st</sup> birthday cake.

**A photograph on page 8** shows two or three year old Mary Coull, 19 Sutherland Street on her tricycle along with her dog, 'Yorkie'. The caption says the picture was taken as she looked up to see a jet plane passing over.

**Phone calls** - Local phone calls are to go up from 2d to 3d.

**Advert** - Webster's Garage, 55 West Church Street.

**Football** - Findochty Wanderers beat Elgin Victoria in the first leg of the final of the North Cup.

Oct 11 **Photograph on page 7 shows a new road surface being laid on St Peters Road.**

**Photograph on page 11 shows the Buckie Thistle team of 1912/13.** The Thistle then were winners of the Aberdeen Charity Cup, Elgin and District Cup, the Banffshire Cup and also R/Up to the winners of the Highland League. In the photograph are – Smith (assistant trainer), A. Milne, G. Reid, W. Reid, J. S. Cumming, A. P. Hector, J. Birnie, W. Duncan, Shand, J. McGrory (trainer), . P.

Clark, J. G. Johnstone, G. McKenzie (Capt.), A. Mann, W. Smith (manager), W. Stewart and W. Ross.

Oct 18 **Findochty Youth Centre** - A new Youth Centre has been opened in Findochty. A snug little hall standing on the foreshore to the west of the harbour. It was originally a coal store and fire station during the war years. It later fell into disuse and when the youth organisations acquired the use of it five months ago only the four walls were left standing. The youth organisations, the town council and the folk of the village brought about the changes. A report on the subject is given on page one.

**Playhouse** - Showing this week in the local cinema are - the 'Halls of Montezuma' with Richard Widmark, etc also 'Lights Out' with Arthur Kennedy and Peggy Dow.

**Poem** - 'Craigmin Bridge' by Donald Cowie.

**Gordon Highlanders Rally** - This took place in Aberdeen with a full report contributed by W.S.C.

Oct 25 **Notice** - A meeting will take place in the Townhouse on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October for the purpose of discussing the formation of a Gliding Club.

**New serial by Spike - " The Cruise of the Mothball". The first instalment is to be found on page 8.**

**Photograph shows the Buckie Thistle football team of 1924/25.** They had won the Aberdeen and District League, Aberdeenshire Cup and Banffshire Cup.

In the photograph are- G.Reid, A. Murray, J. L. McNaughton (secretary), G.D. McKenzie, J. Mellis, D. Marshall, J. C. Johnstone, A. Marnoch, F. Smith, N. Wood, J. Cowie, S. McIntosh, L. Geddes, D. Brunton (official), E. Geddes, G. McKay, W. Geddes, J. Garden, T. Cowie, W. Knowles, R. Nicol and J. Newlands.

**Football** - Buckie Rovers 2 Arradoul Y.C. 2

**Arradoul** - Marshall, Duncan, Sinclair, Scott, A. Cowie, Curran, Murray, Jappy, J. Cowie, Laing and Legge.

**Rovers** - Moulton, Coull and Cowie, Murray, R. Allan and Reid; Gordon, Fearn, Innes, W. Allan and Wyper.

Nov 1 **Election** - W.S. Duthie, was returned as MP for Banffshire with an increased majority over his Labour rival, Alex Flett, Findochty. Nationally the Conservatives were returned to power with a small majority over Labour.

**Emslie's Travel Agency, Elgin** - Their advert showed an aeroplane and spoke of tours by rail, sea and air.

Nov 8 **Bellie Parish** - This article appears on page 7. It talks of this being a turbulent charge with a good report on some of the ministers. (Worth taking a copy.)

**Carrie and Co staff dance** - The annual staff dance of Carrie and Co. Grocers, took place in Elgin. There were staff members from Buckie, Inverness, Lossiemouth, Keith, Huntly and Elgin present. Mrs Carrie, widow of the founder was present.

**Ten shilling fine** - A Cullen dairyman was fined 10/- with the option of 7 days in jail for throwing a lighted firework on Pringle Street.

**For having no lights on his bike a man was fined 15/- with the option of 7 days. For not having a rear light the fine was 7/6 or five days in jail.**

**Page ten shows a photograph of Gordons (Portgordon) F. C. of**

**1921/22** - The photograph shows - G. Thain, F. Innes, P. Hendry, A. Cormack, J. Reid, P. Innes, N. Coull, J. Hendry, P. Innes, A. Farquhar, J. Geddes, J. Innes and R. Milne.

**Football** - Buckie Thistle had a Jimmy Cowie in at centre forward against Fraserburgh and won by 7 goals to 2.

Nov 15 **Motor bike accident claims the lives of two Buckie men** - Two young Buckie men lost their lives in a motor cycle accident when in collision with a lorry just over a mile west of Forres. They were Ronald Taylor, butcher, 23, a married man of 1 Land Street and Edmund Whyte, 17, apprentice butcher, the only son of Mrs Whyte, 33 Land Street, Buckpool. He was riding on the pillion.

**Playhouse** - 'Kim' starring Errol Flynn etc. 'Where the Sidewalk Ends' with Dana Andrews and Giene Tierney. 'The Pagan Love Song' with Esther Williams and Howard Keel. 'Ace in the Hole' with Kirk Douglas and Jan Sterling.

**Town councillor resigns** - George Campbell a relatively newcomer to Buckie Town Council tendered his resignation.

**Promotion for Dick Souter** - Richard Souter, Skipper, was recently promoted to Lieutenant in the RNR.

**Enzie Church of Scotland** - Rev Francis Chisholm BD son of Rev Alexander Chisholm, Alloa is to preach as sole nominee at Enzie Church of Scotland.

**Telephone kiosks** - More telephone kiosks have been set up in different parts of Buckie. One in Ianstown, one in Upper Portessie and an extra one on Cluny Square.

**A fair way from home** - A Bedford truck belonging to Dingwall Town Council which had been reported missing on Saturday was found abandoned in a ditch near Enzie Cross Roads on Sunday.

**Photograph** of one year old Kathryn Grant Drummond with a giant teddy bear her Grandfather, Peter Cowie (Cornal) gave to her uncle 25 years before.

**Photograph** taken at Cluny Harbour shows potatoes being loaded on to a cargo boat. This was the first export of potatoes from Buckie since 1906.

**Photograph** shows a memorial plaque to the late Alex Annand being unveiled at Rathven Parish Church. Mr Annand had a long association with the Rathven Church.

**Advert** - Benzie and Miller, High Street, Elgin, Ladies Clothes, Kitchen Utensils, Christmas Gifts and Toys.

Nov 22 **First showing of the Buckie Coat of Arms** - this is shown on the front page of this edition, The Treasury fee was gifted to the town by Provost Dr Hendry. "Letters of patent given ..... " signed by Thomas Innes of Learney Lyon.

**Advert** - Cement blocks, various sizes, Ice Company, McLaren's Brae, Buckie.

**Playhouse** - 'Old Mother Riley's Jungle Treasure' starring Arthur Lucan and Kitty McShane.

'Three Guys Named Mike' with Jane Wyman, Van Johnson, Howard Keel and Barry Sullivan. 'Tom Brown's Schooldays' with John Howard Davies and Robert Newton.

**The following had adverts in the B. A.**

Smith's Radio Service, large selection of gramophone records, 10 Cluny Square.

Barclay's for Radios, Geo. S. Barclay, 31-33 East Church Street.

Thos W. Lang, 29 west Church Street, Ophthalmic and Dispensing Optician.

Personal attention to car and tractor repairs, John H. west, Garage, Barhill Road.

Cycle and Radio Engineer, Charles Robertson, 14 East Church Street, Buckie, Agent for Sunbeam, BSA, and Humber bicycles.

Electrical, Marine and Domestic Installations and Repairs- D. Watt, Electrical and Radio engineer 40D Commercial Road, Buckie. We specialise in Marine Electrical installations.

Alex Esson, Cluny Square, Buckie, Ladies, Gents and Children's Tailor and Outfitter.

The Central Soda Fountain 'next to the Playhouse', a favourite rendezvous.

Fitted carpets, Henderson, 253 High Street, Elgin.

Private Christmas Cards and Calendars, W. F. Johnston and sons, 13-15 West Church Street, Buckie.

Fur sale - J. Henrik, 45 Union Street, Glasgow.

Best canary seed, Macrae Bros., 119 High Street, Elgin,

Farquhar, 3 Hill Street, Portknockie, Saloon Cars for hire, 24 hour service.

George Watson, Motor hirer, 24 Gordon Street, Portgordon.

The Little Wonder, Flannelette sheets, blankets, curtains, 37 east Church Street, Buckie.

Quality Cleaning and Dyeing, James Mackay, 5 east Church Street, Buckie.

Join Our Christmas Club - Ritchie, 72 East Church Street, Buckie.

Lending Library - 'this weeks new numbers' W. F. Johnston and Sons

Hepworths 'Pounds in our Pocket' 13a -17 East church Street. Men's suits, £7.15, £10.15, £12.12. Ready to wear or made to measure.

James Mackay 5 East Church Street for Ladies' Evening or Party Wear.

Housewives buy it at B& M's , High Street, Elgin. Our hardware department can provide every kitchen requirement.

Sutherland's Furnishing Store, High Street, Buckie.

The Millbank Garage, 18 High Street, Buckie. "Lubrication is all important, get your vehicle seen to now"

The Moray Firth Furniture and Bedding also Calor Gas, 37 West Church Street and 17 High Street.

The Studio, Portessie, Ali Mohammed for Modern Photography.

Kings Café, West Church Street.

The Ladies Shop, 39-41 West Church Street for Coats, Costumes and Skirts.

For Christmas presents try George Sutherland, Shoemaker, 21 West Church Street, Buckie.

Tax- J. Mayne, 5 West Cathcart Street, Buckie Phone 3219

Funeral Undertakers - A. Hendry and Sons, Land Street Phone 2129

Funeral Undertakers - A. Campbell and Sons, Buckie phone 2274 day or night.

Holly wreaths, Christie, Florists, Fochabers.

**Photographs** - This shows Ernie Lyon and J. Sutherland, welders, standing at the controls of Messrs Hamilton's Bros. Recently acquired main's driven welding plant.

Mr and Mrs Dustan about to leave Buckie for South Africa.

Mr A. G. Cowie who was co-opted on to Buckie Town Council to replace Councillor George Campbell who recently resigned.

**The Town Clock** . The town clock which had been behaving rather erratically of late is to be overhauled by a specialised firm. This was decided by the council after Mr D.G. McGregor had said that it required a major refit. The clock was gifted to the North church in the 1880's from the will of a Mr Donaldson who was a master baker in the town. Since 1888 when the town council came into being they agreed to maintain it for the good of the town.

Nov 29 **Opening announcement** - Lily Humphrey (Mrs Hill) is giving notice that she is to open a Hairdressing and Beauty Culture Salon at 13 Baron Street.

**Football** - bad weather led to the cancellation of all football games in the local area at the weekend.

**Old Folk's Home ?** Permission has been asked to build an Old folk's Home in Buckie. The Buckie South Manse, which is up for sale, is not considered to be suitable. (This was likely to be the former manse on Queen Street not the one on East Church Street.)

**Photograph** - This found on page 10 shows the Buckie Thistle team of 1921/22. The people named are - J.P. Clark, S. Cameron, N. Pirie, W. Rae, E. Geddes, M. Goodall, J. Garden, G. McKenzie, G. McIntosh VC, J. Newlands, J. Stewart, R. Nicol, W. Ross.

**Fochabers church debate** - A report is given on page 12. Discussion was centred around whether a lot of money should be spent on upgrading the Bellie Church, the present parish church, or making the former Free Church, the Pringle Church the parish church.

Dec 6 **Photograph** - shows the new altar in All Saints Church which is to be consecrated tonight Thursday.

**New caretaker** - The new caretaker of the Townhouse is Mr James Pirie, 60 well Road who was chosen for the post from a short list of three. He will be replacing Mr Andrew Thomson who has held the post for 29 years. The job offers £5 per week with a free house, coal and light.

**Buckpool Golf Club - reformed** - Buckpool Golf club has languished in the post war years and been in abeyance during the past year was reformed on Friday evening following a meeting in the townhouse, Buckie. Some 30 people enrolled on the night.

Office bearers appointed were - President - Provost Dr Hendry, vice president, Mrs Gibson, captain J. M. Hamilton, vice captain, W. R. Wark, Hon. Secretary, Ian H, Sutherland, match secretaries, J. A. Penwright Jun, and D. Forbes. Hon treasurer, W. A. Fowler. Auditors, W. McNab and A. Brebner.

Dec 13 **Cullen Town Hall** - It is thought that work may soon proceed on the reconstruction of Cullen Town Hall. The town council have accepted a roofing offer of £2,000 and reorganising of the walls of the derelict building which was destroyed by fire in 1942.

**Death of Banffshire MOH.** The death took place this week of Dr D. T. Walker.

**Grand Re-opening dance in the St Andrew's Hall** on Saturday 15 December from 8-11.30 p.m. when Foleys Band from Macduff will supply the music. Admission 2/6.

**Buckpool Celtic** have organised a Grand Modern Dance in the Fishermen's Hall on Monday 17 December. The Skyliners Dance Band with vocalist Harry Clayton, ex Harry Roy's Band, 'The Dixielanders', 'In Left Foot Up, Right Foot Down', The boys of Bop 'In Bebop'.

From 8.30 p.m. till 1 a.m. free buses after the dance to Portgordon and Portknockie.

**Seafield Albion** football club are holding a Carnival Dance on Christmas Day in the Seafield Hall, Portknockie. Music by George Folley and his Melodymakers, Twilight dancing, ankle competition, gift scheme for a new bicycle etc, Streamers, balloons and buffet.

**Boat builders are urgently required by a boatbuilding yard in Inverness.**

**The 'doos' have lost their home** . With workmen busy in the process of demolishing the old building across from the St Andrew's Hotel at the foot of St Peter's Road, Buckpool, many pigeons have lost the home they have frequented for a long time past. The roving reporter spoke of many sitting looking rather dejected on a building across the road wondering, no doubt , where they would next take up abode.

**Consecration of altar in all Saints Church** - A report is given on page 7.

**A photograph on page 10 shows the Buckie Thistle team of 1900/01.** They were winners of the Elgin and District Cup which they won by beating Keith Strathisla by 3 goals to one at Millfield Park in Elgin  
Those named are – J. Gordon, W. Clark, A. Davidson, W. Pirie, W. Campbell, G. Reid, J. Christie, A. Forbes, J. Geddes, J. Rennie, R. Johnston, W. Landles, W. Black, G. Calder, A. Milne and W. Leask.

**'The Cruise of the Mothball'** the last instalment of this serial by Spike is found in this edition.

Dec 20 **Buckie Welcome Home Fund** – Buckie Town Council as regional authority under the 1940 War Charities Act are to request a deputation from the council representing subscribers to the fund to ascertain the present position and hear proposals for disbursing the fund. A motion to this effect was tabled by Councillor Lawson and was carried without opposition at the council meeting on Monday.

**Timber houses** - The Department of Health are to import timber houses from abroad. The town council agreed that they would take 20 if they were found to be suitable.

**Closure over the festive season** - **Most** shops and offices are to close on Christmas Day, 25<sup>th</sup> December and also on New Year's Day and the day after.

**Buckpool's Palais De Danse** - This is how the St Andrew's Hall is described in an advert for a Grand Leap Year dance which is to take place on New Year's Day, 1<sup>st</sup> January 1952. Music to be supplied by the Metronomes Dance Band from Moray, making their first visit to Buckie.

**Playhouse** - 'Riders in the Sky' starring Gene Autry.

**Rathven Youth Club celebrated** their first birthday in the WRI Hall with Mr James Milton presiding.

Miss Ann Wilson cut the birthday cake after the candles had been lit by George Grant and blown out by Miss Jean Newlands.

Mr Milton paid tribute to Mrs Goodall also secretary and treasurer, J. Stewart and joint leaders, Ann Wilson and George Grant.

**'Tappies' launch** - A large crowd gathered at the foot of the Stroup Brae on Saturday morning to see the fishing boat Bezaleel being launched from the boatyard of George Thomson and Son. A special gantry had been erected to carry the boat to the water over the bank of shingle. The Bezaleel, a dual-purpose vessel of 65 feet, equipped for both seine net and herring fishing has been built for brothers Messrs James and Wm. Sutherland. She was named by Miss Betty Sutherland, daughter of skipper to be James Sutherland.

Dec 27 **Christmas tree in Cluny Square** - A 43 foot tall Christmas tree adorned with lights makes a blaze of colour on Cluny Square.

**Death of Alex McIntosh, father of Geo McIntosh VC.** Mr McIntosh a native of Portessie and related to the McIntosh, boatbuilders, served his time as a joiner but spent most of his working life as a fisherman apart from serving in the Royal Navy during the World War I.

**Enzie Church of Scotland minister-** the induction of Rev Francis B. Chisholm to the Enzie charge is to take place on Sunday January 30 1952.

**Dances - Grand Hogmanay** Dance in the Fishermen's Hall on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> December from 8.30 till 11.30 p.m. Geddes' Band - admission 2/6  
 New Year's Dance in the Fishermen's Hall on Tuesday 1st January from 8.30 till 1 a.m. Geddes' Band Admission 2/6. **Remember the date "The Weekly News" Top Ten Dance on January 7.**

Hogmanay Dance in the Deskford Public Hall on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> December.

Lodge Richmond 1137 is holding a New Year's Dance in the Masonic Hall, Portgordon on Wednesday 2 January from 8pm until 1 am. Folley's Melodymaker's Macduff. Buffet. Bus to Findochty after the dance.

**Buckie Local Labour Party** is to hold their annual general meeting in the Commercial Hall on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January at 8 p.m. D. Grant secretary.

**Playhouse** - 'Lavender Hill Mob' starring Alex Guinness and Stanley Holloway.

**Johnny 'Diles' Cowie receives an award** - J. M. Cowie 'Diles' received the Royal Humane Society's Certificate from Provost Dr Hendry for saving the life of Robert Souter after he had fallen into Cluny Harbour earlier in the year.

**Football** - In their last Highland League fixture of 1951, Buckie Thistle beat their namesakes from Inverness by four goals to one.

The team was - Rennie, Tough and Leask; Thain, Wood and Jeffrey; Stewart, Buchan, Cowie, Milne and Morrice.

The Thistle is third in the H/L table with 21 points from 13 games played. The second team lies second to Aberdeen University in the Aberdeenshire League with 17 points from 11 games played.

**Davie Duncan's Benefit match** - David Duncan, Findochty, the former Thistle player received a benefit match. This to be played on New Year's Day.

**Duncan's team** - Jenkins, Tough, Leask; Thain, Wood and G. Geddes; Duncan, E. Smith, Marnoch, Joe Hendry and Davie Duncan.

**Highland League Select** - (all local) Valentine (Ab. Uni.), McLachlan (Elgin City), Reid (Lossie.), Innes (Buckie Rovers), Hector (Elgin City), Laing (Lossie.), J. Smith (Keith and Nairn Co.), Allan (Rothes), Rae (Bck Th.), Johnston (Lossie.), Cormack (Rothes).

The Select won by the only goal of the game scored by Jimmy Rae.

**Columnists** - Compared to the Banffshire Advertiser of earlier years when there were around four different people writing columns, the only two in December 1951 were 'Out and About' and Spike.

Apart from advertisements, situations vacant and 'hatches, matches and dispatches' the paper was made up of pieces from the different places round about under the heading 'Local and District News'. The pictures showing during the week were discussed under the banner of 'Lets Go To the Pictures', there was also a Film Quiz where you were asked to guess who the person shown was. There was good coverage of all levels of football also 'Pool Splashes' by D. V. Dend

The paper had been reduced to 8 pages, similar to that in the year 2000.

