

1957

Jan 3 **Great Year (1956) for Buckie yards** – 19 Fishing boats built and more to come (headline on front page.)

Arradoul WRI Dram Group- are to present two plays in the WRI Hall on Thursday and Friday 10th and 11th January. These are 'Sandy' a three act play and 'The Whistle' a one-act play. Free buses from Buckie – watch for the bills. A dance will follow the performance on Friday evening.

The Rathven Players are to present the three act play 'The Wishing Well' in the Seafield Hall, Portknockie on Friday 11th January.

'**Grand Dances**' will take place in both the Fishermen's Hall, Buckie and also the Arradoul WRI hall. Admission to the Fishermen's Hall is 2/6 and at Arradoul – 2/-. A free bus will leave Cluny Square for Arradoul returning after the dance.

Rock and Roll - The Buckie Labour Party 'Rock and Roll' dance, which they held in Cullen Town Hall, paid off despite all the conditions laid down. The sum of £44 net being realised. This was the largest sum raised from any function since 1993 and as such they intend to run another one, whether they will bother with another 'Rock and Roll' demonstration remains to be seen.

An interesting note - The last Spitfire has been grounded with Mosquitoes taking over the Met. Flight.

Lodge Gordon's installation - Bro. James Duncan was appointed R.W.M. Bro. D. L. Fowler PM PGS was presented with the Diploma of the Hon. Grand Architect of the Grand Lodge by Bro. J. L. McNaughton PM The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Banffshire.

Jan 10 **Church Minister to leave** – The Rev E.W. Brady, Rector of All Saints Episcopal Church for the past 8 years is to move to Edinburgh.

A photograph on page 5 shows the fishing boat 'Nyborg' about to leave Cluny Harbour for her first fishing trip. She was built by Messrs Geo. Thomson and Son in November for the St Andrew's Steam Fishing Company.

Big shots - Buckie fishermen had one of their best weeks for a long time despite the New Year holiday period. A total of 3333 cwts of white fish were landed amounting to £14,976. 591 cwts were sold on the local market amounting to £2476, the remainder being consigned to Aberdeen.

A photograph on page 5 shows a Portgordon School group taken in 1938. The names of all in the photograph are given.

A photograph on page nine shows the staff of the BTH (Bulb factory) taken at their first annual social.

Jan 17 **Buckie's new water scheme now in action** - The shortage of water in Buckie whenever there was 'two days without rain' had been a problem for a long time and something to have a laugh about is now a thing of the past. On Friday December 21st 1956 at precisely 10.50 p.m. the first water taken from the river Spey at Ordiquish, 8 miles away, began to pour into the Rochomie Reservoir. The scheme cost £105,000.

Information boards - The town council approved the lay out for the three information boards, which are to be set up on Cluny Square, St Andrew's Square and Strathlene for the help and guidance of visitors.

Burn you +++++????* burn !** – The wreck of the former sailing ship, Prince Louis which has been grounded on the rocks at the Yardie for some months past with the decision taken to set it on fire is still in one piece resisting all attempts to set it on fire. The Duke of Edinburgh did part of his early sea training on the ship.

A photograph on page 9 shows Monsignor Murdoch, St Peter's Church, being presented with new robes.

A photograph on page 11 shows a very youthful (all aged around 120 'Buckpool Celtic' team. This was taken in 1905. The names of all in the photograph are given.

Arradoul Plays - The two plays being enacted by the WRI players drew 'standing room only', before the show began.

Jan 24 **Boat launch** - The fishing boat 'Olympic', built by Messrs Jones and Sons for 7 Lossiemouth fishermen took to the water this week.

A photograph on page 9 shows HMS Monkton (an inshore minesweeper built at Buckie) leaving the Buckie harbour on one of its trials.

Jan 31 **(Headline) Buckie sea captain - life or death decision**, made a 700 mile dash in a gale to save a patient. The story is told of Captain Robert Scott Paton, 59, Master of the 6580 freighter, 'Tahsinia' and his stirring deed on the front page of this issue. His home is at 108 Main Street, Buckpool, where his wife stays.

Wedding telegram - Thine be ilka joy and pleasure. Peace, enjoyment, love forever.

'**Burns Suppers**' were very much in fashion in 1957. The whole of page 7 of this edition is given over to reports of the following: - High School debating Society, Portgordon WRI, Rathven WRI, Arradoul WRI, South Church Badminton Club, Portessie Work Party and Buckie Labour Party.

Feb 7 **New minister** – The congregation of Buckie West Church agreed unanimously that their new minister would be ex RAF Chaplain, Rev D. H. Gerrard, who had spent some time at RAF Kinloss.

Portrait hung – A portrait of the late Dr George Hendry, former town provost, was unveiled in the main entrance hall of Seafield Hospital by his widow on Tuesday evening.

Gales – Gale force winds reaching between 90 and 100 miles per hour hit the Buckie area on Monday. Considerable wide spread damage was done but mostly of a minor nature. The 40-foot high flagpole on the front lawn of Buckie High School blew down, being snapped off at the base. As it came down it fell across the power lines creating blue sparks. The power was switched off until the pole could be removed.

The Clochan area Thespians - The Enzie Amateur Dramatic Society are to present the 'Call of the Glen' a Scottish play by Donald M. Paton, in Enzie Junior School on Thursday and Friday, 21 and 22 of February. Doors open at 7.30 with the Curtain at 8 p.m.

A photograph on page 7 shows the 'new' Prince Louis the training ship of Moray Sea School entering Burghead Harbour after her refit at Buckie.

A second photograph on the same page shows pupils of Findochty Junior Secondary School Navigation class who assisted by regular officers took the Prince Louis from Buckie to Burghead. In the photograph they are seen tidying up and coiling ropes.

Feb 14 **New rector for All Saints Episcopal Church**, Rev J Lloyd Stewart, presently at Aberfeldy is to take up his duties in Buckie in May.

Cycle rack – To accommodate the parking of bicycles on Cluny Square, Buckie Town Council are to provide, as a trial, six concrete slotted slabs for bicycles in the north east quarter.

A photograph on page six shows a class of pupils at Findochty School taken post war, in the 1940's. The pupils, all named, look to be aged between ten and eleven.

Lodge Gordons 589 – A photograph on page 7 shows the office bearers of Lodge Gordons.

Stationmaster to leave - Mr John Barker who has been stationmaster of the joint charges of Portknockie and Findochty for a number of years is to move to Monifeith.

Golf charges - The town council agreed that the same golf charges would prevail for both Buckpool and Strathlene. You could play on either course. A season ticket is now to cost £4, up from the previous charge of £3.

A photograph on page 9 shows some boys and one girl playing 'bools'. The girl is named as Susan Ferguson. (One of the boys is Derek Walker, son of Bessie Robertson and Johnnie Walker who lost his life at sea while only a young man)

Feb 21 **Bakery fire** - A big fire took place at the Central Bakery on Baron Street owned by Mr and Mrs George Hutchison. The fire was discovered at 3.15 a.m. by a fisherman who ran to the nearby gas house to phone for the fire brigade. The baker firm still trades under the name C. Forbes.

Opening announcement - Margaret and Ann Simpson are to take over the hairdressing business in Portessie lately carried on by Willie Stewart.

Smith's Records - Here's To The Gordons – Robert Wilson
The Wild Colonial Boy – Charles Kennedy
Moonlight Gambler - Frankie Laine
For Now and Always - Hank Snow
The Banana Boat Song – The Tarriers
Wonderful Grace of Jesus – The London Crusader Choir.

Wedding photograph - Jimmy Ewen and Margaret Thain.

Feb 28 **Boat launch** - The fishing boat 'St Gerardine' INS 57 was launched from the shipyard of Messrs Jones and Sons, for seven Lossiemouth men. She was named after the patron saint of Lossiemouth.

West Church Induction - The induction ceremony of Rev D. H. Gerrard took place in the West Church this week.

Mrs Brookman, (Little Wonder) was a guest speaker at Rathven WRI meeting this week where she showed members how to make work boxes from Christmas Cards.

For sale - The farm of Quarryhead, Drybridge a long time tenanted by the Russell family was for sale. There are 24 acres arable and 4 hill.

Saturday Night Dancing is to commence in the **St Andrews Hall** on Saturday 2 March with music by Alex Sutherland and his ten piece orchestra. Featuring vocalists, Margaret Ord and George Clayton also Dave Mathieson on the drums. From 8- 11 admission 3/-

Poem Findochty Prefabers Complaints

From Morven one tae Twenty Four
Did ever ye see sic orra doors?
Palin's high and palin's low
Some blawn doon, some raring tae go.

The doors are roosty, the windaes tae,
The rain comes in; the draught blows free;
Seldom watter tae wash on a Monday morn,
Unless ye rise at the crack o' dawn.

Feet squelchin' in the backyard green,
My it fairly ruins ma sheen,
Nae drains for us, na, na, ye see,
Oor new neebors first, a richt man be.

That's jist a few o' the 'plaints we hiv,
To the cooncil seldom a grummle we div,
Noo oor rents are up tae mak us a' alike
Bit that'll niver be till they gie us a' a dyke.

B. Fair.

Opening announcement - Crown Electrical Stores are to open for business at Crown Street, Ianstown on Monday 4 March – Proprietor – Sammy Hunter. All types of Electrical Appliances for home or farm, TV, Radios and Grams. Estimates free.

Smith's Records - The Green Door – Frankie Laine
Friendly Persuasion – Pat Boone
Look Forward Angel – Johnnie Ray
Love Divine All Loves Excelling - The London Crusader Choir.
We're Nae Awa' Tae Bide Awa' – Robert Wilson
An Eriksay Love Lilt – Robert Wilson

Two photographs on page five show the players of Enzie amateur Dramatic Society in a scene from the play, 'Call of the Glen'. They are Michael Donaghey, Janet Innes, Mary Duncan and Margaret Johnston. In the second photograph W.F. Johnston is seen applying make up to George Grigor. Others who were involved in the play were – Willie Potts, Freda McLean, Willie Palmer, and Mrs C. Purvis a newcomer. The members of the orchestra led by Father Robertson were – violinists, Miss Anne Palmer and Messrs J. Duncan, W. Green, A. Smith and G. Shand who gave a selection of Scottish tunes between the acts. Mrs Alex Shand was at the piano while George Shand also played the piano accordion. Moray Firth Furnishing Company (Robertson's) Buckie provided furniture for the various scenes.

Wedding photograph - Eddy Shepherd and Margaret Jappy.

A photograph on page 7 shows a class of pupils at Findochty School taken in 1905. All the pupils are named also the teacher, Miss Geddes.

A photograph on page 9 shows triplet calves born to a Friesian cow at Whitefield Farm, Drybridge. Holding the three calves are Sandy Middleton and Ian Middleton, sons of the farmer and Willie Lawson.

Mar 7 **Big fire on Low Street** - A considerable part of the premises belonging to Mac Fisheries on Low Street was destroyed by fire on Friday forenoon.

Photographic Studio to open - W. F. Johnston and Sons, 13-15 West Church Street, wish to intimate that our Photographic Studio will be open from Monday 11 March.

Smith's Radio Shop Cluny Square - this week's records -
 Rock Bobbin Boats - Eve Boswell
 Come Home To The Highlands - Kenneth McKellar
 Little Old Mud Cabin - Patrick O'Hagan
 The Faithful Hussar - Vera Lynn
 We'll All Be There - The Scottish Festival of Male Voice Praise.

Football At the AGM of Buckie and District Welfare League there was talk of trying to extend Buckie and District Welfare League to include teams from the whole of the Banffshire coast. Teams that it is thought might join are - Macduff, Banff and Boyndie.

The following officials were re-elected - President - John Hay, Portsoy, vice president - John B. Reid, Buckie, secretary/treasurer, Norman Taylor, Buckie.

Football - Jimmy McIntyre, Buckie Thistle centre forward was declared fit this week 11 months after suffering very severe leg fractures against Forres Mechanics last April. A railway clerk with British Rail he only started back to work on Monday

No not 'The Last Tango in Paris' but the last Youth Club dance took place in the Arradoul Hall the previous Saturday. They had been going continuously for over 7 years, for a long time the dances (Old Time) were held in the Town House, Buckie but for the past few months in the WRI hall. With dances now taking place in the St Andrews Hall as well as the Fishermen's on a Saturday evening it probably didn't pay the Youth Club to continue.

Mar 14 **Row in the Town Council** - The Town Chamberlain, Rome Tocher, who is also Burgh Collector, of 30 Mill Crescent is claiming £500 damages off Councillor Wm. Bannerman for refusing to apologise for words used by him towards Mr Tocher at a council meeting on September 19 1956. The comments were related to the new carpets, which were laid in the new offices on East Church Street. Mr Tocher was of the opinion that he had been slandered.

Alterations to the Fishermen's Hall - Buckie Welfare Society intended to make alterations to the hall they owned and were inviting tenders for all trades.

Rathburn Hotel - At a recent sitting of the licensing court, the new owner of the Rathburn Hotel was successful in obtaining a drinks license. His application had been turned down previously. The go ahead was also given for alterations to the Commercial, Marine and St Andrews Hotel.

'Spike' has fun with his cartoons - Findochty and Portsoy had both launched a campaign to discourage the wrong type of summer visitors. His sketches show how this might be done.

- a) A danger, shark, to discourage swimmers sign
- b) A man with a fierce dog saying, "Steek him boy as a visitor approached.
- c) Bombs and hand grenades being thrown.
- d) A team of ruffians carrying banners and hurling bricks to meet visitors off the train.

Question in the council - Councillor J. Christie wanted Buckie Town Council to send a letter to Wm. Duthie MP asking why he voted against a rise in the Old Age Pension. He failed to get any support. (Was that really surprising at the time? He was a Slochie loon after all.)

Tocher versus Bannerman. The local paper covered this in great depth with two whole pages given over to the affair. Apparently Bannerman had said "Something fishy". The Sheriff said that this may be slanderous.

Mar 21 **Smith's records this week** - Earthbound - Mario Lanzo
 Lewis Bridal Song - Robert Wilson
 The Prisoner's song - Eddy Arnold
 Moonlight Gambler - Frankie Laine
 The Wisdom of a Fool - Norman Wisdom
 Moment By Moment - The Haven of Rest Quartet

A photograph on page 5 shows bairns from Buckie North Church Sunday School having fun and games at their party.

Boat launch - The fishing boat 'Mayflower' was launched from the shipyard of Herd & McKenzie only 15 minutes before a national strike of shipyard workers was about to start.

A photograph on page 7 shows the 'Tea Ladies at St Peter's R.C. School Bulb Show and Sale of Work

A photograph on page 9 shows John Mair DSC who served for 28 years on Portknockie Town Council, the last five years as Honorary Treasurer

Long trip - The Buckie-built fishing boat, 'Summer Rose' is about to embark on the 12,000 mile trip to New Zealand. The skipper, Australian, Graham Gain picked the ten man crew along with owner, Leo Oxley, from 800 applicants, 200 of whom were women. The boat was built by Jones's

A photograph on page 11 shows men working on the grandstand at Victoria Park. The wooden boards have been covered with wire mesh and are now being cement plastered then given a Tyrolean finish. (The same grandstand front was sheeted with metal with a concrete base during the millennium year. Large-scale renovations also took place inside when completely new dressing rooms and showers were constructed. I lent a hand with some of the work.)

Local man dies at Dounreay. Mr James Thomson, 66, of Mill Crescent, a former fisherman, who had recently been working on the construction of Dounreay Nuclear Power Station, died there this week. I also worked there at the time and remember taking a severe bout of the 'flu (Asian variety) which came on me with great suddenness and was quite crippling while it lasted.

Mar 28 **Football** - Buckie Thistle beat Ross County at Victoria Park, Dingwall to record their first post war victory on this ground.

Football - Fochabers drew with New Elgin in the Final of the Morayshire Junior Cup at Victoria Park, Buckie. The Speysiders won the replay a fortnight later. New Elgin was League Champions.

Apr 4 **Pandemonium reigns in Buckie Town Council- Buckie** Town Council broke up in disarray as a sensational sequel to the scrapping of the controversial Rents Scheme, which would have seen tenants paying differential amounts. Three councillors resigned with a further two that had intended to seek re-election at the forthcoming municipal elections on April 16 withdrawing their names.

A photograph on page 5 shows Lewis Penwright and Thelma Clark in a scene from the play 'I Remember Mama' which was presented by **Buckie North Church Amateur Dramatic Group**.

Football - Aberdeen University football team were giant-killers when after first beating Elgin City they then defeated Buckie Thistle, then Highland League leaders, in the next round of the North Supplementary Cup by the score of five goals to three.

Spike made some fun of the rare victories with a series of cartoons.

Apr 11 **Boat launch** - The new fishing boat, 'Fragrant Rose' took to the water this week from the shipyard of Herd & McKenzie. She has been built for Buckie man, W. J. S. Smith who was formerly skipper of the Coreopsis.

Headline on front page - Buckie Council rents to rise by 9/- in the £.

Smith's records this week - Little Town in the Ould County Down - Frank Murphy

Marianne - The Hilltoppers

There's a Love Knot in My Lariat - Slim Whitman

Just For You and Me - The Crystal River Quartet

Portessie Wesley Guild put on the play, 'John Brown's Body' in the Portessie Public Hall last Thursday and Friday night.

Football - Buckie Thistle required only 7 points from 6 games to win the Highland League title. (Two points were given for a win at this time.)

Apr 18 **Death of former matron** - Miss Margaret C. Lumsden, late matron at Seafield Hospital and the first woman burgess of Buckie died on Thursday 11 April at her home in Portknockie after a long illness. She was 66.

Buckie Town Council election - James 'Jimmy' Lawson, a former councillor and Dean of Guild, came top of the poll in a very small vote of only 28%. This was down from a 50% turnout at the previous election. George Smith, Master Electrician, also a former councillor was also returned. Mrs Milne yet another former councillor was unsuccessful. Of the three areas of the town, Buckpool, Buckie and Portessie, Buckpool recorded the most votes. It cost just over £200 to hold the election.

For sale - The croft of Townhead, Drybridge, amounting to 4 acres 11 poles in extent is for sale. The land was all arable and said to be in good heart.

Smith's records this week - I'm Drowning My Sorrows - Teresa Brewer
My Faithful Sailor Boy - Connie Frances
Don't Forbid Me - Pat Boone
A Mother's Love - Bridie Gallacher
The Gold Rush is Over - Hank Snow
Whispering Hope - Jo Stafford and Gordon Macrae

Headline - Fochabers 20 Years hence Development Plan - Explained by Mr Gorie, a member of the County Council. A By-Pass Road - Main Proposal

The preliminary development plan for the Morayshire village of Fochabers envisage within the next 20 years the building of 125 houses, a new bypass trunk road, sewage disposal works, and a zone for commercial purposes.

All this was discussed at a meeting, which took place in the Public Institute chaired by Mr Gorie.

It was decided to form a committee of local people to take the proposals forward. Those elected were - Brigadier G.C. Gordon Lennox, Messrs A. Raffan, H. R. Hampton, C. Lipp, A. Horne, S. Paton, S. Gordon, Wm. Young, Col. Murray and P. Glass.

Apr 25 **A photograph on page 6 shows three loons about to set off to 'roll their eggs'.** Their names – L. Shearer, Ronald Grant and Edward Souter.

Token launch - The 66-foot new fishing boat, 'Accord' built as an addition to the Hopeman fleet at Messrs Jones's Shipyard had only a token launch on Thursday on account of the very rough seas.

Bin Hill Service - The dawn service on the summit of the Bin Hill organised by Buckie North Church Youth Fellowship which has become a regular event will take place on Sunday morning, May 5. A bus will leave Cluny Square at 3.30 a.m. with the service taking place at the top at approximately 4.30. The outing is open to all who wish to attend.

May 2 **Co-option rather than election** - Members of Buckie Town Council agreed, by a majority decision, to co-opt new members to fill the three vacancies rather than saddle the ratepayers with a further bill of £200 for an election

Boat launch - The fishing boat, 'Cullen Bay' was launched this week from the shipyard of Messrs George Thomson and Son. The 63-foot long Danish type vessel was built for Grimsby owners.

May 9 **Opening announcement** – I, J, Brander intend to open in business a Boot and Shoe Repairer at 36 Land Street on May 20 and through providing a good service hope to share in the public patronage.

Well-known sportsman dies - The death took place this week of Mr Eduardo Iannetta, 58 High Street. He was a keen junior footballer in his young day who might have gone on to senior level. He played golf and bowls and was one of the best billiard and snooker players in Buckie. He served with the Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders during the First World War before becoming an interpreter with the Royal Engineers. After the war he took over the shop on High Street, which he later improved and extended.

Someone who called himself 'A Friend' wrote a superb obituary of Eduardo Iannetta much better known to many as 'Meallie', ending with these few lines –

To live in the hearts of those we loved
Is surely not to die,
But just to sleep in peace awhile
As time goes passing by.

A good clear photograph on page 6 shows a **group of bowlers** at Victoria Bowling Green all set for the start of the season.

South Church minister to move - Rev Dr Alexander White minister of the South Church for nearly five years is to leave shortly to take over a new charge at Fowlis Wester near Crieff, a parish to which he was elected on Monday.

"I To The Hills" Thirty people braved showers of sleet and bitterly cold weather to climb the Bin Hill on Sunday for the annual dawn May Day service.

Boat launch - The 'Lunaria' a 65 foot long fishing boat was launched from the shipyard of Messrs George Thomson and Son this week for three Findochty fishermen – James and David Smith and George C. Flett. She will be fitted out in a few week's time with all the modern navigation aids and powered by an 8 cylinder 152hp Gardner diesel engine.

A photograph in this edition shows part of the seafront at Portessie. Somebody in the USA asked if the Advertiser might publish a photograph of the Portessie promenade where the black 'sheddies' used to stand between the road and the shore. They could not, however, supply one with the 'sheddies'.

Advert – An illustrated advert inserted by Ritchies, 72 East Church Street asks that people visit their new showroom and see the large selection of ladies and girls coats, dresses, costumes, skirts, jackets and rainwear.

Football – Buckie thistle won the Highland League in season 1956/57 after beating Elgin City at Borough Briggs by two goals to one to take the title. This was their seventh Highland League Championship since football recommenced after World War II.

Football - John Valentine, ex Buckie Thistle and Queen's Park football player (centre half) signed this week for Glasgow Rangers and takes over from the legendary George Young.

May 16 **Council Co-opts** - The following three people were co-opted on to Buckie Town Council this week – Mrs J. A. Milne, Wm. A. Thomson and John Burnett.

The White Heather Group is to pay a visit to Buckie on Friday 7 June. Appearing, among others, will be Robert Wilson, Bobby McLeod and his band, Archie McCulloch and Kathy Kay.

Football – The only new signing to date by Buckie Thistle is George Andrews who moves to Buckie from Elgin City. The following three have all re- signed – Freddie Smith, Grant Craigie, Bobby Auld as have those who made up the regular side – Andy Morrison, Willie Allan, Johnnie Low, Alex Stewart, 'Shaun' Reid, James Thain, Johnnie Dutch, Bobby Jeffrey, Bobby Rose, Martin Buchan, Jockey Christie and George Cowie. Morrison is meantime on National Service while Allan is waiting his call up.

May 23 **Notice** – The new cocktail bar of the St Andrew's Hotel will be open to the public on Saturday 25 May.

Sutherland's Furnishing Store to close - The business has been sold with a retiral sale taking place.

Smith's records this week -
 Gone – Slim Whitman
 Young Love - Sonny James
 Absent Friends – Anne Shelton
 My Love is Growing Stale – Slim Whitman
 Blue Monday – Fats Domino
 Amazed – Haven of Rest Quartet.

New head at Portessie J. S. School - Mr J. A. Brown has been appointed the new Headmaster of Portessie J. S. School. He is to move from Newmill.

Townswomen's Guild - Mrs Pearson wrote and produced a play titled, "Women Must Weep" which was performed by members of Buckie Townswomen's Guild at the North of Scotland Federation of Townswomen's Guilds held in Huntly. Those who played parts were – Mrs Geddes, Mrs May, Mrs Campbell, Mrs Grieve, Miss Helen Campbell, John May and Duthie Geddes. High tribute was paid to the presentation and sincerity of the acting.

May 30 **Rathburn House opened this week as a licensed hotel.** It was formerly the home of Mr Archibald, Solicitor and Lord Lieutenant of Banffshire. It had been previously a hotel but had lain empty for some time and was falling into a state of disrepair until bought by Donald G. Grigor, the present owner who is a former civil servant. The hotel has 8 bedrooms, five double and three single.

Opening announcement – Hector Flett, 3 Garden Street, Portgordon is to start up in business as a Joiner.

Advert - A. Campbell and Sons, Baron Street, Carpenters and Joiners.

We can supply all manner of materials for the trade of the D.I.Y man. Cut timber, asbestos, plasterboard, hardboard, blockboard, etc. etc.

Two photographs on page 7 show geography students from Buckie High School, along with their teacher, on the summit and plateau of Cairngorm. The picture is very clear,

Portessie promenade with 'sheddies' After the Advertiser was unable to meet with the request made they received some photographs from readers with one being printed on page 12.

June 6 **Front page headline** - Bailie Tuxworth pleads not guilty. He had been charged with contravening the Local Government Act during the debate on the controversial Differential Rents Scheme.

Smith's Records this week - Mangos - Rosemary Clooney
 Only You - The Platters
 Ninety Nine Ways - Tab Hunter
 Yes Tonight Josephine - Johnnie Ray
 So Long - Johnnie Ray
 He Was Wounded For Our transgressions - The
 Crystal River Quartet

June 13 **Smith's records this week** - In the Good Old Summer Time - Ken Griffiths

Today Will Be Yesterday Tomorrow - Doris Day
 The Old Bog Road - Joe Lynch
 Around The world - Ronnie Hilton
 Empty Arms - Teresa Brewer
 Kneel At The Cross - The

Dux photographs are shown on page 7 -

Findochty J. S. School - All the prizewinners and all named
 Portknockie J. S. School - H. Smith (Senior) and K. Donaldson (Primary) both girls.
 St Peter's J. S. School - Myrtle Penman (Senior) and Douglas McDonald (Primary)
 Cullen J. S. School - Ian Wood (Senior) and John Findlay (Primary)
 Portessie J. S. School - Marlene Flett (Senior) and Murray Farquhar (Primary)
 Lady Cathcart School - Donald Cumming

June 20 **Dux of Buckie High School is Veronica Baird.** She won the Fraser Medal for Maths, C.W. Thomson Prizes for French and German and shares the English Prize with Irene B. Noble

Smith's records this week - We Will Make Love - Russ Hamilton
 Wind In the Willows - Joe Stafford
 Lonesome Whistle - Hank Williams
 When I Fall In Love - Nat King Cole
 False Hearted Girl - Tennessee Ernie Ford
 Just A Little Talk with Jesus - The Crystal River

Quartet

New selection of Irish records now in stock, Smith's Record Shop 10 Cluny Square.

Strathlene Hotel the property of Buckie Town Council suffered a net trading loss last year of £558,19.3 according to Treasurer George Smith. The

council was living beyond its means, he said, and must economise in all departments.

Page 6 shows a photograph of some of the new houses being built on the Tarbuckie Housing estate. (Highfield Road) A report is also given of the scheme together with a sketch map.

On page 7 a photograph shows a picture of 8 sets of twins meantime attending Portessie J. S. School. As the caption read 'Surely a record' the pupils are all named.

Prizewinners at Buckie High School - They are shown in a photograph on page 9.

A very clear picture on page ten shows a group of loons spectating at Buckie High School Primary Department Sports. It would be easy to pick out the ones you know.

Football – Buckie Thistle signed 24 year old Ivor Smith the former Dundee and Aberdeen inside forward. He is a product of Aberdeen St Clements Junior Football team and a former Junior International. (I remember him as a very stylish player.)

June 27 **Portessie Gala Queen** - Miss Marie Smith was chosen as this year's Gala Queen.

Speedster – John Lawrence, Garage Proprietor, Cullen, took 2nd place at Le Mans, France.

End of the line – Mr T. Mowatt, famed for his Galloway Candy is to retire and close his shop at 40 East Church Street on June 29. Mr George Bruce has, however, taken over the making of Galloway's candy and toffee and will be selling this in his shop as from 1st July.

Are you any good at 'put and take'? Hoers are wanted either whole or spare time at Arradoul Mains.

Smith's records on sale this week - Freight Train – Chas. McDevitt Skiffle Group

Send Me Some Loving – Little Richard and his band.

Forgotten Dreams – Le Roy Anderson

Many Times – Slim Whitman

Absent Friends – Anne Shelton

Tenderly He Watches – Geo. Beverley Shea

A photograph on page 12 shows five year old Anne Young granddaughter of Mr and Mrs R. Young Arradoul Mains handing over a gift to Dr Dunbar at Arradoul School prize-giving day.

Jly 4 **Boat launch** – The fishing boat 'Livonia' built by Messrs Jones for two brothers, John Cowie, Cairnbulg and Ronald Cowie, 11 Robert Street was launched on Monday under her own power. She is ready to sail and is equipped with a 6 cylinder 114 hp Gardner diesel engine. She has been fitted with the usual echo sounder, radio telephone direction finding equipment

Arradoul Youth Club is to hold a 'Grand Dance' in the Arradoul WRI Hall on Wednesday 10 July with music by Bill Geddes. A bus will leave Cluny Square at 8.30-p.m. going via St Andrew's Square and return after the dance.

Gala Weeks - Both Portessie and Fochabers are to take place from 15 to the 20 July.

The RAF returns to Gan, a Pacific Island Staging Post. They had to rescue the runways built during the war from thick jungle, which had taken over during the past 12 years.

Two photographs on page 5 were taken at the Findochty J. S. School prize-giving ceremony.

Boat of Brig - Mrs Wood, wife of Provost George Wood, Portsoy, Chairman of Banffshire Roads Committee, opened the new bridge over the River Spey at Orton. It cost £42,000 to build.

A photograph on page 6 shows the prizewinners at Portgordon J.S. School
- Dux of Domestic Department – Eleanor Coutts. Girls Sports Champion – Margo Green. Dux of the Technical Department – George Cowie. Boys Sports Champion – John Murray. Dux of the Primary Department – Sandra Cowie.

Bought over – ‘Robertson’s’ (Moray Firth Furnishers) bought over Sutherland’s Furnishing Stores at 13,15 and 15A High Street. Sutherland’s had been in existence for 32 years after moving to Buckie from Wick.

Cricket - Portgordon were the champions of the Buckie and District Cricket League.

Jly 11 **The Tocher v Bannerman Slander case was under way.**

A photograph on page 5 shows the Girls Life Brigade. The only company between Dundee and Oban is at Buckie under Captain Mrs A. Smith and Lieut., Miss J. Cowie and Miss M. Murray.

Skiffle Group – The Buckie Skiffle Group, ‘The Saints’ earned praise at the third heat in the Macduff ‘Top Town’ variety contest on Sunday.

Wedding photograph on page 7 shows Robbie and Moira taken at the North Church door after their wedding. Guess who was Best Man?

A photograph on page 10 shows children of the North Church Sunday School as they were about to leave for their annual picnic.

Jly 18 **Boat launch** - The 65-foot long fishing boat, ‘Balmoral’ was launched from the shipyard of Messrs George Thomson and Son this week. It was built for four men, from Buckie, Lossiemouth, Nairn and Lossiemouth.

Cabin cruiser launched - The Gramarie, a cabin cruiser, was launched from the shipyard of Messrs Herd and McKenzie shortly after the Balmoral on Thursday. Provost J. H. McKenzie, the managing partner of Herd and McKenzie, owns the Gramarie. The Gramarie was formerly a RNLI lifeboat and was converted to a 45-foot long cabin cruiser at the yard.

Retiral from the painting trade - R. ‘Roddy’ Johnston gave notice that he was retiring from the painting trade and wished to thank all his many customers for their support during the years the firm had been in business. He hoped that they would give the same support to his successor, Mr John Legge, 35 Barhill Road.. The wallpaper and paint retail shop at 4 Low Street is to remain open and be conducted by Miss Johnston as formerly.

Smith’s records this week -
Scarlet Ribbons – Harry Belafonte
Fabulous – Charlie Gracie
Dark Moon – Gale Storm
Island In The Sun – Harry Belafonte

Travelling Home – Vera Lynn
Last Train to San Fernando – Johnny Duncan

A photograph on page 7 shows the property on East Church Street, that was once occupied by Anderson, Shoemaker and Jocky Burgess, Barber, (at the top of Logie's Steps) in the process of being demolished. Once removed the new shops for Alex Slater, Carpets and Furniture and Jenny Campbell's Ironmonger, were built in the space. George Packman, Building Contractor, had an office in the building and his grates among the furniture upstairs.

Cathie Gibson for Macduff - There was some reason for hoping that Cathie Gibson, Motherwell, a great name in Scottish swimming circles and 1948 Olympic Medalist would be present at the Macduff Swimming Gala.

The Lyon Cup - This trophy which appeared to have been 'lost' for a number of years is to be revived and will be played for by the teams in the Buckie and District Welfare League this session.

Jly 25 **Buckie Bailie fined** - Bailie Tuxworth was fined £5 on a charge of contravening the Local Government Scotland Act when he voted on the Differential Rent Scheme. Sheriff Walker said that he appreciated the councillor had acted in good faith.

Hospital visit - Marie Smith, the Portessie Gala Queen along with her attendants, Jeanella Smith and Mary Farquhar paid a visit to Seafield Hospital where they had their photograph taken speaking to patient, Mrs Forbes. This is shown on page 1.

Peter Fair Marquee dances - Thursday 25 July with music by Bill Geddes. Friday 26 July with music by Jimmy Chapman, On both night the dance will continue from 8 until 1 am. Admission 3/-

Dance in the Fishermen's Hall - A dance will also take place in the Fishermen's Hall on Friday 26 July when Bill Geddes and his band will provide the music.

Smith's records - Little Darlin - The Dreamers
Putting on the Style - Lonnie Donnegan
The Cotton Song - Chas. McDevitt Skiffle Group
Love Letters in The Sand - Pat Boone
Gypsy Davy - Chris Barber Skiffle Group
Baby Baby - Frankie Rymon and the Teenagers (new term
?)

Note that we always have a large selection of sacred records in stock.

New County library opened. - A new county library opened on Wednesday afternoon of this week in the Town House West, Cluny Place holding over 3000 books.

Slochy Sabrinias - This was the name given to a ladies' football team who played a game of football as part of the Portessie Gala celebrations. A picture on page 6 shows the team in full strip, all named. (Looking at the members of the team in May 2001 I was able to name the most of them - A.F.) Incidentally Sabrina was very much the name of the time. The real Sabrina was a well-upholstered female film star. At dances girls were being chosen 'Sabrina'

Headline - Dr J. A. Buchannan, County MO stresses the effect of smoking on lung cancer.

Football - Mr A .A. Ferguson, Secretary of the Scottish Welfare Football Association presented a trophy to be called the 'Ferguson Shield; which it was proposed should be played for in a competition between the Buckie and District Welfare League and the Banff League.

Flooded fields ! Torrential rain that fell over Thursday and Friday so saturated the grounds that the games scheduled for Linzee Gordon and also Portsoy had to be put off.

Football Select - A football select side chosen from teams playing in the Morayshire Junior Football Association was to play Elgin City in a pre-season match.

The team was – Denoon (Burghead Thistle), D. Harrold (Fochabers) and F. Clunas (New Elgin); Grant (N/E), Deans (Lossiemouth United) and Simpson (N/E); G. Geddes (Foch), Young (Burghead), Stuart (Islavale), Main (Lossie. U.). Reserves- Fraser and Anderson both Lossie. United and G. Riddel (Fochabers).

Aug 1 **Peter Fair** - Despite Alexander's buses being on strike Peter Fair still went on with private buses and numerous cars and taxis carrying people to and fro. The heavy rain of recent times made the ground a quagmire of mud but people seemed to be quite happy to squelch round the various side shows and stalls. It did look as if the crowd was smaller perhaps natural considering the weather and underfoot conditions. The marquee dances on both evenings were well patronised.

Boat launch - The fishing boat, Olive Leaf, a 69 foot vessel destined to be used for seine netting was launched on Thursday from the shipyard of Herd and McKenzie. The Olive Leaf is the fifth fishing vessel that H & M's have built for the Thomson family of Lossiemouth. And the second to bear the name. The first Olive Leaf was launched in 1934, the Morning Star in 1938, the Dayspring in 1941 and the Moravia in 1946 Partners with skipper Thomson in this newest boat are Messrs A. Main, Lossiemouth and David Main, Hopeman.

Aug 8 **Two pictures of Peter Fair are shown in this edition.** The one on page five shows 'weel wrapped up bairns' on the kiddies merry-go-round, while the second. On page 6, shows bigger fowk plowtering through the dubs at a weet and clarty Peter Fair.

Smith's records -
 Bye Bye Love – Everley Brothers
 I'm Gonna Sit Right Down and Write Myself a Letter - Billy Williams
 The Girl Can't Help It – Little Richard
 Waltz Medley – Bobby McLeod
 Reel of Tulloch – Jimmy Shand
 We Will Make Love – Russ Hamilton

Death of former cinema manager - The death took place this week in Aberdeen Royal Infirmary of Mr James Hood former cinema manager in Buckie. He was 71 and retired two years ago.

Recruitment of teachers - More than 1,600 enquiries about the Special Recruitment Scheme for Teachers have been received by the Scottish Education Department in the past 7 weeks from both men and women in all walks of life interested in teaching.

The scheme was begun in 1951 and since then 1301 men and women have started training and 891 are already teaching in schools. (Like a number of others from Buckie I was attracted by the opportunity offered and begun my training to become a teacher in 1968, first at the College of Commerce in Aberdeen to get sufficient 'Highers' to gain entrance for a University course. I then attended Aberdeen University from 1969 until 1973 followed by a year at

Aberdeen College of Education at Hilton – six years all told. I went on to teach Geography at Buckie High School for 21 years thereafter. A.F.)

Football - Buckie Thistle played a trial match against Aberdeen junior side, Lewis United and won by four goals to one.

The team was – Low, Stewart and Reid; Thain, Dutch and Jeffrey; Buchan, Cowie, Andrews, Ivor Smith and Christie.

Aug 15 **Aultmore explosion claims the lives of two young brothers -**

Julian John Anderson and Lyndon Paul Anderson, six and 12 year old sons of Mr and Mrs Anderson, Drodland Croft, Glen of Newmill were both killed when a mortar bomb they had found on the hillside near their home exploded. The remains of the two boys were found by Mr Ian Farquhar, Aultmore Farm who had heard the explosion and saw the smoke from his home almost two miles away and went over to investigate.

(At an inquest later it was stated that the boys had been inside a restricted area where manoeuvres

with live ammunition was still being carried out. Despite this live grenades had been found outside this area.)

New invention - A photograph on page 4 shows a new agricultural invention a 'Hoeing Machine'.

This Precision Hoeing Machine invented by Wm. Kinghorn, Isla Tractor Works Fife Keith has been arousing much interest among the farming fraternity. One farmer described the machine as being able to do the work of 6 men.

The implement hoes two rows at a time with the ejected plants being thrown against the shields on either side of the automatic hoes and deposited between the drills. Mr Kinghorn has experimented on different kinds of ground and plants.

The machine is to be on exhibition at Keith Show on Tuesday.

Boat launch - The fishing boat 'Northern Maid, a 66 feet long fishing vessel built for Lossiemouth owners has been fitted with echo sounder and coastal radio and is powered by a 152 hp Gardner diesel engine. Immediately after the launch the Northern Maid sailed round to Buckie Harbour under her own power. After completing her sea trials later this week she will join the Lossie fleet

Lady Cathcart School pupils on holiday - The pupils of Lady Cathcart School spent an 8 day camping holiday in Holyrood School Glasgow during which time they visited a great many features including going 'doon the watter' to the island of Bute.

Two photographs on page 5 show the pupils pictured while at Edinburgh Castle and also at Burn's Cottage at Alloway.

Giving it big licks - A photograph on page 5 shows a very young Heather Johnston (Advertiser office) licking an ice cream cone

T.V. Engineer - Robertson's (Moray Firth Furnishing Stores) now stock radios and television and have employed Mr Wm. G.Cecil as the manager of their new department. Mr Cecil a qualified radio and TV engineer was formerly with R. Hay and Sons, Elgin, Forbes and Nairn.

Buckie Welfare Society A.G.M. - At the recent meeting Mr James Macrae was appointed Chairman. In addition he also becomes President of Buckie thistle as the two titles go together.

Vice chairman is Mr A. W. Macdonald, secretary, John L. McNaughton, treasurer, Donald Lamont.

Convenor of the Fishermen's Hall (owned by the Society) is Mr Macdonald with the vice convenor being Mr Ian J. Stuart. Councillor Wm. Bannerman was re-elected warden of Victoria Park with his deputy being Mr Lewis Barclay.

Aug 22 **More heavy rain** - The Buckie area again suffered from a quite severe deluge , which created much flooding in different places, e.g. the Strathlene Caravan site. The Tynet Burn coming down to the sea like a torrent washed away part of the embankment of the railway, The road to Shielburn also suffered damage 100 yards south of the Hilton dam, when part of it was washed away.

Wedding of Miss Anne McCurrach, Newlands Tynet and Innes Gordon, Fochabers. This took place at St Ninian's R.C. Church, Tynet, last week. The bride's uncle Father George McCurrach conducted the wedding, Forres helped by Father Robertson, Preshome. The bride wore a dress of Nottingham lace with a finger tip veil held in place by a pearl headdress. She carried a white prayer book. The bridesmaid was the bride's sister, Margaret, who wore a dress of midnight blue chiffon with a headdress to match and carried a posy of sweet peas. The Best Man was Mr William Robertson, Whitegates, Fochabers. For going away the new Mrs Innes wore a tweed suit with matching accessories. The reception was held in the St Andrews Hotel. A photograph of the wedding party is given on page 6 , It is very good and clear.

Buckie North Church 'Morning Market' - A photograph is shown on page 7.

Football - Being near enough a Keith Cyard I was pleased that they were able to beat Buckie Thistle, who had been very much 'Cocks of the Walk' since the end of the war, with the plenty money available off the dances to attract players from all over the place. The scoreline was 3-2 for the Maroons. Keith followed this up by also beating Elgin City at Boroughbriggs.

Aug 29 **A sad end to a young life** - William Cowie, a 16 year old apprentice engineer of Richmond Street, Gordonsburgh committed suicide when he stabbed himself with a knife in the former Rathven School as his father and others went looking for him. It was his father who came upon his dying son in the confines of the disused building. He was rushed to the hospital but he died of his injuries.

Two photographs on the front page show in one a picture of Mr John A. Brown, the new Headmaster of Portessie J. S. School and in the other Mr James Milton whom he replaced.

No Flower Show this year - Arradoul WRI decided not to hold an annual Flower show this year as they had begun to prove unprofitable.

Wanted – Man or halflin for orra work at Auchentae. Apply Young Arradoul.

Smith's records

- I'll Take You Home Again Kathleen – Slim Whitman
- My Desire – Eddy Arnold
- Green Grow the Lilacs – Tex Ritter
- If We Only Had Old Ireland Over Here - Shaun Mooney
- Slattery's Mountain Put – Michael O' Duffy
- On The Jericho Road - The Crystal River Quartet
- Start Movin' - Terry Dene
- Pearly Gates – Clyde Valley Stompers –
- All Shook Up – Elvis Pressley
- Something Wonderful Happens in Summer – Frank Sinatra.

Sept 5 **Dod Osborne** - The Buckie-born seaman who earned either fame or notoriety after stealing the fishing boat Girl Pat and sailing her to South America using only a school atlas for navigation appeared on BBC Television on Saturday night. He was appearing in the programme, 'Rich and Rich' and interviewed by Roy Rich and his wife Brenda Bruce. Osborne, bearded and in uniform hadn't much to

say about his life since his epic voyage but it was noticeable from what he did say that he still had retained his Buckie accent.

Spike's new serial – 'Black Booie's Treasure' Chapter I begins in this edition.

Skiffle Group - The 'Sinners' were judged to be the winners in a skiffle competition held in the Bishopmill Hall in Elgin last week. The members of the 'Sinners' group are leader Innes Sinclair, Bert Thomson, Alex Stewart, Sandy Pirie, David Wood, with Charlie McKay on drums. Pirie, Wood and Stewart are from Portknockie with McKay, Sinclair and Thomson being from Buckie.

A photograph on page 10 shows two joiners, employees of Alex Hendry and Sons receiving a presentation prior to their marriage. The two are Albert 'Ali' Smith, Linn Crescent, and William Jappy, Dunolly, Cathcart Street. (It is a sobering thought to know that many of those I recognised in the photograph are no longer with us in 2001, including Ali Smith. A.F.)

Sept 12 **Smith's records** – Irish Washerwoman – Will Starr (Piano Accordion)
Diana – Paul Anka
Bill Bailey will You Please Come Home – The Clyde Valley
Stompers
Wandering Eyes – Charlie Gracie

Football - Buckie Thistle beat Nairn County in the final on the **Highland League Cup** to take the trophy three times in a row.

Boat launch - The 'Scema; a 51 foot long Danish-type fishing boat was launched on Wednesday from the shipyard of George Thomson and Son. It was built for the Lola Fishing Company of Hartlepool. All the modern aids have already been fitted and are powered by a 88hp Kelvin diesel engine.

A photograph on the front page shows a group of workers at 'Tappies' (Thomson's shipyard) Among those recognised are 'Wicket' Smith, Zander Brown, and Roddy Davidson.

Candy man dies - Mr T. Mowatt, the man known for making the famous Galloway candy died this week at his home at 40 East Church Street. He only retired recently when he passed on the recipes for his candy and toffees to George Bruce, Tobacconist. East Church Street.

Mr Mowatt, a native of Fraserburgh, served his time as a cooper but came to Buckie in 1926 to take over the branch shop belonging to his father in law - Galloway who had a shop on Low Street in 1957 occupied by Harry Wallace, Baker. He later moved up to East Church Street and on the death of his father in law carried on both the shop in Buckie and in the Broch. Before WWII he also had a small branch shop on High Street. He continued to have an interest in the fishing industry and held an official position. He also served on Buckie Town Council for a period.

Smith's records - Tammy – Debbie Reynolds
Last Train To San Fernando – Johnny Duncan
Build Your Love – Russ Hamilton
Send Me Some Lovin – Little Richard
Just For You and Me – The Crystal River Quartet

Advert – Garden Lane – Coachworks

Master Painter dies - James 'Jimmy' Marshall, Master Painter and former Highland League footballer and badminton player, died suddenly this week at his

home, 22 Wallace Avenue. He served his time with R. Johnston, Painter before joining his father's firm, which he eventually took over. He was 50.

Sept 26 **Seeking naturalisation** - Emil Maksymilian Wojcik is applying to the Home Secretary for Naturalisation as a British subject. (This was granted and I am happy to say that he was still going strong in May 2001. A.F.)

Unusual fish - An unusual fish was landed at Buckie this week and handed into the Fishery Office. It was a snake fish measuring 12 inches caught by the line fishing boat, Boy James. The snake fish is not a common fish found off Scottish coasts but far more common further south. Only four such fish have been landed since the end of WWII.

Last Thursday the motor fishing boat, Golden Eagle, landed a two foot long electric ray.

Smith's records - Homes of Donegal - Joe Lynch
The Hiking Song - Calum Kennedy
The Rowan Tree - Kenneth McKeller
An Irish Girl For Me - Patrick O'Hagan
Some Day - Mario Lanza
The Rose of Sharon - Haven of Rest Quartet

We have a large selection of long playing and extended playing records.

Football - Joe Hendry signed for Buckie Thistle . He is a teacher in Aberdeen. He last played for Buckie three years ago but left to sign for Elgin City, unfortunately he suffered a bad knee injury, which curtailed his appearances for the 'Black and Whites'.

Last Buckie built inshore minesweeper takes to the water - HMS Thatcham was launched from the shipyard of Messrs Jones and Sons on Wednesday of this week. She is 106 feet long. HMS Thatcham is the 7th minesweeper in the class to be launched by Jones's in the past five years and completes the firm's contract with the Admiralty. She was launched by Mrs Reid wife of the Provost while Rev W.D.M. Moffatt gave a short religious service.

Oct 3 **Buckie Police Inspector retire** - Police Inspector John Simpson is to retire shortly after serving for 32 years in the Police Force. A native of Rothes he joined the Constabulary in 1919 after serving in WWI with the Seaforth Highlanders. He was the first inspector to be appointed to Buckie and district.

Fochabers bridge over the River Spey - A report on page three speaks of how the contract to widen the bridge was now complete and has now got two footpaths on either side. The contractors were - Messrs Miller and Partners.

Hoovermatic Washing Machine - In the advert by Moray Firth Furnishing we are told of how the new twin tub washing machine made by Hoover Ltd had just been released. (I had reason to know it well some years later when I became a sales representative with Hoover. A.F)

**** **The Centenary of St Peter's RC Church. An article, written by Mr Albert Doran, Headmaster of St Peter's School, is found on page 6. Two photographs show the inside of the church with another taken looking towards the church from Queen Street.**

Promotion for Buckie bobby - Constable Andy Birse was promoted to the rank of Sergeant at Buckie.

Oct 10 **Arradoul Youth Club.** A meeting will take place on Wednesday 16 October in the WRI hall at 7.30 p.m. New members welcome. I. Shepherd, secretary.

Tocher v Bannerman - In the slander case Sheriff Walker said that slander had been proved but it was his opinion no malice had been intended. The case arose over the purchase of new carpets for the new town council offices on East Church Street. When the cost of these came out Councillor Bannerman commented that there had been ;something fishy; to which the Burgh Chamberlain, Mr Rome Tocher had taken offence. Mr Tocher would not be getting the £500 he had claimed for while the Sheriff considered it only correct that no expenses would be claimed from either party.

Smith's records - My Dixie Darling – Lonnie Donnegan
 A Fallen Star - The Hilltoppers
 Kansas City Special – Lorrae Desmond
 Wiggin My Potatoes – Lonnie Donnegan Skiffle Group
 You Shouldn't do That – Sal Mineo
 The Lord's Prayer – Billy Graham Greater London Crusade
 Choir.

A photograph on page 9 the Lady Cathcart football team - They are all named with a number being very well known including John Sievwright, the Leslie twins, James and John also Spencer Lyon.

A photograph on page 11 shows the Buckie Rovers' team that won the Welfare League Cup.
 A, Flett (com.), G. Thomson, Jimmy Sutherland, Alfie Bremner, J. Webster, Stanley Milne, G. Cair, W. Hay (Com), Hebbie Thain, Jimmy Newlands, Gordon Geddes, Danny Fearn, George Duncan

Oct 17 **For riding a bike with no lights – 10/- or five days.** (The penalty was harder fifty years before.)

Portgordon Welcome Home Fund - All parties having claims against Portgordon Welcome Home Fund must lodge these within 14 days of this notice appearing. Wm. Coutts, Secretary, Schoolhouse, Portgordon. (It did seem to be a long time after the event)

Successful dance and Harvest Queen - - 150 folk attended a dance run by the Youth Club at Arradoul when Miss Isobel Lyon, Mains of Gollachy was voted Harvest Queen. She is a shop assistant in Portgordon.

Smith's records - Got a Lot of Loving To Do – Elvis Presley
 Scarlet Ribbons – Harry Belafonte
 Butter fingers – Tommy Steele
 Forgotten Dreams – Lenny Anderson and his '**Pop**' Concert
 Orchestra
 White Silver Sands – Don Lang and His Frantic Five
 Each Step of the Way – George Beverley Shea

Note the word '**Pop**' was this the first time that this expression was used?

Flu Epidemic hits Banffshire. This was a particularly virulent type of flu called the 'Asian flu' Hundreds of pupils were off the school throughout the country. (I took the flu while working at Dounreay Atomic Power Station and remember it as hitting me all of a sudden and how unwell I felt. A.F.)

A photograph on page 6 shows Ian Sutherland the T.V. engineer and amateur radio operator with call sign GM3EZO. He tuned into the Russian satellite and successfully recorded 'bleeps' on his tape recorder.

A photograph on page 10 shows a class of pupils taken at Buckie Public School 60 years before. Most of the pupils were named but the person who handed it in asked for help in naming the others.

Barbers raise their prices - A haircut was now to cost 2/6 going up by a tanner from two bob. A lady's trim is also to cost 2/6 but the charge for boys, presently 1/6, will remain as such meantime. There will also be no change in the concession charge for pensioners.

Oct 24 **Fishing boat 'Active' (Hopeman) swept on to the rocks.** The 'Active' had been on the slip at Jones's undergoing repairs, and while being taken round to Buckie Harbour and under the control of three shipyard workers she was driven on to the rocks. The men were rescued by breeches buoy. They were James Geddes, 74, of Crown Terrace who helped with slipping boats, William Pirie, 42, 81 Well Road and John C. Slater, 20 of 7 Pulteney Street, Portknockie.

No smoking - Zetland County Council decided that in future no smoking would be allowed at meetings. This had been proposed at a meeting of Banff County Council but failed to get a seconder.

Cooker bargain - The Hydro Board was advertising a new English Electric Cooker, complete with oven light, for only £37.12.6.

Smith's records - Pay Me My Money Down - The Vipers Skiffle Group
Mary's Boy Child - Harry Belafonte
Blue, blue heartache - Johnny Duncan and the Blue Grass

Boys

Be My Girl - Jim Dale
Honey Comb - Jimmy Rodgers

Champion bowler - A photograph on page 7 shows George McIntosh VC being presented with the Champion's Cup he had won, by Mrs J. Reid, at Buckie Bowling Club

Shark landed at Buckie - A porbeagle shark measuring 7 feet long and weighing 15 ½ stones was landed at Buckie on Wednesday from the fishing boat, Silver Cord. It was caught 16 miles off Buckie. Almost a year ago to a day a similar type of shark was landed with another two shortly after.

John Bull magazine on sale on Wednesday 30 October and costing 4d carries an article in which the following question is asked. **Who was the BUCKIE policeman who caught a Nazi spy.** Don't miss this 8 page extra - "Hitler's Spies in Wartime Britain".

Oct 31 **Pictures on the front page** - One shows the new minister for the South Church. He is Rev Raymond R. Hunt, who was born in Australia. He spent four years as a chaplain in the army but recently has been at Kelty in Fife, his first parish. He was the sole nominee.
A second photograph on the front page shows a group of ladies of the **Buckie Methodist Fellowship** who worked behind the scenes at a recent **Chrysanthemum Tea and Sale** .

Notice - Portessie Public Hall Committee wish to thank the Portessie ex-servicemen who donated their money (presumably Welcome Home Fund, which amounted to £4) to the Portessie Public Hall Building Fund.

Advert for Scots Night - Buckie Municipal Tenants Association is to hold a Scots Night in the St Andrew's Hall on Friday 1st November. Bring own cup, plate and fork. Price 2/6
Dance only from 9.30-p.m. 2/-
(This recently formed group had already held a number of very successful functions.)

More on the fishing boat 'Active' - After a final review it has been found that she can't be refloated. A number of pictures are shown on pages 6 and 7 . One showing the boat wallowing in high seas with another shows one of the men being winched ashore.

A photograph on page 7 shows a 36-foot river launch, built by George Thomson and Son, shipbuilders being loaded on to an articulated lorry.

This was the first stage on a journey to Nigeria via Liverpool. The boat was made completely of mahogany with a copper-sheeted bottom. It has a 100 hp 6 cylinder Perkins diesel engine and capable of travelling at 14 knots. It took three months to build.

Football In the first game of this new competition, the Ferguson Shield, played between teams from Buckie and District Welfare League and their contemporaries in Banff and District, Arradoul were trailing by four goals to Doune Rovers.

Nov 7 **Formal verdict returned** - This was the decision reached at the court held in Banff in which the death of the two young brothers Anderson on Aultmore Hill firing range was discussed. They had been killed by two explosions, which took place simultaneously.

The question of women elders discussed - When this subject was discussed at a meeting of the Fordyce Presbytery half the members were for it and half against. It was seen as being the perfect answer by some.

Arradoul Youth Club `Grand Dance' to take place on Wednesday 13 November with music by Bill Geddes and his band. Admission 2/6. Free bus from Buckie, to return after the dance.

Wanted - A boy is wanted for farm work by Neish, Hillfolds, Drybridge.

Smith's records - He's Got The Whole World In His Hands - Laurie London
That'll Be The Day - The Crickets
Wake Up Little Susie - The King Brothers
'Top Ten Special'
Lord Build Me A Cabin - Gleaner Quartet
We Are Climbing - The Crystal River Quartet

For Canada - Barbara Murray Findochty, the talented young singer is leaving for Canada where she is to be married. She works in the Bank of Scotland on Cluny Square, Buckie.

The first time ever - A report is given on page 7 which tells of how two boats were launched within half an hour of each other from a Buckie Shipyard. The first two of an Admiralty contract of six harbour launches under construction at two Buckie shipyards were launched at the port before dusk last Wednesday. The boats will be named later, there was no official launching ceremony on Wednesday afternoon.

The launches measure 52 feet in length with copper bottoms. They will be fitted with 100 hp Foden engines in the Buckie Harbour. Messrs Thomson has a third such launch under construction, which will be launched soon. Messrs Jones and Sons are building the other three launches of an Admiralty contract.

Two photographs on page ten were taken in the Commercial Hall where a capacity crowd enjoyed Buckie **Jive Club's first session**. The Saints Skiffle Group provided the music. One of the photographs show Sandy Davidson and Anne McLennan having a real go

Report on the above - The town's latest innovation is a Jive Club. For close on three hours a large number of exuberant youngsters rocked, gyrated and generally threw themselves about the floor of the Commercial Hall with gusto in time to music played by the Saints Skiffle Group. Alistair Farquhar leads the

Saints, one of several musical combinations that have sprung up in the area in recent months.

So successful was the venture that a Jive Club has been formed and plans made for weekly jive sessions in the same hall with music being supplied by different skiffle groups.

Welfare League football - Arradoul lost to Doune Rovers by an aggregate score of 13 goals to five in the final of the new Ferguson Shield.

Nov 14 **A Displenish sale is** to take place at Potovic, Drybridge. Among the things for sale are 16 head of attested cattle, one brown gelding and a 1945 tractor. Also implements and hand tools.

Advert - Crown Electrical Supplies, formerly of Crown Street, Ianstown is now at 29 Church Street, Portknockie. (Proprietor - S. Hunter.)

Cullen women see strange object in the sky. Mrs Addison, 27 Reidhaven Street, Cullen saw a bright object in the sky over the village just after five o'clock one evening this week. At 5.15 p.m. Mrs Edith Strachan, also of Cullen, was walking from Kirkton towards the main road when she also saw the odd object in the evening sky.

An Aberdeen woman who also claimed to have seen the object described it as like half a tangerine with a tail.

Mrs Addison said that she had looked at it through a pair of binoculars and said to her it looked like a small moon with a long red tail. She said it wasn't moving all that fast and kept it in view for five minutes until it disappeared behind the Bin Hill. She was positive it wasn't a star or an aeroplane.

The rocket of the first Russian satellite passed over Edinburgh on Wednesday evening at 5.15 and could be clearly seen with a naked eye described as a tadpole shape trail of light with a double tail.

Advert - Esso Blue - The finest paraffin can be delivered to your door. G.E.W. MacGregor, 11 Campbell street, Portessie.

WRI Fancy Dress Parade - At Arradoul WRI Fancy Dress Parade two ladies cut a dash in the latest '**Sack**' dresses. A photograph is shown on page 10.

Boat launched - The 'Briar Rose' was launched from the shipyard of Messrs Jones and Sons on Tuesday. It has been built for Skipper Joseph Humphrey, his oldest son, William and Wm. Flett, 21 Samson Avenue. An odd coincidence was that his former boat, the 'Briar' was up on a nearby slip undergoing seasonal repairs.

The 'Briar Rose' was launched complete in every detail and after being launched sailed round to the harbour of her own accord. The dimensions of the new boat are 66 feet in length, 20 in breadth and 9 feet deep. She has been fitted with a 152 hp Gardner engine.

Nov 21 **Buckie councillor dies - Bailie** Tuxworth died in an Aberdeen hospital this week, he was a member of Buckie Town Council for 12 years. A fishsalesman by trade and a native of Hull he came to Buckie in 1940. For the last few years he was with the firm of Macrae, Duggie and Macpherson, Fishsalesmen. During the war he was the first Consul of the Swedish Consulate after it had been set up in Buckie. He also had close contacts with both the Norwegians and Danes. In the first war he was a Captain in the East York Regiment. Aged 70 he lived at 8 Mill Crescent. His wife and a son survive him.

Advert - Hello Teenagers (note the term) - Jive Your Blues Away to the music of The Saints Skiffle Group and The sinners Skiffle Group in the St Andrew's Hall on Friday 29 November. Admission 2/-

Tenants Association - Grand Carnival Dance in the Fishermen's Hall on 19 December with Billy Henderson and his Sextet and Ally Farquhar and his Saints Skiffle Group. A Carnival King and Queen will be chosen. Spot dances, novelties. Ticket - 5/-

Phone charges coming down - From 1st January all will be able to make a phone call within an area from Findhorn to Gardentown and inland to beyond Cabrach at a cost of 3d. Previously the range was only from Spey Bay to Cullen.

New Police Inspector at Buckie - The new Inspector appointed to Buckie and District is Francis W. Anderson who is presently sergeant at Keith. Inspector, a native of Mulben where he served his time as a joiner before joining the police forces in 1931. He will replace Inspector Simpson who is retiring.

Smith's records -
 Forgotten Dreams - Leroy Anderson
 Around the World - Ronnie Hilton
 White Silver Sands - Don Lang
 Silent Night - Bing Crosby

Nov 28 **Smith's records** Santa Bring My Baby Back To Me - Elvis Presley
 Call Rosie On The Phone - Guy Mitchell
 Alone - Petula Clark
 Gotta Have Something In the Bank, Frank - Frankie Vaughan and the Kaye Sisters.
 Honey Comb - Jimmy Rodgers.
 Nearer Still Nearer - Billy Graham and the Great London Choir.

Dec 5 **Rare lobster landed at Buckie by the Portgordon fishing boat' Lloyd George'**. It was a light blue lobster that was caught a short distance off the village.
 Another rare fish put ashore was a stingray of an unusual shape and with a 2 foot long tail barbed a quarter of the way back. The local boat 'Margarita' caught this outside the Moray Firth. It was sent to the Marine Research Laboratory in Aberdeen.

A photograph on page 2 shows a Portgordon School class of 1920. The pupils are all named.

Dec 12 "**Buckie's Biggest Ever Landslide Roared down Into the Station Square.**
 The back garden of the bungalow, Braehead on east Church Street was all taken away in the early hours of Tuesday morning. Tons of soil, cement blocks and other debris cascaded down the slope to fall on the waiting room of the incoming train from Aberdeen. It was only a miracle that it happened during the hours of the night when no one was waiting for a train.
 Mr and Mrs Wm. McKenzie, who is manager of Messrs Jones and Sons Shipyard. own Braehead.
 During the day on Monday Mrs McKenzie had noticed the wall at the foot of her garden starting to bulge outwards and contacted her husband. Together with an architect and a building contractor plans were made to shore up the wall on Tuesday morning, but this proved to be too late. At 3 a.m. the family was awakened by a great rumble like thunder as the bank fell away right up to the foundation of the house which was uncovered.

South Church - The new minister of the South Church Rev Raymond R Hunt was inducted as minister of the church.

Launch of the first steel built trawler in Buckie - The 'Star of Lorretto' was launched from the shipyard of Messrs Herd and McKenzie on Tuesday afternoon.

The new vessel is 130 feet long and the largest steel vessel to be built north of Aberdeen. The keel was laid in 1956 but was held up for 17 weeks as a result of the local and national shipyard strikes.

She is fitted with a Widdop engine producing 642 bhp at 250 revs. She has been built for the Walker Steam Trawl Fishing Company Ltd of Aberdeen.

(A much fuller report and description of the vessel is given.)

A step up - Councillor Adam Gowie has been appointed Junior Magistrate in succession to the late Bailie S.M. Tuxworth.

Dec 19 **Advert** - Reconditioned Hoover appliances, washing machines and cleaner, also TV sets. Rodger, Plaidy, Turriff.

Smith's records - My Dixie Darling - Lonnie Donnegan
 From Every Spire on Christmas Eve - Harold Smart and
 Jimmy Blades Christmas In Killarney - Bing Crosby
 It Came Upon a Midnight Clear - Harold Smart
 Santo Natale - David Whitfield
 Irish Military Two Step - Bobby McLeod

More boats Two more Danish type fishing boats for Hull owners have been built by Messrs George Thomson and Son. Bad weather prevented another double launching. It would have been quite an unique occasion for Buckie with one boat being launched from the shipyard of Herd and McKenzie and two from Thomson's all on the same day. Although the 'Star of Lorretto' was safely launched into the quiet waters of the harbour it was impossible for the launching at Thomson's to go ahead.

The new boats, Skanderborg and Svendborg are both 66feet long.

Fochabers' boxer, A. McKenzie 'Sniper' has been chosen to box for Scotland. He is a member of the Fochabers boxing club.

Concern has been expressed at the big increase in the county unemployment figures. It is more difficult now to find unskilled jobs.

Dec 26 **Smith's records** - Join In and Sing - The Johnston Brothers
 Jack of Diamonds - Lonnie Donnegan
 Party Time - Alma Coogan
 One For The Road - Freddie Mills and Tony Osborne
 April Love - Pat Boone
 They Are Nailed to The Cross - Helen Barth and Al Smith

Double launching - After being postponed due to bad weather conditions on two previous occasions Thomson's were able to launch the Skanderborg and Svendborg on Thursday.

Dod Osborne - Captain Dod Osborne, the Buckie born seafarer died after a heart attack. He was fifty-four. He was bringing a motor cruiser home from Cannes to Britain, single handed, for a London doctor when he took ill and put into a harbour in Brittany where he died in an hotel there. He was born in 1903 at 14 Yardie and was christened George Black but after his mother married a man called Osborne he adopted this name. He spent his childhood in Aberdeen. The report on page nine tells briefly again of the exploit of the fishing boat 'Girl Pat' which he stole and sailed across the Atlantic using only a school atlas for navigation. He was jailed for 18 months for the offence.

Lodge Gordon 589 - The newly installed R.W.M is Brother James Thomson.

