

1959

Jan 1 (Note the date, no Hogmanay hangovers among the 'Advertiser' staff apparently.)

Smith's records -

Happy Anniversary - Russ Conway - E.P.
Jimmy Shand's Dance Party L.P.

Sing with Jimmy Shand E.P.

Sing with Dick James E.P.

Hank William's Memorial Album L.P.

Around the world in 80 tunes - Winifred Atwell L.P.

Note the newly introduced term E.P or extended playing

A large selection of party pops and Scottish Dance Music at Smith's Record Shop, Cluny Square.

A photograph on page 6 shows Strathlene Hotel floodlit for the first time.

Provost Dr Cameron gets lit up!

Well his daughter Fiona is seen on page 6 pulling a switch to light up a special lamp, which has been erected outside their home on East Church Street.

Doctors wield the knife!

Also shown by photograph on page 6 are three local doctors, Sutherland, Hendry and Lawrence busy in the festive operation of carving the Christmas turkey at Seafield Hospital. (It is rather sad that none of the three, nor Dr Cameron mentioned above, are with us in the year 2001, all having died at a relatively young age.)

The stork comes on Christmas Day - Mrs Margaret Ewen, Mains of Buckie had a baby born on Christmas Day. She was presented with a layette. (Both Margaret and her husband Jimmy lived across the street from us at 18 Sutherland Street, Buckpool for many years after Jimmy, a teenage chum, moved into the town.)

Cycling offences - A person caught cycling without lights, front or rear and without a red rear reflector, was fined £2 with the option of ten days in jail.

Jan 8 **Anniversary sale - George** Sutherland Boot and Shoe Warehouse, 21 West Church Street is to hold a Grand 75th Anniversary Sale. 2/- in the £ discount given on all regular stock.

Smith's records -

Six Five Special -

Songs of the Emerald Isle - Michael O' Duffy
Loss

Emerald and Tartan - Brendan O'Dowda

Johnny Duncan's Tennessee Song

Dancing Time for Dancers - Joe

Scottish Country Dances - Jimmy Shand

Jan 15 **Buckie statistics** - There were fewer deaths and fewer births in Buckie during 1958 than 1957.

With 110 marriages, however, this was the highest number recorded for many years. The death total in 1958 was 130 and in 1957 it was 156. 85 were over 70, 43 were over 80 and 5 over 90. Five children under ten years also died - 3 girls and two boys.

The total number of births in 1958 was 265 (143 boys and 122 girls) In 1957 the figures were 274. 239 of the births in 1958 (128 boys and 111 girls) took place in the Maternity Annex at Seafield Hospital.

Only three of the 110 marriages took place in the Registrar's office all others being church weddings.

Smith's records -
Conert

Classics in Jazz - Benny Goodman

Chris Barber in

Sinatra

Sing Me a Blue Song - Hank Williams

Come Fly with Me - Frank

Sax in Silk

Let's Have A Party

Buckie Labour Party - At their Annual General Meeting David Grant who had been secretary for the past 8 years tendered his resignation. Wm. Jappy succeeded him.

Other officials appointed were – Chairman – Richard Brown, vice chairman – John Campbell, treasurer – Mrs G. Fraser.

Downturn in shipbuilding - The headline on the front page read that the outlook for shipbuilding in Buckie was no as bright as it had been 12 months earlier. Some workers had already been laid off with Messrs Jones having a fairly big pay off at the end of the year.

North east in the grip of a white fury. A howling blizzard struck the north east at the weekend, said the headline. Many roads were blocked with bus services disrupted and villages cut off.

Spike in his column had a topical short poem, supposedly written by Q. Coull

I likes tae walk amon' the snaw,
I likes tae stan' and watch it fa',
Makkin' a' thin' fite
An' sparklin' bright;
Aye, I likes tae see the snaw.

Bit fin it starts tae gyang awa'
It's nae very fine ata, ata,
It's jist a sotter
O' slush an' clotter,
An awfy weet gin ye fa'.

For a' that I likes the snaw,
Kis it pits a stop tae fitba,
A'm fine an' happy
Fin Silas Jappy
Canna see Buckie loase or draw.

Worst Year Ever For The Scots Herring Fishers - This was the headline on page 12, with a report given.

Jan 22 **Smith's crisps, no sorry records** - Lonnie – Lonnie Donnegan
Stardust – Pat Boone The Clyde Valley Stompers
Oklahoma – Patrick O'Hagan

Football - Buckie sign 19 years old William J. Cowie, a local loon. He was formerly with Fochabers but had turned out for Buckie Thistle in their last two games at outside right.

Branching out - Buckie building contractor, Wm. Douglas and Sons are to build 23 in Keith for private owners. They are to be built on ground at Broomhill Road.

Jan 29 **Front page headline** - Alarming Leap in Banffshire's Jobless total with nearly 1000 out of work. (I was one of them. I was a temporary postman in the Fochabers area over Christmas.) This is the highest level for a number of years.

Opening announcement - Jack Smith, 14 Bridgend, driving lessons and refresher courses. In your own car or one can be supplied.

Smith's records - Tennessee Sing Song. North of the Border – Robert
Wilson Glasgow Orpheus Choir Jimmy Rodger Sings

An improved fish box - A new type of fish box has been designed by Messrs C.F. Wilson and Co. Ltd. Engineers, Constitution Street, Aberdeen. The new box is made from material reckoned to be more hygienic than wood. It can hold 8 stone of fish comfortably and can be stacked or nested as desired.

Masons - Bro. Jimmy Thomson is the new RWM of Lodge Richmond, Portgordon.

Burn's Suppers - Page 7 gives an account of the various organisations which celebrated the anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns. High School Literary Society, Buckie Labour Party, North Church Women's Guild, Arradoul WRI and Portessie Ladies Work Party.

Football - Malcolm Slater, Iainstown, who recently signed for Celtic made his debut for the Glasgow Club against Queen of the South at Palmerston Park, Dumfries on Saturday. The game ended in a two all draw with Slater, who played at outside right giving a good account of himself.

Golf - Willie Hector, Mill of Buckie the 23 year old Buckie golf champion who had enjoyed a highly successful past year turned professional at the week end. He accepted the post of assistant to Arthur Lees at Sunningdale, Berkshire.

Smith's records - Victor Sylvester Plays Chris Barber Plays
Heavenly - Johnny Mathis Johnny Duncan Salutes
Hank Williams

Death of an 'Onion Johnny' - Monsieur Alexis Cras, known to many as 'Onion Johnny' died suddenly at 32 Main Street, his home when over in this country, last week. Monsieur Cras who was 58 came from Roscoff, Brittany.

Buckpool Golf Course - The future of the course has finally been settled, much to the delight of the members. The fact that it will continue to be administered and maintained by the council as at present was warmly received.

Smith's records - Big Bopper's wedding - Big Bopper Baby Face - Little Richard
Does Your Chewing Gum Lose Its Flavour etc. etc. - Lonnie
Donnegan
One Night - Elvis Presley Side Saddle - Russ
Conway
Lonesome Town- Ricky Nelson

Death of Adam Robertson 'Man of Many Parts' - Mr Robertson died at his home 11 Baron Street this week. He was 82 and a native of Hurtle who came to Buckie to help James Duncan West Church Street for a fortnight. He liked the place and stayed on to start up in business as a painter on his own account and was associated with the firm up until his death.

He had a real passion for music and for singing. He was choirmaster of the North Church for 27 years and previous to this acted in a similar capacity at both Enzie and the West Church.

He was a member of Buckie Life Saving Apparatus Crew and was awarded the Long Service Medal. He was a great supporter of Buckie Thistle and rarely missed a match. In his honour the flag at Victoria Park was flown at half past for the match on Saturday.

Feb 19 **A light is asked for on the West Mucks** - Fishermen have asked the town council to look into the provision of a light on the dangerous rocks of the West Mucks where many a boat has narrowly come to grief. The council have agreed to instruct engineers to inquire into the possible cost.

Smith's records - Singing the Blues - Guy Mitchell Ricky Nelson -
Country Guitar West Side Story Pomp and
Circumstance

My Fair Lady
 Joe Gordon Folk Four – 'Bonnie Wee Jeannie McColl
 " " 'Barnyards o' Delgaty'

Death of Former Buckie Rovers Stalwart - The death took place this week at his home in Coatbridge of James Cowie 'Quin'. Before moving south he was for many year a prominent figure in the town and had a long connection with Buckie Rovers Football Club, both in the Morayshire Juniors and also in the local Welfare League. Mr James Cowie, Hearty House, Cliff Terrace wrote a tribute ' Jimmy Quin', which may be read on page 10.

Football - Malcolm Slater who now plays for Glasgow Celtic is to be in the Scotland Amateur Football team to play Ireland. He will play at outside right. A colleague in the team will be Dougal Grant of Elgin City who will be at right half.

Unveiling of plaque - A plaque was unveiled in the boardroom at Victoria Park on Saturday by William Smith, Craigendarroch who was chairman of the pre-war Buckie thistle Football Club Ltd from 1929 until 1945. The names of all the presidents from 1919 up until the present day (1959) are printed on the plaque.

Not a light fine - For parking his car without lights and on the wrong side of the road near his home at Bridgend a man was fined £4 at Banff Sheriff Court this week.

You man stop - For failing to stop at a Halt sign a woman was fined £1.

Log it – For failing to keep his log book up to date a Buckie van driver was fined £1.

Feb 26 **Aultmore is still a 'No Go' area** - More unexploded bombs were found on the Aultmore Hill by Forestry Commission workers making the area ready for planting with trees. The public are warned to keep away.

In for a drink's licence - Mrs Currie formerly of the St Andrew's Hotel and who recently bought the Reaper's Hotel is applying for a drink's licence. Another person who has made an application is Cecil Smith; his application is for 13 Great Eastern Road, Portessie. Both Mr Smith and others of his family had made a great many applications for a drink's licence, at this and another venue, and had always been turned down.

Opening announcement - Lennie Marshall to commence in business. He will undertake all cellulose spraying. Panel beating and general body repair work at Freuchny Garage, McLaren's Brae.

Get yer lum swipt - A man from Fraserburgh is giving notice that he will be in Buckie on the second week in March and is prepared to sweep a'body's lums whether fule or no. He's tae dae them a himsel' as his loon his got ower big tae clim up.

How good are ye at topping and tailing? They are needing turnip pullers at the Den Farm, Fochabers. **Rate 1/6 per 100 yards.** No chance of you making a fortune at that then sailing off to spend the rest of your days basking on the warm sands of the Bahamas.

Opening announcement - George Packman, Alex Slater and J & T Campbell joint occupiers of the premises at 23-25 East Church Street were advertising that the extension to the property was now completed with an invitation to all intending customers to pay a call.

Smith's records - Close Friends – Pony Tails Lonesome Tears – The Crickets
 Bim Bombay- Jimmy Rodgers Summertime Blues – Eddie
 Cochran
 She Screamed – Al Saxon Lonesome Town – Ricky
 Nelson

brothers from North Shields. The 'Conmorán' has been fitted out more on the lines of a Danish style than the style of the Scottish type fishing boat.

The crews living quarters are situated forward with the galley adjoining while on the aft side of the wheelhouse and deck there is the skipper's cabin and chart room. Aft there is a very spacious fish hold.

The 'Conmorán' will be powered with a 152 hp Gardner engine and be quipped with the most up to date navigational and other modern devices.

Queer fish – A rabbit fish, a deep water fish measuring 2 ½ feet long, was landed at Buckie last week. With a long tapering tail it is sometimes called a rat fish. It was caught off the island of Foula by the local fishing boat, 'Europa' and sent to Torry Marine Laboratory in Aberdeen.

Advert – S. Paiton. Ladies and Gents Footwear , 43 High Street, Fochabers.

Buckie Town Council – There will be four vacant seats to fill at the Buckie Municipal Election next month. The following retire – Dean of Guild James Lawson and Councillors Albert Doran, Edward Douglas and Mrs Jessie Milne.

April 2 **No polls at Buckie** - The three nominations are all retiring members. Last year 13 candidates put their names forward to fill the 8 vacant seats while this year there are only 3 names forward for four vacancies. Mrs Milne who has served for nine years has decided not to stand again.

Portknockie last year had 11 names forward to fill the seven vacancies while this year not one single name has been put forward to fill the three vacancies.

Enzie Amateur Dramatic Society are to present the play 'The Beannachy Bomb' in Enzie J.S. School on Wednesday and Thursday 1st and 2nd April 1959. Tickets cost 3/- and 1/6. (Unfortunately there was no report of the event written in the local paper and there is reason for believing that this may have been the last performance of the Enzie Dramatic Society who put on their first show in 1935. I am proud to say that I had a part in a play once in , 'Mains Woon' in 1949, my sisters Mary and Margaret also trod the boards at some time.)

Modern Dancing Enterprises - are to hold a dance in the Cullen Town Hall on Friday 3 April . During the evening a Easter Bunny King will be declared. He will be the one who can hop on a the Pogo stick the longest. The winner will the have the opportunity to choose his own Easter Bunny Queen.

Cash prizes will be awarded to both the King and the Queen. We will supply the Pogo sticks

Billy Henderson and his Sextet will provide the music for dancing.

Modern Dancing Enterprises will hold a second dance in the same venue a week later on Friday 10 April when the Bonniest Lassie in an Easter Bonnet will be chosen. The winner and two runners up will be given cash prizes.

You supply the Bonniest Lassies and Alex Sutherland and his Sextet will supply the music

On both occasions free buses will run from Keith, Macduff and Portgordon and all points in between, returning after the dance.

Dances in Cullen Town Hall - Keith Football Club have been running Modern Dances in the Cullen Town Hall on Saturday nights for some time and were again to hold one on Saturday 4th April from 8.30 –11.30 p.m. Admission 2/6. Music by the Strathisla Melody Makers. A free bus will run from Keith and to Buckie after the dance.

Smith's records

Twitty

Whole Lotta Loving – Fats Domino

Domino

Jerry Lee Lewis

The Story of my Life – Conway

When The Saints Go Marching In – Fats

High School Confidential –

Apple Blossom Time – Rosemary June.

Photographs of both the interior and exterior of the Church of Christ are shown on page 8 The reproduction, however, is very poor.

A report is also given. It said how only four years before on 12 December 1954 fifty brethren began holding their Sunday services in the Buckie Town House, now they had their own new hall situated only a short distance away on Cluny Terrace. Though Messrs Wm. Douglas and Sons did the building work and A. Campbell and Sons the joiner work a lot was done by volunteers.

Football - Murray Findlay, the 16 year old Buckpool lad who showed a lot of promise in his first outing with Buckie Thistle is to be given a second trial.

April 9 **Smith's records** - Terrific Together – Ferlin Huskey
Wait For Me – Malcolm Vaughan Chick – Jo 'Piano' Henderson

Clydeville TV Fund – The fund set up to purchase a television set for the children residing in the Clydeville Home on Queen Street has reached £92, all from donations. John Gordon, Children's Officer said he was delighted with the response and could tell that a set had been installed in the home before Christmas. He thanked all those who had donated towards the fund. It had been began in April last year when a Buckie native in business in the south of Scotland had given £5 to set the ball rolling.

Easter Bunny King - James Sutherland, Portsoy, was chosen as Easter Bunny King at the dance held in Cullen Town Hall on Friday last. He lasted the longest time hopping on a Pogo stick. He then chose Sandra Thomson, also Portsoy, as Easter Bunny Queen. Both received gifts from the promoters.

Mrs Jessie Milne - The former town councillor intimated her resignation from the presidency of the Townswomen's Guild on health grounds

April 16 **Three local men killed and four injured in death crash-** The three dead are John William Cowie 'Wee Johnnie', 36 of 6 East Carlton Terrace; George Grant, 20, Station House, Enzie, a motor mechanic employed by Donaldson's Garage, in Buckie and John A. Simpson, 17 of 20 McKenzie Road, an apprentice carpenter with Thomson's shipyard
Those injured are – Lewis Barclay, 17, the driver of the vehicle and his brother, William aged 18. They both work with their father Lewis Barclay, Plumber and Slater. Gordon Geddes, 21 of 14 Yuill Avenue and John Reid, 20 of 4 Yuill Avenue.

Opening announcement - The Gordon Cleaning Company of Huntly, High Class Dry Cleaners, Dyers and Launderers are to open for business at 42 West Church Street on Monday 20 April.

Winner of the Easter Bonnet competition. The winner of the Easter Bonnet competition, which took place at Cullen on Friday, was Margaret Allan, Keith. The two runners up were also from Keith, Pat Duncan and Helen Oglivie.

Strathlene House Hotel, let - Strathlene House Hotel owned by Buckie Town Council and ran by the council through a manager since its purchase in the early 1930's has now been let to Mr and Mrs Kenneth Ross who have been managing the premises since last year. The rent has been set at £300 per year, exclusive of rates. A provision has been made in the agreement for a break in the lease after five years.

Glasgow 'Overspill' - There is talk of decanting Glasgow's 'surplus population or 'overspill' to smaller places around the country. It is prophesied that the population of the coastal burghs of Banffshire will double in size due to the influx of the Glasgow 'Overspill'. The lack of work is a major problem but one councillor was known to have said "Work will come with the 'Overspill' (The 'Overspill' never really took place with new towns being built in central Scotland to accommodate people from the inner city areas of both Glasgow and Edinburgh)

Boat launch - The fishing boat, 'Yukon Star' built for the Bantry Fishing Company was launched this week from the shipyard of Herd and McKenzie at their Peterhead yard. The 'Yukon Star' is a pocket-sized wooden trawler measuring 73 feet long and powered by a 240hp diesel engine, she is also equipped with radar. Alex Phimister, Findochty, is skipper and part owner of the Yukon Star, which will carry a crew of nine.

A porbeagle shark was caught in the Foula waters by the local fishing boat Capella. The fish, which measured 7 ½ feet long, made £15 at the Buckie fish market.

April 23 **Clochan man survives 20 foot drop** - Allan James Clark, 20, of Tynet Lodge crashed his car through the parapet of the wall at the Bridge of Haughs to

Opening announcement - Charles Mackay, 13 Scott Terrace is to commence in business as a Jobbing mason.

Smith's records -

Swinging Down Broadway - Jo Stafford
Whitman

When Irish Eyes are Smiling - Bing Crosby
Paterson

Moonlight in Mayo - Bridie Gallacher

Slim Whitman Sings - Slim

Ottlies Irish Night - Oattie

My Fair Lady

Buckie Toastmasters - Alex C. Lobban was appointed President. Vice President (Education) - W. B. Anderson. Vice President (Admin.) W. F. Johnston. Sergeant at Arms - John Noble. Secretary - George Tait. Treasurer - Ian Morrison.

Buckie and District Welfare League (Football) - The teams to play this year are - Arradoul, Buckie Rovers, Findochty, Portsoy, Portgordon and Buckpool Celtic.

April 30 **Boat launch** - The 70-foot long motor fishing boat 'Surmount' was launched from the shipyard of Messrs Jones this week. The owners of the 'Surmount' are - T. Dunlop, Glasgow and two Buckie men - Eric Smith and Alexander Jappy. She has all the latest navigational aids and is powered by a 152hp Gardner engine.

Buckpool man survives having his throat cut - William Findlay, a trawlerman of 18 James Street, had his throat cut by a steel rope, which broke and whipped around his neck, but survived. He also bit through his tongue as the rope caught him. The boat was fishing 100 miles off the Shetland Isles when the accident happened but due to the ministrations of the Chief Engineer who bandaged him up they were able to get the injured man to hospital in time though in wild seas the journey took 16 hours. At the hospital the doctors praised Chief Engineer Waman for the magnificent job he had done and said how he had learnt first aid in the Navy during the war. He said that Bill though was in great pain he didn't complain apart from saying that he felt a bit rotten.

The loose hawser also broke the wireless aerial and they were unable to make contact with Wick radio to seek advice on how to treat the injured man. Skipper Manson made a valiant attempt to join the two wires when he clambered on top of the wheelhouse though the boat was tossing wildly in the heavy seas. One-legged deckhand, George Duffy then climbed the after mast and tried to string the parted wires across from the other mast with a rope. He hung on to a slippery rope ladder for almost 20 minutes before he got the wire across and contact could be made while all the time the boat was heaving dangerously in a heavy swell.

The trawler was the Strathella of Aberdeen. The skipper Wm. Massie and Chief Engineer John Waman like George Duffy were all from Aberdeen.

Wm. Findlay had to have a number of stitches put in his tongue, head and neck but was able to return to sea after a spell ashore recuperating.

Arradoul Youth Club are to hold a dance in the WRI Hall on Wednesday 5 May when a **May Queen** will be chosen. Music will be supplied by Bill Geddes with admission being 2/6

A May Queen will also be chosen at a dance to take place in the **Spey Bay Hall** on Friday 8 May when Bill Geddes will again play. Admission on this occasion is to be 3/-

Free buses will run to both the above dances, returning at the end of the evening.

Boat launch – The seine net fishing boat 'Strathspey' was launched from the Banff Shipyard, It has been built for three Buckie men.

Smith's records

Donna – Ritchie Valens

Richard

A Fool Such as I – Elvis Presley
Cash

Charlie Brown – The Coasters

By The Light of the Silvery Moon - Little

Don't Take Your Guns to Town – Johnny

Song of the Clyde – Robert Wilson

Buckie Town Council – With not enough candidates coming forward to fill the vacancies on the council it was agreed to co-opt additional members rather than hold an expensive election. John Burnett, a former council was elected over Mrs Milne by a 6-5 majority. Mrs Milne had expressed her willingness to join the council after having said that she had retired.

The new bus route. The local magistrates approved the new bus route through upper Buckpool. East going buses will leave Great Western Road and pass under the railway bridge before going up the Slaughterhouse Brae. They will then go up James Street and on to St Peter's Road where they will turn left and continue over the Buckie Burn and on to Cluny Square. Buses going west will go down Land Street. This new bus route was proposed a number of years before but was dependent on the widening of the corner at the foot of the Slaughterhouse Brae. Treasurer G. Smith felt that Land Street was unsuitable owing to its narrowness and congested at the point where there was a joiner's business, garage and a grocer's shop, and advised using James Street going in both directions. Bus drivers were opposed to this on the grounds that the corner was too steep at the top of the Brae.

May 7

Smith's records -

Palace of Love – Michael Holloway

Story of my Love – Conway Twitty

Pearl Carr

Love For Sale- Shirley Bassey

Pink Shoe Laces – Alma Cogan

Sing Little Birdie- Teddy Johnston and

The Auctioneer – Chuck Miller.

The Bin Hill Trip - Buckie North Church Youth Fellowship made their annual pilgrimage to the top of the 1000feet plus Bin Hill at dawn on Sunday. The weather was cold but dry as a party of 30 led by Rev W. D. M. Moffat left Buckie Square at 3.30 a.m. It took the group ½ an hour to make the ascent where in a sheltered nook Rev Moffat conducted a short service.

Headline – **The Problem of Finding Work for Schooleavers, but Banffshire's jobless total shows a drop.**

An announcement - Rev Wm. Moffat, North Church minister is to leave Buckie after 4 ½ years.

Football - Buckie Thistle gave up all thoughts of retaining the Highland League total after being beaten by Rothes at Victoria Park. Rothes had a good team and were top of the league.

"One ray of sunshine was the excellent performance given at left back by young local lad Tommy Lawson who played like a seasoned campaigner

May 14

A new pilot boat was bought at south Shields. It is meantime on the slipway at Herd and McKenzie's shipyard having an engine fitted. (A pilot boat was for sale in June 2001- this wouldn't be the same one?)

The new bus route through upper Buckpool is to come into service on Monday 18 May 1959.

Strathlene Swimming Pool is to open on Saturday 16 May.

The tennis courts are now open every day after school hours and all day on Saturday.

The Victoria Bowling Green and Putting Green at Queen Street will open on Monday 18 May at 7 p.m.

Church Officer wanted for the West Church - Apply to A. Hendry, 11 Land Street.

Wanted good diggers and labourer - Apply to Josef Kaminski, 4 Seaview Place.

Smith's records

Dusty

It Doesn't Matter Any More - Buddy Holly

Mean Streak - Cliff Richards

Cricketts

Answer To Pub With No Beer - Slim

Fort Worth Jail - Lonnie Donnegan

Love's Made a Fool of You - The

Goodbye Jimmy Goodbye - Kathie Linden

Rev Walter D. M. Moffat is to move from Buckie to Bellahouston Parish Church, Glasgow where he is to be inducted on June 10.

Start of the Cod War? An Icelandic gunboat tried to put a boarding party aboard the Aberdeen trawler, Avon river. The skipper, Wm. Clark, 30 Seaview Road, Buckpool, was six miles outside the four mile limit.

The anti submarine destroyer, 'Contest' ordered the 'Thor' parties not to board the trawler and with this they gave up the attempt and headed back to the gunboat.

Headline - **Watching Too Much TV Isn't Good For Kids.**

Death of Buckie personality - With the death this week of George Murray 'Deadle' The Sheilin, Well Road at the age of 75, Buckie was robbed of one of her best-known personalities.

Mr Murray was a fishsalesman all his life and was known in every port in the country. He was a gifted speaker and equally fluent pen who made frequent contributions to the Banffshire Advertiser and other newspapers under the initials, G.M.

May Queen - Fifteen-year-old Dalma Jorgensen was chosen May Queen at the Arradoul Youth Club dance held in the WRI hall last Wednesday. The judges were John Murray, Burgh Surveyor and his wife and Mr and Mrs Robbie Slorach.

President of Buckie Bowling Club - George Kay the former Buckie Thistle player who has returned to Buckie to spend his retirement has been elected president of the Buckie Bowling Club. (He left Buckie when in his eighties for Australia to live with his daughter.)

Spey Bay May Queen - Jean Burgess, Bogmoor, was chosen as May Queen at a dance held in the Spey Bay Hall last Friday.

Football - Buckie Thistle had John Carroll on trial this week when they beat Huntly by four goals to two at Huntly. John Carroll who had been released by Montrose is a younger brother of Peter Carroll who played for the Thistle some years back before giving up the game. John Carroll later signed for Huntly.

May 21 **Sudden death of Buckie youngster.** Alistair, the six year old only son of Mr and Mrs Alex Slater, Rome Villa, East Church Street died very suddenly on Friday morning. A pupil of Buckie High School Primary Department he had taken part in the Banffshire Music Festival the night before in an item called 'Singing Together'.

A photograph of the group is shown on page 10.

A photograph on page 8 shows the 73' long pocket trawler, 'Star of Freedom', which was launched by George Thomson and Son two months ago. She left Buckie for the Shetland fishing grounds on her maiden trip on Monday. She was built for three Hull brothers.

Cycling offences - The penalty for being caught without lights continues to be as inconsistent as ever. Much depends on who is on the bench. The previous week the sentence for cycling without either a front or rear light was £1; this week it had risen to 30/-

Football - Buckie Rovers were hitting the high spots rattling in a large number of goals. Last week they beat Arradoul by 8 goals to three, with James Murray scoring five, Jimmy Newlands, Hebbie Thain and Danny Fearn had the others.

May 28 **Another amusing contest** - Modern Dancing Enterprises of Elgin are to hold two dances in the Town Hall, Cullen during June. The dances will run from 9 until 1 with an admission charge of 4/-

The competition on Friday 5th June will be a Beach-Beach-ball contest, with cash prizes being given to the winners. Alex Sutherland's Band from Elgin will supply the music for dancing.

On Friday 12 June Jimmy Sutherland and his (again from Elgin) will provide the music.

Patrons are invited to come and have fun with the new craze - The Whirly Whirly Contest.

Hush Hush diesel train - A hush-hush diesel train was spotted at Buckie. A twin diesel railcar made a hush-hush eight hour 120 mile experimental run through the north east. A British Rail official said that if the trials prove to be successful the next stage will be to train the drivers to handle them on this particular route.

Advert - Jam - Order your strawberries and raspberries etc. now. George Cowie, 19 Cluny Terrace, Buckie.

Cullen House - Cullen House is to be open to the public on Wednesday next for the first time in its long history and will be open each Wednesday and Thursday and on the second Sunday of each month for the next four months. The Countess and her 20-year-old son, Viscount Reidhaven, took this decision. Seafield staff will give a guided tour. Cost of admission is 2/6 per head.

Cullen House- short history - (The following may or not be altogether correct.) The principal part of the house was built in 1540 but prior to this there was "a house on the rock" referred to in the old records of the Old Church of Cullen, which at that time was a Roman Catholic Prebentory Church.

The 'house on the rock' was a monastic school connected with it and an underground passage (now bricked up) led from the crypt of the church to the house, which is believed to have been the home of Martha Countess of Carrick, mother of Robert the Bruce.

The full report, together with four photographs (none too good) are given on page 6.

Advert - Driving lessons - given in a Standard 8. Write of call - Wm. M. Farquhar, 16 Yuill Avenue.

Football - Buckie Rovers went on yet another goal rampage or orgy when they lashed Buckpool Celtic by 10 goals to 1. Dennis Cowie had five goals.

June 4 **Lady Cathcart School Dux** - John Leslie was the school dux in 1959.

Hair Style Competition - This is to be an attraction at the Arradoul Youth Club dance to be held in the Rural Hall on Wednesday 10 June.

Boat launch - The 70' long motor fishing boat, 'Splendour'; built for a Peterhead owner was launched from the shipyard of Messrs Jones this week. There was no naming ceremony. The boat entered the water from the launching ramp and, will join the Peterhead fishing fleet next week. It has been fitted with all modern navigational aids including an automatic pilot.

Smith's records -

	For A Penny - Pat Boone
Story Of My Love - Conway Twitty	It Takes So Long - Dean Martin
The Kissin' Tree - Billy Grammer	Guitar Boogie Shuffle - The Virtues

Indoor Swimming Pool for Buckie ? A seven man deputation from Buckie Town Council went to Aberdeen to find out the cost of erecting an indoor swimming pool in Buckie.

Congregation Say Farewell - Following the evening service in the North Church on Sunday members of the congregation had the opportunity to say farewell to their minister, Rev Wm. D. M. Moffat who is leaving for Glasgow after spending the last 4 ½ years in Buckie. At a simple ceremony, held in the church hall, Rev Moffat and Mrs Moffat were both made the recipients of gifts.

Lady Cathcart School football team - A photograph of this is shown on page 11. The boys are all named and include the two Leslie twins, James and John also Spencer Lyon who was captain.

A report on the team spoke of how they had been on a goal spree recently, when over the past fortnight they had won four games and drew one playing against other primary schools in the local area. One score was L/C 10 BHS Primary Department 1.

Welfare League football - Buckie Rovers suffered a surprise defeat when they lost by two goals to nil to Arradoul in the first round of the County Cup. This was the Rovers first defeat of the season and the first time in which they had failed to score. Ian Milne scored both goals. Arradoul were fast becoming a power with some good players in their side including Eric Cormack,, formerly with Buckie Thistle and Rothies also the prolific goal-scorer, 'Doddie' Robertson.

June 11 **Winner of the Beachball competition.** Isobel Innes, Westfield, Robert Street, Buckpool and James Cowie, Cairnton, Fordyce were the winners of the Beachball competition, which took place at Cullen last Friday.

Opening announcement - Ian F, Burnett, 2 Seaview Place is to start in business as a Plumber.

Advert. Masson's 25 West Church Street (formerly occupied by Carrie and Co. Grocers etc.)
Received a new delivery of China tea sets. Also in stock tennis and golf equipment.

Boat launch - The 56' long Danish type motor fishing boat, 'Thornwood' was launched from the shipyard of George Thomson and Son. The 'Thornwood' has been built for Fleetwood owners, the first to be built for a new fishing company. She will be completely fitted out within the next six weeks and apart from having all the modern navigational aids installed will also be powered by 114 hp Gardner diesel engine.

Smith's records -

	Three Stars - Ruby Wright
Time Flies - Mudlarks	Stagger Lee - LLOYD PRICE
Heartbeat - Buddy Holly	Where Were You on Our Wedding Day?
Lloyd Price	Fort Worth Jail - Lonnie Donnegan

Headline - **Portgordon Needs a Playing field**

June 18 **Two Heroes Die in Strathlene Beach Tragedy** – Brothers Andrew and Sandy Slater lose their lives in an attempt to rescue two 12 year old girls who got into difficulties. Andrew was 24 and his brother a year older. Other three men who helped in the rescue were James Miller, Bill Clark, Hay Street and Wm. Robertson **The story is written on the front page of this edition.** Andrew 'Drewie' was formerly a photographer with the Banffshire Advertiser while Sandy was an officer in the Merchant Navy from which he was on leave.

"There will be no Advertiser next week unless there is a settlement to the present printing dispute. The unions are claiming a 40 hour week together with a pay rise." (There was no settlement with the result there were no more Banffshire Advertisers during the rest of June, the whole of July and up until August 25 1959.)

Freedom of Buckie - Sir William Duthie MP and ex Provost Dr Peter Reid are to be offered the Freedom of Buckie. This was the decision taken by the town council at their recent meeting.

Smith's records - Margie – Fats Domino Dream Lover – Joe
Gordon Folk four

Your Cheating Heart – Billy Vaughan Midnight Shift – Buddy Holly
I Go Ape – Neil Sedaka Kissin' Tree – Billy Grammar

Buckie High School Dux - John Cowie was dux of Buckie High School in 1959 being awarded the Miller Medal. He also won the Muir Medal for Latin, Edward Fraser Medal in Maths, Dr George Hendry prize in Science and a special prize in Geography.

Morayshire Junior Football - Fochabers F.C. have been having their best season in years having already won the Nicholson Cup, Gordon Williamson Challenge Cup, Stewart Memorial Cup and the North of Scotland Junior Cup.

Re-appointed - George Craig, Crown Street, Portgordon was re-appointed secretary of the Morayshire Junior F.A. President – Lewis Falconer, Bishopmill, vice president – J, Gordon, Burghead Thistle, treasurer, Wm.Allan, Bishopmill. Delegate to the Scottish Junior F. A. Duncan McGregor, New Elgin.

Advert – George Packman and Sons -At your service for all branches of building construction and renovation works. We Do The Complete Job'

***** **Note there were no Banffshire Advertisers printed from June 18 until August 25 because of a printing dispute.**

Aug 25 **Injured trawlerman to the rescue** - William Findlay, 18 James Street, Buckpool, who suffered severe injuries in a mishap at sea only a short time ago and who has been recuperating at home since then, rescued a youth from drowning in the sea near the salmon bothy, Buckpool, at the weekend. Mr Findlay who had been swimming himself nearby saw the youth get into difficulties but was able to get him ashore safely.

Third death in the Slater family - Mr James Slater, 63, father of Andrew and Sandy Slater who lost their lives at Strathlene beach on June 14, died in Aberdeen Royal Infirmary after a short illness. He was a marine surveyor.

Site for an indoor swimming pool - Buckie Town Council have found site for an indoor swimming pool. This is to the rear of West Cathcart Street with the entrance door facing down Duguid Street. What is envisaged is a pool measuring 25 yards long by 10 yards wide with dressing accommodation and room for spectators. The minimum for such a structure is £35,000

Strathlene the theme for yet another song - A song titled 'Fair Strathlene' was recorded by Calum Kennedy recently. It was written by an Englishman, Bob Halfin of

London whose wife was formerly Miss Georgina Smith, 13 Craigenroan Place, Portessie. He was stationed at Buckie during the war with the Air Sea Rescue Services and has been writing lyrics for different singers for over 20 years.

Cost of keeping a child - The average cost of maintaining a child for a week in local authority children's home is £7.5.8

Thistle keeper turns out for Aberdeen F.C. - John Low, the Buckie Thistle goalkeeper played for Aberdeen on Saturday against Kilmarnock when for different reasons the club couldn't field a keeper. John Hendry played in goal for Buckie thistle at Dingwall.

Highland League Football - Bobby Legge, Portessie, has a dream debut for Buckie Thistle, scoring a goal on his first outing.

Welfare League Football - Arradoul with former Highland League player, Eric Cormack in their side trounced Portgordon by 9 goals to nil to take the County Cup. Then followed this up with six clear goals against Portsoy in the final of the Brown Cup.

Highland League Football - The rumour was that George Cowie and Ivor Smith might leave Buckie Thistle shortly.

3 Sept - **Photographs of the following married couples are found in this edition** - Patty Wilson, Buckpool and Joan Stephen, Newmill and Elizabeth 'Betty' Robertson, Rathven, and Tommy Lawson, Buckpool.

New postmaster - The new head postmaster at Buckie is to be Mr Frances B. McNally who was assistant postmaster at Bathgate. He will replace Mr A. McGregor who is to retire at the end of the year.

Sept 10 **Harvest Queen** - A Harvest Queen will be chosen at the Youth Club dance to be held in the Arradoul WRI hall on 16 September. Music to be supplied by Bill Geddes.

Old established grocer business for sale - The Globe Stores, which when the business first opened in Buckie was sited on the corner of High Street and Newlands Lane (now occupied by D.G. McGregor, Watchmaker etc.) but which has been at 10 East Church Street for a long time is being advertised for sale.

Buckie Welfare League Football - Arradoul, described as 'The Team of the Year', won the Duncan Cup after beating Portsoy by four goals to 2 at Victoria Park. The 'Doul was trailing by two goals to one at the break.

Sept 17 **Give The Kiddies a Paddling Pool** was the headline of the front page, the statement being made by Councillor James D. Slater. The spare piece of land near Buckie Bowling Club (formerly tennis courts was one suggested site. Councillor Gowie and other felt that this was too dangerous a spot and though a better site would be near the tennis courts at Tarbuckie and the town centre.

(The bairns got a paddling pool, and near the tennis courts at Tarbuckie as suggested, unfortunately vandals kept putting broken glass in the pond making it extremely dangerous so that it had to be drained.)

Opening announcement - Hunter and Pirie, Electrical Contractors are to open for business at 31-33 East Church Street, in the property previously occupied by Barclay, Cycle, Radio and T.V dealer. They are still to continue their shop at 29 Church Street, Portknockie.

The following will be in stock - TV's, Radios, Radiograms, Cleaners, Washing machines, Fridges, Bicycles etc.

Deskford Harvest Queen - Miss Moira Greig, 17 year old Buckie clerkess with the 'Advertiser' was chosen Harvest Queen at a dance held in the Deskford Public Hall

last Friday. Chosen, as attendants were – Margaret Scott- Cairnie, and Jenny McTavish, Fordyce.

Smith's records - Here Comes Summer – Jerry Keller
 Forty Miles of Bad Road – Duane Eddy Bothy Ballads for the Gay Gordons played
 by Ian Powrie
 Lonesome – Chris Barber's Jazz Band All For The Love of a Girl – Johnny Horton
 High Hopes – Dave King

Headline – “ Strathlene - Good Caravan Site but Oh! That pool. A comment made by a visitor.

Buckie Cricket team photograph. This is given on page 10. The players are all named and the reproduction in this case is passable.

Thistle players on the move - The following players who all had their glory days with Buckie found pegs with other clubs. Willie Allan has signed for Nairn County, Ivor Smith for Keith and George Cowie for Fraserburgh.

Winnie Mair, a Portknockie loon, (a local master joiner in Buckie in 2001) was at Centre forward for Buckie on Saturday and had a fair game.

Sept 24 **Death of Shipbuilder -** The death took place this week of George Thomson head of the firm, George Thomson and Son, one of the north-east's most prominent boat builders. He was 76.

He was in partnership with his father at Baron Street for many years after serving his time there as a carpenter.

He worked during the war years 1939-45 with Messrs Herd & Mackenzie until in 1946 along with two sons, William a carpenter and George an engineer they restarted boat building in the original yard at Baron Street. The firm was given the name George Thomson and Son as such it prospered and expanded and with the death of John Duncan took over the slipway and engineering works on Commercial Road with George being in charge.

In more recent years it was William who carried on the boatbuilding side though his father was always in the yard where he was working as late as last Saturday.

He leaves a family of four sons and three daughters.

Arradoul Ladies' Choir – are to hold a concert by the Huntly Harmonica Band in the Rural Hall on Friday 2 October.

Hoover – “It Beats as it Sweeps as it Cleans” - A display and demonstration of all Hoover appliances by Hoover trained personnel – washing machines, cleaners, polishers, irons, dustettes etc. will take place in the shop of Alex J. Slater, Complete House Furnisher, East Church Street on Thursday and Friday 17 and 18 September. (I was a Sales/ Service representative with Hoover in 1960. A.F.)

Smith's records - Plenty Good Lovin' – Connie Francis
 The Work o' the Weaver – Joe Gordon Folk four China Tea – Russ Conway
 Battle of New Orleans – Lonnie Donnegan For a Penny – Pat Boone
 Some One – Johnny Mathis

Boat launch - A 65' long seine net boat was launched from the shipyard of George Thomson and Son this week and christened Dalma by Dalma Jorgensen, the 16 year old daughter of one of the partners, Knud Jorgensen. The other partner is Chris Marcussen. Both are well known Danish fishermen who settled in Buckie after the last war.

Arradoul Harvest Queen - Miss Mary Stewart, 12 Cathedral Street, Buckpool, was chosen as Harvest Queen at a dance at Arradoul ran by the Youth Club. Mary is 18 and a shop assistant in a local chemist's shop.

Findochty statue of a seated fisherman is to be unveiled next Sunday by Sir William Duthie MP for Banffshire, who is himself a son of a fisherman.

"Workers' Playtime"- The well known BC programme, 'Workers Playtime' will be broadcast from Fochabers next Tuesday. The stars that will be present are – Riki Fulton, Alastair McHarg, Janet Brown, and the Alexander Brothers with Johnny Douglas at the piano. Two days later the programme will come from Fraserburgh.

Cricket Club - Buckie Cricket Club made £219 from the cake and candy sale held last Friday opened by Sir Wm. Duthie MP. The money raised will go towards the pavilion fund.

Jackie 'Caley' Murray - who left Buckie Thistle after signing for Aberdeen F.C. at the beginning of last season has been doing well with Bristol Rovers. He was given a two month trial period after being freed by Aberdeen. He has now been asked to sign until the end of the season.

Malcolm Slater – has been given permission by Glasgow Celtic to play for Buckie Thistle while staying in the town at the end of his National Service. He was in the Thistle team on Saturday when they beat Deveronvale by three goals to one in a Scottish Qualifying Cup game.

Oct 1 **Statue of seated fisherman, later to be known as 'The Mannie' unveiled at Findochty**- On an afternoon, spoilt by drizzly rain, several hundred people gathered to see Sir Wm. S. Duthie MP, assisted by 87 year old John (David Ross) 12 Main Street unveil the memorial, which had been bought for the village by the town council.

Present at the ceremony was Miss Coreena Cowie who created the statue from concrete while a student at Gray's School of Art in Aberdeen. She is now an art teacher at Inverurie Academy. Leo Clegg her lecturer was also present.

Post Office veteran retires - Charles Hepburn, Elsley Place, and Buckpool, who has spent 47 years with the Post Office, the last 9 as Inspector of Postmen retired officially on Wednesday 30 September. He began his Post Office career as a Boy Messenger in 1912 in the old Post Office at 9 East Church Street, now occupied by A. Gauld, Chemist. During World War I he served in the Lovat Scouts where he acted as a postman. He lost two brothers in the conflict. His successor is to be Norman Taylor.

Smith's records - Three Bells – Shane Rimmer
A Hoot and a Holler – Don Lang Peggy Sue Got Married – Buddy Holly
My Heart is an Open Book – Carl Dobbins Just Keep it Up – Logie Mann

Youth Fellowship – Buckie West Church have formed a Youth Fellowship. President – Jean Bruce, vice president – Pat Ritchie, secretary – Lillian Patience, treasurer- Alex Bruce, Committee members – Sandra Coull, Eileen Green, Geddes Wood and Alex Smith.

Open Air Performance - The play which is to be performed this year in the open air theatre at Portsoy is to be 'Rob Roy' in which there will be a cast of 200. Extensive alterations have taken place to the whole area. It has now been called the 'Pitlochry of the North'.

Welfare League Football - Arradoul are proving to be the top club this year. This week they added the Ferguson Shield to their trophy haul after beating Buckie Rovers by three goals to one at Victoria Park. George 'Doddie' Robertson who had already scored 50 goals this season collected another two in this match, one in each half. George Cowie, President of Buckie Rovers, handed over the cup to captain, Eric Cormack. Arradoul have still to play in the final of three other cups – the League Cup, St Valery Cup and the Brown Cup. They have already won the County Cup and the Brown Cup.

Boat launch - The 73-foot long fishing boat 'Morann' was launched from the shipyard of Messrs Jones this week. It was built for a Glasgow Company - Messrs Thomas Dunlop and Sons and local skipper, James Robertson, 27 Hall Street, Buckie. It is a dual-purpose vessel fitted for both trawl and seine net. It is powered by a 240bhp Kelvin diesel engine and is fitted with all modern aids including - Marconi echo-sounder, Woodson's radio telegraph and direction finder and Decca navigator. It was launched complete and sailed away under her own power. The Morann is the fourth fishing vessel built at Jones in which Messrs Dunlop has an interest. The others were the Elegant, Favonian and Surmount.

Smith's records - Sal's Got a Sugar Dip - Lonnie Donnegan
 Here Comes Summer - Jerry Keller I'm Gonna Get Married - Lloyd Price
 Forty Miles of Bad Road - Duane Eddy Three Bells - The Browns
 Roulette - Russ Conway

Oct 15 **Tragedy at Strathlene Swimming Pool** - A tiny heap of clothing led to the tragic discovery in the Strathlene Swimming Pool of the body of eight year old Portessie boy, Brian Niven, son of Mr and Mrs Andrew Niven, 25 Craigbo Terrace. An only child Brian couldn't swim but was keen to learn and was quickly in from school and away to Strathlene. When he didn't return home for his tea his parents began to get worried and his father and next door neighbour went out to look for him. It was his father who found his son's body in the water. Although great efforts were made to revive Brian they were to be in vain.

George McIntosh VC was one of a 100 ex soldiers present at the reunion of the 6th Gordons held at Keith on Saturday. Brigadier, The Earl of Caithness, Colonel of the Gordon Highlanders, and the Queen's factor at Balmoral said that such reunions were important in maintaining regimental traditions, which they were in danger of losing.

The Tories Hold Banffshire- Sir William S. Duthie was returned as county MP with a vote of 14,359, 5992 ahead of the Labour candidate

Jones Shipyard appoint new manager - the new manager of Messrs Jones Shipyard is to be Mr Robert Young a native of Auchterarder who is 47. He spent 29 years in the Royal Navy rising to the rank of Lieutenant Commander. On leaving the Navy 2 ½ years ago he took up a Work-Study and Management position with a Dundee firm

Death of young Buckie architect - The death took place in Bignold Hospital, Wick, of Ian Taylor, 29, the only son of Mr and Mrs John Taylor, 23 West Church Street

He went to Wick 6 weeks ago on business for the Dumfries firm of architects of which he was a partner but took ill last week and was admitted to hospital.

He served his apprenticeship as an architect with Banff County Council and later qualified at Robert Gordon's College in Aberdeen.

He was well known in local football circles as a goalkeeper and made several appearances for Buckie Thistle first team.

He is survived by his wife, formerly Ishbel Shaw, Arradoul House, and a family of three sons, including twins only 8 months old.

Three harbour launches take to the water - Three 40 foot long harbour launches, built for Colombo, Ceylon, were launched at Buckie last week by Messrs George Thomson and Son. They are to be used to ferry passengers to and from big ships lying off Colombo. Two were launched on Tuesday and one on Wednesday. There was no naming ceremony.

It is expected that each launch will be fitted with a Kelvin diesel engine before the end of the week and final adjustments made.

They will then be taken by road to Liverpool to be shipped to Ceylon early next month.

Of the original contract for 10 harbour launches placed with the Buckie yards of Thomson and Jones, five were completed and dispatched last July and have now arrived in Ceylon.

Referee in hot water – The local crowd had it in for the referee Mr D.W. Ashby of Nairn after they saw their team, Buckie Thistle beaten by Inverness Caley by three goals to nil in the third round of the Scottish Qualifying Cup. He had to be escorted from the field by two policemen to a chorus of booing from an irate crowd.

Buckie Welfare League Champs – Buckie Rovers ran out easy winners of the Welfare League in 1959 being 6 points ahead of second placed Portgordon. Arradoul were too late in getting their act together.

Big fire in the Burgh Yard - Mention was made of the big fire that took place in the Burgh Yard on July 24 when a considerable damage was done. Mention was also made of the plans being made to replace the buildings, which had been destroyed.

Oct 22 **Bandleader marries** - Hebbie Gray, Keith, the well-known dance bandleader was married this week to Shona Ross also of Keith.

Smith's records -	South Pacific
Immortal Memory	Big Ben Banjo Band
A Date With Elvis	Eddy Duchin Story
	The Immortal Harry Lauder

Photograph on page 6 of twin boys Raymond and Ralph McIntosh, 28 Inward Road snapped with a lion cub at Berlin Zoo.

Boat launch - The steel trawler, 'Dreadnaught', built by Messrs Jones and Sons Shipyard for Grampian Fishing Company Ltd, Aberdeen, was launched last Thursday. It is 102 feet long and is the third steel trawler to be built by Jones. The first was the Loch Kildonan in 195, later the Star of Loretto.

Fill your car with R 100 the best petrol on sale at the Regency Oils, Marine Place.

Another Thistle player moves on - Vic Sutherland, Huntly, who signed for Buckie at the beginning of last season has been transferred to Deveronvale.

The Thistle give youth a fling - The local lads playing in the Thistle team are - Tommy Lawson, Murray Findlay, Bobby Legge James Thain, Alex 'Shaun' Reid and Wm. J. Cowie. This was the most local players fielded for 10 years. The Thistle are not finding things going so easy for them as in more recent years, being beaten far more times than they won, but although beaten on Saturday by Inverness Thistle, Bobby Legge was the outstanding player on the park.

Arradoul again - Arradoul with Eric Cormack as captain thumped league champs, Buckie Rovers, by six goals to two to take the Brown Cup. James Farquhar in goal for the Rovers saved them from a real hammering. He had three quite magnificent full-length saves.

Front page headline – " Gale Brings Terror To The North. The worst blow since the Great Storm of January 31 1953. Winds reached 90mph at times.

Five men were drowned off Fraserburgh when two small boats, Easter Morn and Morning Star, as they raced through mountainous seas for shelter in the port. Though there were no casualties at Buckie lots of damage was done – roofs were ripped off sheds, outhouses were overturned, fences flattened, windows smashed, chimneys brought down together with TV aerials, shop signs torn and pulled down trees uprooted and telephone lines down.

The wind started to rise around 6am on Tuesday to reach its peak two hours later. Miss Margaret McIntosh, 36 of 36 Main Street had a miraculous escape from serious injury if not death when a 8foot high chimney, weighing a ton or more, crashed

down through the roof of her back kitchen where she was sitting taking her breakfast.

Oct 29 **Smith's records** - North of the Border – Robert Wilson
 Dancers Delight – Jimmy Shand O God Our Help in Ages Past – The
 Cathedral Singers
 Chaquito – Rey Dell Cha Cha Song For My Ain Folk – Kathie Kay

Boat launch - The 73-foot long motor fishing boat, 'Green Isle' was launched from the shipyard of Messrs Herd & McKenzie this week. She has been built for Chambers Brothers of Annalong, Co. Down, N. I. The 'Green Isle' is the third boat to be built by Herd & McKenzie for the same firm in four years. The first was the 'Green Pastures' in 1955, the second the 'Green Hill' in 1956. They have all being fitted for trawling.

Lennox Bar, Portgordon – The new tenant is Richard 'Dickie' Grant.

Lamsdorf Loons - A group of northeast men who found themselves in the same German POW camp at Lamsdorf have been holding reunions each year since the end of the war. One of the 'Loons' is Mr Kenneth Ross, the former manager and now tenant of Strathlene House Hotel. This years reunion was held in the Alexandria Hotel in Fraserburgh. Next year the reunion will take place at Strathlene.

Nov 5 Front-page headline - **Clochán Will Get a New Water Scheme – They have Waited for 16 years.**

Coming to the Fishermen's Hall - The White Heather Group with Andy Stewart, Gordon McKenzie, Isobel James and others. Seats 4/-, 3/- and 2/

Macduff candy - Now the favourite of the north east made in our own factory. Chockfull of glucose for energy relieves the chest and soothes the throat.

Smith's records - Bonnie Galloway – Mansfield Singers
 Rowan Tree – Kenneth McKeller My Ain Folk – Kenneth McKeller
 A Mother's Love – Bridie Gallacher Moonlight on the Shannon River – Bridie Gallacher
 Moonlight in Mayo – Bridie Gallacher

The North Church Amateur Dramatic Club, which has been in existence for four years, received high praise for their performance of "The Chiltern Hundreds". They were left without a producer when Rev Walton moved to Glasgow but Mr Wm. Johnston stepped into the breach.

Some of those taking part – George Clark, Thelma Clark, Jean Noble, Lewis Penwright (one of the original players) Elspeth Slater, Gladys Milne and Charles Lamb.

A photograph of Buckie's new stationmaster is given on page 5. He is Mr George Aikenhead who came from Ormiston, East Lothian. He succeeds Alexander Gillies who has moved to Netherwick and Colwick near Nottingham. George Aikenhead has been a stationmaster for 20 years.

Butcher to the rescue - Thomas Taylor, Butcher, who has a shop at 42 East Church Street, helped rescue a young couple living in the flat above the shop when fire broke out.

Re-opening of All Saints Episcopal Church - A special service took place in All Saints Episcopal Church on Saturday to mark the re-opening of the church after extensive work of restoration and renovation, costing £2,500, had been done to the spire, roof and fabric of the church and buildings and the re-decoration of the interior.

This week new railings will be erected around the property to replace those removed for scrap during WWII.

Football - Young Jim Clark of Seaview Road, Buckpool, whose father played for Buckie Thistle in the 1920', was a star for Buckie although the team hit rock bottom when they lost by three goals to nil against Nairn County at Station Park in a Highland League game.

Nov 12 **Smith's records -** A Gordon for Me – Robert Wilson
Galway Bay- Robert Wilson The Northern Light of Old Aberdeen – Robert Wilson
Scotland the Brave – Robert Wilson Down In The Glen – Robert Wilson
Road and the Miles to Dundee – Calum Kennedy

Buckie High School boat damaged - The 'Broadhythe' suffered extensive damage due to a gas explosion while at anchor in the harbour at Lossiemouth. Alex S. Flett, PT Teacher of Navigation received burns to his hands and face.

Mr Flett took six boys, including his nine-year-old son on a trial run to Lossiemouth on Saturday. While the boys went ashore Mr Flett set about preparing a meal. When gas started to escape from the cylinder and before he could get the tank shut off a fire took place and he received several burns to his face etc. Considerable damage was done to the furnishings and fittings of the boat before he was able to put the fire out.

Gift tray - A gift tray bearing a model of Cluny Harbour in its original form has been handed over to Buckie Town Council by Mrs Claeson Gordon of Cluny through the of a local resident who wishes to remain anonymous. The tray was presented to Lady Cathcart in 1880 in acknowledgement of the Cluny Trustees service to the town in building the harbour.

Boat launch – HNS Lewiston, an inshore minesweeper was launched this week for Messrs Herd & McKenzie.

Buckpool railway station may be closed. This was the information that Buckie Town Council received from British Rail. The town council is to ask that it be kept open for goods traffic and livestock.

Welfare League football - Arradoul landed their fifth trophy of the season when they beat Portsoy by even goals to three in final of the League Cup.

Nov 19 **The fishing boat Dunhelm is still missing - This** is the heading on the front page. A father and his fifteen year old son are among the members of the four man crew, being skipper, John Murray, 40, and Ian, 15 of 31 Well Road. The Dunhelm left the harbour of Hartlepool on October 22 to fish in the Dogger Bank area and no radio contact has been made with the boat for more than a week. A widespread air and sea search has also been mounted but no evidence of the boat has yet been found. The Dunhelm is a relatively new boat having been built in Buckie only a year before. The other two-crew members are both Hartlepool men. Mr Murray has three other children, all daughters, Ellen 15, Shane, 12 and Gail aged 7.

Fish and Chip and Confectioner shop for sale in Buckie (Louis on Cluny Square ?)

Boat launch - A 73' long seine net motor fishing boat which can also be used for trawling was launched from the shipyard of Messrs Herd and McKenzie on Monday. She was christened 'Rosebloom'; and has been built for Thomas Ross, Burghead and partners.

She will be powered by a 152 Gardner diesel engine and fitted with a combined seine net and trawl winch.

James S. Smith, General Manager, who presided in the absence of Provost J. H. McKenzie, Managing director, presented Mrs Ross with a gift after she had successfully launched the new vessel.

Smith's records - Making Love – Floyd Robinson

Sweeter Than You – Ricky Nelson	Here Come Summer – Jerry Keller
The Ballad of Billy Joe – JerryLee Lewis	Poison Ivy – the Coasters
What Do You Want – Adam Faith	Silent Night – Bing Crosby
White Christmas – Bing Crosby	

A drink's license for Strathlene House Hotel again refused

Good news for Buckie Angling Club - Rochomie is to be re-stocked with 1000 trout at a cost of £70. Five hundred will be yearlings with the other five hundred being two-year-olds.

The fishing charges for the new season are to remain at £1.1 for seniors and 10/6 for juniors

Office bearers appointed for the new session are – President – R.R. Scott, Inchgower, vice president – D. G. McGregor, secretary/treasurer – Wm. Bannerman. Committee – A. Bremner, R. Denholm, D. Lamont, D. McDonald and R. McLennan.

New large bus garage for Messrs Wm. Alexander and Sons . Two photographs on page 10 show the large bus garage and station offices that have been built for Wm. Alexander at East Cathcart Street. (During the year 2000 a large supermarket was built on the same site for the Lidl chain together with an extensive car parking area. The bus compound moved to the Cunningholes Industrial Estate off March Road.)

Buckie Rovers won the Welfare League Championship Shield, and the St Valery Trophy. Both were handed over at the end of the season 'do' held in the St Andrew's Hall to captain, Danny Fearn by Norman Taylor and A. W. Macdonald. Mr James Cowie, Hearty House, president of the club welcomed a party of forty to the celebrations.

Nov 26 '**Belle of the Ball**'- The girl chosen as 'Belle of the Ball' at a dance in the Town Hall, Cullen was Margaret Cormack, Banff. She received a bouquet and kiss from bandleader, Alex Sutherland.

Fishing experiments by Buckie boats - Experiments with a mid water trawl are meantime being conducted in Scandinavian waters by two of Buckie's newest motor fishing boats, the Yukon Star and Yukon Fisher. They belong to two Findochty brothers, Alexander and Robert Phimister. The boats sailed last Thursday on their Scandinavian expedition in which is a completely new venture for Buckie fishermen. The catches are likely to be landed in Aberdeen.

Hawthorn Cottage by Clochan for sale - Offers to Mrs Wiseman. The house consists of five rooms with an acre of ground.

Can you figure this out ? Modern Dancing Enterprises of Elgin are to hold a dance in the Town Hall, Cullen in which a 'Venus Silhouette Competition' will take place. This is a novelty competition to judge the Most Beautiful Figure by Silhouette.

In aid of Preshome Church - A whist drive and social evening will be held in Enzie Junior Secondary School on Wednesday 2 December in aid of St Gregory's Preshome Admittance 2/6.

Hope has now been abandoned for the Buckie-built motor fishing boat, Dunhelm and her crew of four.

Smith's records -	More and More Party Pops – Russ Conway
The Shape I'm In – Johnny Restivo	Seven Little Girls – Paul Evans
Little Donkey – The Beverley Sisters	Treble Chance – Joe 'Mr Piano' Henderson
Talking Guitar Blues – Lonnie Donnegan	

Road statistics - 52 people were killed on Scottish roads during September. This figure included 8 children.

Highland League football - After 6 defeats on the trot Buckie Thistle returned to a winning vein when they hammered Inverness Caley by five goals to one at Victoria Park.

New task for Buckie pivot - Johnny Dutch who has almost reached the end of his playing career has agreed to serve the Thistle as a scout in the Aberdeen area. He was at the Inverurie Loco's game on Saturday running the rule over Reid their centre forward.

Dec 3 Front-page headline - **Buckie woman found dead in gas filled room** - Mrs Isabella Bowie, 76 of 12 Seaview Road was found dead in her home this week. Her grandson Colin Bowie was found slumped beside her but he survived, It is believed that he had been trying to revive his Grannie. A friend, Neils Innes who was sleeping upstairs also survived.

Buckie Girl chosen as 'Miss Venus' - Miss Pat Ritchie, Buckie, was chosen as 'Miss Venus' at a dance in the Cullen Town Hall ran by Modern Dancing Enterprises. A photograph on page one shows Miss Ritchie in a swimsuit.

Globe Stores sold - Following the death recently of Mr Macrae at his home on Hamilton Path the Macrae family decided to sell the business. Messrs D. Cameron and Co. Ltd. Edinburgh, has bought it.

Smith's records - Red River Rock - Johnny and the Hurricanes
Deck of Cards - Wink Martindale Snowcoach - Russ Conway
I'll Stay Single - Jerry Jordan Mary's Boy Child - Nina and Frederick
Mr Blue - David Macbeth

Note - Modern Dancing Enterprises (Elgin) who never seem to run out of gimmicks to attract the young people of the district to their dances in Cullen Town Hall introduced a Venus Silhouette competition at their most recent dance, held last Friday.

The competition to discover the most beautiful figure was won by the following girls - 1st Miss Pat Ritchie, 74 East Church Street, Buckie, 2nd Miss Margaret Chalmers, Banff and rd Miss Nan Munro, Macduff. And 4th Miss Jackie Smith, 24 Craigbo Terrace, Buckie.

Football - Buckie Thistle, continuing the practice of giving local lads a chance, will have Andrew Cowie, a young local schoolboy, at centre forward in the Thistle team to play Inverness Thistle at Victoria Park.

Dec 10 **Aberdeen trawler lost in the Pentland Firth with 12 men aboard** - The 'George Robb' was smashed to pieces on the jagged rocks of Duncansby Head in the early hours of Monday morning. One of the men who lost their lives is a native of Portknockie, 41 year old Wm. George Farquhar, 1 Slater Crescent. third engineer who was making only his second trip on the trawler. This is the worst peace-time sea disaster Aberdeen and the north east has suffered in more than 1/2 a century with 34 children being left fatherless.

Modern Dancing Enterprises - There is to be a change in the kind of music being played at the next dance ran by the group in the Town Hall, Cullen on Friday 11 December. Where the music for dancing has up till now either been played by Alex or Jimmy Sutherland this time it is to be supplied by the new 'Beat Jivey Band' called the 'The Saints'

Smith's records - Santo Natale - David Whitfield
Silent Night Holy Night - Bing Crosby The Son of Mary - Harry Belafonte
The Happiest Little Christmas Tree - Nat King Cole The Virgin Mary Had One Son - Jo March

Boat launch - A 58 foot long Danish type seine net fishing boat was launched from the Peterhead yard of Her & McKenzie for two Grimbsy owners, Harry Clausen and M. Hansen . Mrs Clausen, wife of the skipper, christened it 'Binks'.

Porbeagle shark - The largest of the species brought ashore, measuring 8 feet and weighing 18 ½ stone was caught 12 north east of Buckie by the local fishing boat, 'Manna' . It made £18.10 at the market.

Death of Buckie grocer - The death took place of Tommy Paterson , Grocer, only a short time after moving into his new house on Provost Reid Crescent. Tommy worked with his brother Gordon in the shop on High Street ,began by their father, for many years, before branching out on his own 11 years ago. Quite recently with his son Raymond they opened a new shop on Yuill Avenue . He was 57 and is survived by his wife, son Raymond, and one daughter.

Dec 17 **Dunhelm Disaster Fund** - A disaster fund has been set up for the relatives of those lost with the sinking of the fishing boat Dunhelm. Within minutes of it being began £100 was handed over by the shipbuilding firm of George Thomson and Son. Buckie Town Council agreed to give £200 from the Common Good Fund.

Smith's records -

The Northern Lights of Old Aberdeen
Galway Bay - all three by Robert Wilson
Folk Four

Bonnie Lass of Bona Accord - Will Starr

Song of The Clyde

Bonnie Lass of Fyvie - Joe Gordon

The March of the Cameron Men - Gordon McKenzie

Odd fish - A cuckoo wrasse, an unusual type of fish to be seen landed at Buckie was put ashore last Friday from the local fishing boat, Aureola . It measured a foot in length and was caught 8 miles off Buckie. John Noble the Buckie Fishery Officer sent it to the Fishery Laboratory in Aberdeen for examination.

Buckpool Railway Station is almost certain to be closed down. A report from British Rail said, "It is over five years since any freight traffic was received at Buckpool Station. It is therefore not economical to maintain sidings and the goods station in a fit state since they are not being used".

Death of well-known licensed grocer. Robert Davidson, who had a shop at Bridge Place died in Seafeld Hospital on Friday. He was 57 and had not been in the best of health for some time. At one time he had butcher's shop in Bridgend opposite his grocery premises but with the advent of rationing during WWII he gave this up and was employed as a butcher vanman with the SCWS.

Later on the death of his brother George he took over the grocery business at 5 Bridgend which he expanded and was successful in obtaining a licensed grocer's certificate.

He leaves a wife, three sons and 3 daughters.

Photograph of the successful Welfare Football team, Arradoul. They won five trophies. At their end of season 'do' held in the St Andrews Hall President, Mr George Kay welcomed a company of around forty. Each player received a miniature cup to commemorate their success in winning five trophies. Two of the speakers at the function were George 'Dod' Innes a former manager of Arradoul and also the present manager Charles 'Chow' Milne. The trophies won were - Brown Cup, Duncan Cup, County Cup, Ferguson Shield and the League Cup.

Morayshire Junior League - Fochabers beat Aberdeen Woodside by three goals to two in the replay of the third round of the Scottish Junior cup, played at Victoria Park. Liverpool, Cardiff and Newcastle scouts were present at the game all watching the Fochabers' goalkeeper, Hebbie Garrow. The Fochabers' team was - Garrow, Harrold and Taylor; Cowie, Burgess and Bingham; Geddes, King, Glass, Clark and Sutherland.

Dec 24 **Glasgow Overspill** - Findochty, Macduff, Banff and Buckie town councils have all decided to enter into an agreement with Glasgow Corporation to take 'overspill' population.

For sale - Commodious joinery workshop and store at Aboyne Street, Gordonsburgh together with plant and stock.

Advert - Plumber - all types of work undertaken - paraffin heaters repaired and serviced, collected and delivered. Ian F. Burnett, 2 Seaview Place. Shop address - Harbour House Lane.

Smith's records - Armstrong	The Five Pennies - Danny Kaye and Louis
The Immortal Harry Lauder	Barber in Berlin - Chris Barber
Porgy and Bess 12" LP	Drumbeat 12" LP

Another trawler lost - The Fleetwood trawler, Red Falcon is believed to be lost with 19 men on board. It is thought that she went down off the Isle of Islay in a gale. One of the crew was well known Findochty fisherman, Joseph Mair, 44, who has made his home in Portsmouth, his wife's home town, He leaves his wife and a family of two sons and two daughters.

Lifebelt washed ashore - A lifebelt from the ill-fated Buckie-built fishing boat Dunhelm was washed ashore on the island of Unst, Shetland. The Dunhelm Disaster Fund has now reached £797.2/6

More council houses to be built - Buckie Town council unanimously approved the motion by Provost Dr Cameron to build a further 32 houses in Petersfields and vacant sites in the town. (Do you know where Petersfields was?)

Dec 31 **Modern Dancing Enterprises** are advertising 'Fortnightly Attraction' dances in the Cullen Town Hall. Music to be supplied by Alex Sutherland. These were the first dances to be run by Modern Dancing Enterprises since the one where the music was played by the Jive Band 'The Saints' We are not told whether the dance was a success or not but Alex Sutherland is again to be the band which will provide the music at these 'Fortnightly' dances. They also seemed to have run out of gimmicky ideas.

The newly installed RWM of Lodge Gordon is Bro. A.C. Lobban. The IPM is James Thomson.

Highland League football - Buckie Thistle lost their last game of 1959 when they went down by five goals to two to Peterhead. The reporter of the day said that this had been the Thistle's worst season in Highland League football for over 20 years. (I wonder whether he was correct.)

Those with advertisements in the last local paper of the 1950's were -

Thomas W. Lang - Ophthalmic and Dispensing Optician 18 West Church Street (He had moved across the street from number 29 now occupied by Taylor, Butcher.)

Piano and Organ Tuning - J. Allan, Huntly Driving Lessons - Jack Smith 14 Bridgend

Gents Hairdressing - G. Batters, 26 Land Street Lending Library - W. F. Johnston - Advertiser.

Made to Measure Garments - Sale - Wm. Bannerman - 5 High Street.

C. I. Shearer and Son Draper, and Outfitter, 6-8 East Church Street

Central Garage, 55-59 West Church Street. Charles Robertson prop.

George Sutherland, Boots and Shoes, 21 West Church Street.

Edward Fraser, Chemist, 1 High Street Geo. Robertson, Draper, Cullen.

Christies(Fochabers) Ltd. 10 High Street and Nurseries, Fochabers.

Ian F. Burnett, Plumber, 2 Seaview Place.

Ladies Hairdressers - C.J.M. Cole

Cluny Square.

John Taylor and Sons, Butchers and Poulterers, 29 West Church Street and 57 Main Street.

Regency Filling Station, Marine Place. Alex Esson, Tailor and Outfitter, Cluny Square

SCWS Ltd, East Church Street. Alex S. Cowie, Plumber, Baron Street

Chimney Sweep, I. M. Allan, 9 Gordon St, Fochabers.

F. Ritchie, Draper, 72-74 East Church Street. Alex Gauld, Chemist, 7 East Church Street.

Hunter and Pirie, 31-33 East Church Street. Henderson House Furnisher, 253 High St. Elgin

The Little Wonder, 37 East Church Street James Mayne, Cluny Garage.

W.G. Davidson, Washing Machines, TVS etc. 32 West Church Street and Bayview Road Cullen.

W. A. Smith, butcher and Poulterer – 10 Station Road, Portessie.

Alex J. Slater, House Furnisher, 23-25 East Church Street.

Andrew Begg, Bootmaker, 16 High Street. The Ladies Shop, A & C Hay West Ch. Street

Anderson & England, House Furnishers, Lossie Wynd, Elgin

Ian Sutherland, Radio and TV Engineers, 15a High Street

Robertson's of Buckie House Furnishers, 37 West Church Street, 13 and 17 High Street. TV and Radio Specialists.

James M. Russell, Motor and Agricultural Engineer, Star Garage.

Learn to Drive with James Gunn, 53 Crown Terrace, Portgordon.

Henderson's, West End House Furnishers, Removal Contractors and Licensed Valuers High St. Elgin

Joiners Carpenters and Funeral Directors – A. Campbell and Sons Baron Street

Joiners, Carpenters and Funeral Directors –A. Hendry and Sons, Land Street.

Elgin Granite Works, New Elgin Road, Elgin James Mackay 5 East Church St. Draper etc.

James Robertson and Son, Holburn Granite Works, Aberdeen

A. Bremner, 5 Commercial Street Findochty, Monumental Sculptor

W. F. Johnston and Sons, Banffshire Advertiser 13-15 West Church Street for all photograph coverage.

