

1961

Jan 5 **Editor's note** - Despite ending on an unhappy note with 70 men being paid off, most of them tradesmen, 1960 was on the whole quite a good year in the story of the shipbuilding industry.

From the port's three yards, 19 vessels were launched. Thirteen of them were of the usual fishing boat types, 53-73 feet in length, the others – two 36-foot long hospital launches, two yachts, one fishery research vessel and one steel trawler.

In addition the last ship of the large Admiralty contract awarded to Buckie, a 156-foot long coastal minesweeper and 104 foot steel trawler completed and handed over.

Sale after the fire - F. Ritchie, 72-74 East Church Street was advertising a Great Opening Sale, starting on January 10.

The T.V. and the Cinema - the question is being asked – Will the cinema eventually disappear? 350 cinemas closed in Britain during 1960 with those still open recording a great reduction in attendances.

Smith's records - Like Strangers – Everley Brothers
 Kicking Up the Leaves – Mark Wynter Poetry in Motion – Richard Allan
 McDonald's Care – The Piltdown Man I Misses Me – Jim Reeves
 Lively – Lonnie Donnegan

No lights on your bike - £1 fine or five days in gaol.

Smiddy to close - The blacksmith's shop at Crofts of Dipple, where I used to watch the smith, John Cattanach, shoe horses back in 1937, when my Dad worked on the farm of Dipple and I was a pupil at Balnacoul School, closed on Saturday. Mr Cattanach who is now 67 and who has been a blacksmith for 51 years raked out the embers of the fire, which has burned brightly for 85 years.

He said that there was not one horse left in the locality where once they would shoe 250 a year. He added that big changes had taken place in his trade over the past twenty years.

He said that he would keep his hand in shoeing his pony Queenie that he uses to work his small piece of land.

It was noticed in July 2001 that the smiddy building is still standing though there had been plans to build a house on the site.

Football – Welfare League – A big surprise was the defeat of Buckie Rovers by 9 goals to one by Buckie Wanderers, in the Final of the St Valery Trophy. The Rovers had held the trophy for the past five years. On this occasion they were completely outplayed. Jack McDonald had four of his side's goals.

Arradoul F.C. was the top team in the Buckie Welfare League during the past season. In addition to becoming League Champions, they also won the County Cup, Brown Cup, the League Cup and the Ferguson Shield.

Jan 12 **Smith's records** Sway – Bobby Rydell
 I Love You – Cliff Richards Teenage Troubles – Nelson Keene
 Virgin Mary – Lonnie Donnegan Black Stockings - John Barry Steven

Death on the roads - 78 people, including 12 children were killed on the roads of Scotland during October. This was 17 more than October 1959 and seven more than in September.

Advice on clothing - Buckie Town Council have accepted the advice given by Sir Thomas Innes of Learney the Lord Lyon, King of Arms, whom they consulted recently in connection with their decision to provide suitable robes for the treasurer and Dean of Guild. These will be in black with the sleeves and collar trimmed with brown fur. They will also have blue facings and fixed on the front

lapel will be a badge showing the burgh arms within a circlet with coronet on top and the words Treasurer and Dean of Guild inscribed on the circlet below.

It had also been suggested that special clothing may also be acquired for the burgh surveyor and Sanitary Inspector. The advice given in this instance was rather than robes, but a neat suit, similar to what vets wear, such as breeches or jodpurs with a 'cheesecutter' hat. When this was reported by Mr J. L. McNaughton it raised some laughter at the meeting.

Builders' Ball a Big Success - A party of 300 attended the Buckie Building Trade's Ball held in the St Andrew's Hall last Friday. Bill Geddes' Band provided the music.

Smith's records - Tennessee Ernie Ford - Hymns
O'er The Border - Jimmy Shand Chris Barber in Copenhagen
Moanin' the Blues - Hank Williams Luke The Drifter - Hank Williams
Jimmy Shand's Party

Plenty fish at Buckie - A photograph on page 11 shows the floor of the fishmarket covered by boxes of fish.

Jan 26 **Smiths's records** - Are You Lonesome Tonight? Elvis Presley
Dear John - Pat Boone Strawberry Blonde - Frank D'Rone
Catch Me A Kiss - Michael Holliday Gone Is My Love - Perry Como
Lonely Teenager - Dion

Highland League Football - On Saturday Keith played Inverness Thistle at Victoria Park in a Highland League fixture. Kynoch Park was flooded and rather than waste a Saturday negotiated with Buckie for the use of Victoria Park. Keith won 1-0

The Thistle played the Clach in Inverness and were beaten by six goals to two.

Feb 2 **Two congregations worship together** - On Sunday the congregation of Buckie South Church played host to the congregation of All Saints Episcopal Church, There was a large congregation from both churches present. Both ministers took part in the service - Rev R.R. Hunt, (South Church) and Rev J. L. Stewart (All Saints)

Women's Gas Federation - The AGM of the Women's Gas Federation took place in the Gas Showrooms on West Church Street (now part of R.Cruickshank's T.V's etc.)

Dances - A dance will take place in the Fishermen's Hall on Friday 3 February. Music by Jet Ross and the Fabulous Rebel Rousers with Sally Douglas and Gus Telford.

From 9-1am - Admittance 4/- . Free bus from Banff, return after the dance.

Buckie Welfare Society dances in the Fishermen's Hall - Each Saturday with music by Bill Geddes and his band. On Mondays music by Alex Sutherland and his Sextet.

On Monday free buses from Forres, Kinloss and Elgin returning to Lossie after the dance.

Child rescued - The infant daughter of Mr and Mrs Snow, 26 Inward Road, Buckpool, was rescued by Mr Alex McIntosh, 'Mackie', bus driver, also of Inward Road, after fire had engulfed their home.

Feb 9 **Enzie manse to be sold** - The former Free Church manse at Enzie Cross Roads is to be sold. This was the decision of the Fordyce Presbytery. Also to be sold is the old, disused 'Cockhat Kirk', which has been used for some time as a grain store. The last minister decided to stay in Portgordon rather than in the manse,

which was without electricity, and with the water supply being from a pump. The manse had been let for some time.

Feb 16 **Death by gas poisoning** - Mrs Annie Paterson, 57 of 2 Chapel Street, Portessie was found to be dead after a gassing tragedy.

Claim against the shipyard. The Hopeman owners of the fishing boat 'Active' lodged a claim against Jones (Buckie) Slip and shipyard Ltd for its destruction after leaving their slip on October 15 1957. She left the slip under the control of three shipyard employees to be taken into the harbour but went aground in rough seas and high winds, which turned to gale force, after the engine siezed up.

Opening announcement - W. B. Jappy. Painter and Decorator, Dalmeny, St Peter's Road is to start up in business on his own account.

Do you know this? A native of Buckie, Wm. J. Gordon, Milton Lodge, Keith, a WWI veteran was the man who posed for the much-admired bronze statue of a Gordon Highlander on the 6th Gordons War Memorial in Keith. Mr Gordon is an engineer at Islabank Woollen Mills and is a founder member of the Keith Branch of the British Legion, which was set up after the First War.

Housey-Housey - Portknockie is the latest town to take up the popular game of housey-housey. The town council gave permission to hold this in the Fishermen's Hall on Saturday nights to raise money for the Portknockie Improvement Fund.

A big crowd - There was a crowd of 5000 spectators at the game between Buckie Thistle and Raith Rovers, held in the Victoria Park.

Feb 23 **Young Beauty Queens** - At a Social Evening held by Rathven WRI last Wednesday in the hall, the heat winners of a Junior Miss North East of Scotland competition were 11 year old Jean Crow of 32 Chancellor Road, Portessie who was chosen as Miss Rathven and 13 year old Bella Duthie, 3 Oglivie Street who was chosen as Miss Portessie.

Long established butcher business to close - Messrs John Taylor and Sons, Butchers and Poulterers, 29 West Church Street have sold their business to John Stewart, Butcher, Portknockie. John Taylor, who had his original shop at the corner of Gibbs Lane and Main Street, thanked their many customers for their support over many years.

Swimming Club pick their Queen - The girl chosen as Queen at a dance in the Town House ran by Buckie Amateur Swimming Club was 13 year old Isobel McLennan, 11 Scott Terrace, Buckie. Her attendants were - 16 year old Sandra Taylor, 22 Yuill Avenue and 15 year old Jessie Ross, 22 Chancellor Road, Portessie. The judges were Mr and Mrs Sandy Gauld and Mr and Mrs Sandy Thomson.

Smith's records
 Talking Army Blues - Josh Macrae
 To Each Their Own- The Platters Sway - Bobby Rydell
 Strawberry Blonde - Frank D'Rone We Have Love - Dinah Washington

Mar 2 **Smith's records**
 Sailor - Petula Clark
 Rubber Ball- Bobby Vee Are You Lonesome Tonight - Elvis Presley
 You're Sixteen- Johnny Burnette Pepe - Duane Eddy
 Am I losing You- Jim Reeves

New hall for Portessie - At the opening of a Sale of Work held to raise funds towards the building of a new hall in Portessie it was said that already the sum of over £2,500 had been raised. The target was £3,500. The proceeds of the Gala

Week, held during the past four years was organised to raise funds for the new hall. The Sale of Work raised £108.

Big gale - The Buckie area was affected by the big gale, which struck the north and north east of Scotland on Sunday. Large windows were blown in at Lipton's on the High Street and also at the SCWS shop in Portgordon. Part of a prefab roof at Crown Terrace, Portgordon, the home of Mr and Mrs Alex Green was torn off. Trees were blown down everywhere with one large one blocking the road at Connage with other across the railway line.

School to close - Shielburn School is among nine other schools scheduled to be closed in Banffshire. Arradoul School was closed recently.

Minister to move - Rev D. H. Gerrard who was inducted into the West Church four years ago after serving for 12 years as a chaplain is to leave Buckie for Albany, in Australia, where he is to be minister of the Scots Kirk there.

Mar 9 **Fire claims the life of a pony** - Peggy a ten year old Shetland Pony belonging to Mr Norman Hay, Robert Street and used to pull a small vegetable cart around the streets, died in a fire at the deserted croft of Tarbuckie on Tuesday night.

A Jones' built yacht - A picture and report on page nine concerns the yacht 'Spey' which was built by Messrs Jones (Buckie) Slip and Shipyard. She has been undergoing exhibition runs in the Channel off the Isle of Wight. She was exhibited at the International Boat show at Earl's Court in January.

When bought the new owners decided to retain the name Spey1.

A second similar boat, with but minor modifications is now under construction for a North Wales yachtsman. She will be called Spey Lass and due to be launched in May.

Round Table - A photograph on page 11 shows the members of the recently formed organisation known as the Round Table.

Mar 16 **Bad news for shipyard workers** - That there was to be no more grants or loans given by the government until September made grim news for all connected with the shipbuilding trade where many tradesmen have already been paid off. At a council meeting when this information was given Councillor Edward Douglas said that at present there were 60 applications for grants and loans so that the demand was still there.

In aid of the new Portessie Hall - A dance is to take place in the Fishermen's Hall in aid of the Portessie Hall building Fund. During the dance a People's Journal Personality Girl and Night Out Queen. The Rebel Rousers Band will supply the music for dancing. Admission 4/-. A free bus will run to Portgordon and Portsoy after the dance.

Another innovation - Modern Dancing Enterprises who have been running dances all round the local area are to introduce a new competition at their dance in the Longmore Hall, Keith on 17th March. This is called - Who Is the Beat Girl 1961?

Music to be supplied by the Alex Sutherland Sextet featuring the saxophone Pablo Martinez and the Jazz voice of Nita Cowley supported by the Blackjacks with Two singing 'J's'

Free buses to and from - Buckie, Elgin, Lossiemouth and Elgin.

Arradoul Harvest Home - are to present a People's Journal Night Out and Personality Girl dance in the Arradoul Hall on Friday 17 March. Music by the Meteor Band. Admission 3/- with free buses from Buckie and Portgordon.

Smith's records - Bothy Ballads for Gay Gordons - Ian Powrie
Sweetheart Waltz- Jimmy Shand 'Song of the Clyde - Robert Wilson

New name for old - A new name has been given to the shipbuilding firm ran by the Jones family in Buckie . it was felt that the old name was a bit of a tongue twister. The new name is Jones Buckie Shipyard Ltd.

Apr 13 **New band on the circuit** - The band that will play at a dance in the Fishermen's Hall on Friday 14 April will be the Wilson Ritchie's Band.

Students Dance - On the same night a dance will take place in the St Andrew's Hall. The Skokiaan Jazz Band will supply the music. Steve Brodie will make a personal appearance. Late licence.

Advert - Radio and TV Service - W. G. Cecil, 21 Admiralty Street. Highest quality workmanship - all makes. Trade terms - Enquiries invited. Phone Buckie 3020 or Clochan 247.

Advert - T. W. Lang, Ophthalmic and Dispensing Optician, 18 west Church Street, opposite the Picture House.

Acquisition - At their meeting on Tuesday night, Buckie Town Council agreed to acquire 2 acres of ground to the west of the Queen Street Park at a price of £100 as proposed by the District Valuer.

The acquisition of this land , opposite St Peter's RC Chapel, will enable the council to carry out a proposal to widen south Land Street.

Death of ex diver - The death took place this week of ex diver, Mr John Cant, 74, 25 Sutherland Street, a native of Glasgow but who spent most of his life in Buckie though his work took him away from home for long spells.

He helped to carry out underwater work in connection with extensions to the Buckie Harbour, many years ago. He also worked all over the UK and occasionally abroad. He retired 8 years ago. He is survived by his wife Polly, and two sons, one who is in London the other in Australia.

Advert - J. H. West, Barhill Garage. I bought my first car from him in the summer of 1955 when I was working with Geordie Packman on new houses on Barfield Road. The car and Austin Ruby cost me £60. I drove it without a licence or insurance until caught a week or two later by the police on the Barhill Road and fined £1 at Banff.

Keith Outdoor Club - The leader was Sandy Gauld (Keith). There were a number of members from Buckie. A good account of one of their outings is given on page 9.

Long serving Postie gets presentation - James McQueen, a native of the Enzie, spent 46 years with the Post Office, latterly as Postman Higher Grade until he retired recently was presented with an inscribed wristlet watch contributed to by the staffs of the headoffice, and all other offices from Cullen to the Enzie. He began his Post Office career at Portgordon in 1915 as a messenger before becoming the postman for the village.

Need for changing accommodation - Buckie Rovers sent an appeal to the town council for help in providing suitable dressing room accommodation for their matches. The local Welfare League team is seeking entry to the Morayshire Junior Football Association. The letter was sent by their secretary, John Christie.

An approach to Buckie Thistle for the use of Victoria Park was met with a refusal. In his letter, Mr Christie said that it had been estimated that it would cost in the region of £200 to function at junior level and with limited resources it would be impossible to contemplate providing dressing room accommodation at Linzee Gordon, which had been their home ground for many years.

Apr 20 **Buckie Town Council election 1961-** A newcomer, Mr John May, topped the poll at the recent council election but there was very poor support given by the public with only ¼ bothering to vote. John May was one of the few who had asked questions at the heckling meeting. Those elected were John May and retiring members - Dr J. F. Cameron, Dr Peter Reid and Wm. Alexander Thomson. Retiring member - James Lawson a councillor for the past ten years apart from a break of one year was unsuccessful. Also unsuccessful was Mrs Jessie Milne, a former councillor, who had allowed she to be persuaded to stand again.

Advert - A. W. & H. Davidson, Star Garage, Buckpool.

Smith's records -

	Cowboy Jimmy Joe - Alma Cogan
Gee Whiz It's You - Cliff Richards	Will You Love Me Tomorrow - The Sheralles
Are You Sure - The Allisons	Wings of a Dove - Ferlin Husky
	Big City Boy - Bill Forbes

Highland League football - Keith F.C. who lost three players to Buckie Thistle at the beginning of the season beat their Banffshire rivals at Victoria Park by 3-2 after trailing by two goals at the interval. The win took Keith to the top of the league.

Apr 27 **Co-option -** James Lawson was co-opted on to the council to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of ex Treasurer George S. Smith. Mr Smith was now in the Merchant Navy, having also severed his connection with the firm of Walker and Smith. Recently he was known to have been in hospital in New Zealand.

A Musical Play - Buckie Amateur Operatic Society - Continuation Classes 1960-61 are to present the musical play - "Show Boat" in the Fishermen's Hall on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 24,25 and 26 May.

A dancing innovation- 'Modern Dancing Enterprises' had arranged an interesting and innovative experiment for the evening of 5th May 1961. A dance was to take place at Keith and Cullen on the same night with patrons being allowed to attend both, with the same admission ticket being valid for either dance. A shuttle bus service is to run between the two places. Buses will leave the two places at different times - from Keith at 8.30pm, Cullen 9.30pm, Keith 10.30pm, Cullen 11.30pm and Keith 12.30am. Music for dancing to be provided at Cullen by Johnny Crofts Palais Band - The Apaches, Dini Riani and His Mystery Men. At Keith - Johnny Crofts Palais Band, The Blackjacks, All Stars, & Dini Riani and his Mystery Men.

***** **COFFEE MORNING** - A coffee morning, in aid of the Scottish Council for Spastics is to take place in the Commercial Hotel Hall on Saturday 29 April 1961 from 10.30am - noon. Ticket 2/-. Bring and Buy stall. **(I believe that this may have been the first such event in Buckie. It was certainly the first to be advertised.)**

North East Dances (Promoters) Like 'Modern Dancing Enterprises' this group ran dances all round the local area from Elgin to Macduff and Huntly bringing in a number of different bands to play, such as are give below. Andy Lothian and his Champion Jazz Band with Sheila Mitchell. Billy McLeod and His Southern Serenaders with star vocalist Helen the dynamic Australian star - Huntly 29 April. Rebel Rousers Band with Gus and Sally. At Keith on Saturday 28 April an added attraction is the selection of 'Miss Chic' with a three-guinea prize being given to the smartest lady, judged by Sheila Mitchell, and the famous boxer, Dick McTaggart. At Huntly on Friday 5 May a Dairy Queen will be chosen. This is part of a competition in which the winner will get a trip to New York.

Inshore minesweeper pays a visit. HMS Bossington a Royal Navy new coastal minesweeper paid a three day courtesy visit to Buckie last Wednesday. A Navy side played a match against Welfare League side, Buckie Wanderers in which they lost by 6 goals to one.

Bound for New Zealand - William Dow, 25 Inward Road, and William Thain McKenzie, Gowanlea, St Peter's Road are the two lads who have been chosen to start a new life in New Zealand. They were the ones chosen to go out to Mr and Mrs Fred Hall (formerly Miss Gladys Robertson, Struan, and Buckie) to assist in running a family crayfish business at Gisborne, N.Z.

Litter lout gets his desserts- an apprentice painter from Buckie was fined £1 at Keith Police Court for throwing down an empty milk carton on the street near the Longmore Hall. Three others were fined for the similar offences.

Jags suffer major defeat - Buckie Thistle were beaten by 10 goals to nil at Victoria Park by Aberdeen F.C. in a benefit match for Alex 'Shaun' Reid. The visitors scored seven goals in the last 17 minutes.

The Aberdeen side was - Thomson, Winchester and Hogg; Burns, Kinnell and Fraser; Ewen, Brownlee, Coutts, Cooke and Mulhall. Followers of the Dons will recognise many first team players in the line-up.

May 4 **Smith's records** And the Heavens Cried - Anthony Newley
Hundred Pounds of Clay- Craig Douglas The Hiking Song - Calumn Kennedy
Boys from County Armagh - Bridie Gallacher

Haein' a rare blether along wi' a coffee and a rollie at the recent coffee morning held in aid of Spastics. See photograph on page 6

A launch at Buckie! - After the boom in shipbuilding that had been experienced through 1959 and 1960 a launch of a boat from a Buckie shipyard has become a rare occurrence.

The 'Coral Princess', an 88 foot long cargo/passenger vessel was launched from the shipyard of Herd and McKenzie on Thursday of last week.

There was no official naming ceremony but it is understood one will be held in Honiara the capital of the British Solomon Islands Protectorate when the vessel arrives there later in the year after completing her fitting out. She is of wooden construction with the underwater part of her hull sheathed in nylon. The Coral Princess is to be powered by two 152 hp Garner diesel engines and will be fitted with radar and w/t equipment.

The 136 ton vessel will operate a cargo and passenger -carrying service between the islands in the Solomon group.

May 11 **Fate of secondary departments in some schools** - Buckie Town Council discussed the rumour that had been circulating regarding the closure of the secondary departments in schools from Cullen to Portgordon. In general members were opposed to the proposals on the grounds that Buckie High would be unable to accommodate the increased number of pupils. With two local headmasters on the council, Doran and Porter, both with a vested interest, the discussion was perhaps given a bigger airing than might have been the case. It was agreed that a letter would be sent to the Director of Education asking that the council be consulted about any proposed changes.

Smith's records Baby Sitting Boogie - Beezy Clifford
You're Driving Me Crazy - The Temperance Seven My Blue Heaven - Frank Sinatra
Where the Boys Are - Connie Francis Little Boy Sad - Johnny Burnette
On The Rebound - Floyd Cramer

Merson Park pavilion – The Merson Park pavilion that was badly damaged in the violent storm last February is not worth repairing according to the council. The recommendation was made that the nearby golf course pavilion (now the Turner Pavilion) be enlarged to serve the purposes required and that a veranda for old men be included.

Boating Pond - The provision of a boating pond in the eastern part of the Buckpool Great Park (sic) is mentioned in a minute of the Parks and Amenity Committee of Buckie Town Council as a suggestion for the next financial year.

Didn't she do well? - Mrs Margaret Johnston, Schoolhouse, Clochan, president of Enzie WRI was awarded second prize for a cushion cover, embroidered in silk, in a national competition organised by the Scottish Women's Rural Institute. There was a large entry in the competition, which was open to members of the WRI all over Scotland.

Haircuts to cost more - As from Monday 15 May hairdressing prices will be as follows – Men 3/-; Boys 2/- Monday to Friday on Saturday 2/6. There will be no increase for OAP's
W. Stewart, W. Forbes, C. Cole and J. Burgess.

Highland League football - Championship decider - In the play off for the Highland League Championship between Keith F.C. and Elgin City played at Victoria Park, Buckie, the score was 1-1. There was a gate of 4.650 with gate receipts of £368.

Player moves on – Ally Byiers who moved to Buckie from Keith at the start of season 1960/61 signed for Deveronvale. He normally played at centre forward.

May 18 **What happened to the schemes and projects?** - This was the gist of a question Councillor Jimmy Lawson put to his fellow members on Buckie Town Council. A number of them had been discussed in recent years without any coming to fruition, he said, listing – a light on the Mucks, an indoor swimming pool, coast protection works and a transit store at the harbour. He continued by saying that the council would have had to employ consulting engineers who would have had to be paid for plans and surveys done. It was agreed that the various committees involved are asked for progress reports.

May Queen - Miss Sheena Geddes (17) of Lower Mill of Tynet was chosen as The May Queen of Spey Bay at a dance held in the hall. She works as typist in a local shipyard.

Smith's records - Samantha – Kenny Ball and Jazz Band
Blue Moon – The Marcells War Paint – The Brook Brothers

Highland League Championship Replay - The score in the replay of the match between Keith F.C. and Elgin City to decide the Champions of season 1960/61 ended in a 3-1 victory for Elgin. They were also champions the year before. This made it the sixth time they had won the title since 1931. There was a crowd of 4939 in Victoria Park with gate receipts of £389.

May 25 **Smith's records** - Don't Worry – Billy Fury Fooling Around – Elvis Presley

Play time ended in tragedy - While playing in a sand tunnel he had helped to dig 14 year old Portessie boy, William John Cranna, son of Mr and Mrs Wm. Cranna lost his life. He was in the tunnel, dug on the embankment of the old Highland Railway, which measured 12 feet long by 6 feet deep when several hundred weight of sand fell on top of him. Despite valiant efforts made to get him out and revive him he failed to recover.

Cullen House open to the public - The first notice said that it would be open in June but further adverts included both July and August. The house was open on Wednesday, Thursdays and Sundays from 2pm until 5. Admission fee 2/6 for adults with children 1/6. Teas 2/6. Free car park.

Cullen litter lout - A youth that worked on a local farm was fined 10/- for an offence under the Litter Act.

Buckie Thistle sign new player - It has been announced that Buckie have signed nineteen year old Alan Presley of Aberdeen who has recently been playing with Arbroath. Presley plays either at centre half, wing half or full back.

June 15 **Smith's records -** The Frightened City – The Shadows
 Little Lonely One – The Jarmels Runaway- Del Shannon
 Battle O'er – Andy Stewart You'll Never Know – Shirley Bassey

Dairy Princess - Miss Elizabeth Macdonell, 18, 13 West Cathcart Street, Buckie, was chosen Dairy Princess at a dance in the Fishermen's Hall ran as part of 'Milk Week'. She was presented with a sash and £5 in cash. She works as a clerkess at the AET Lamp and Lighting Company.

June 22 **Promoted** - Miss Sheila Meyerhoff of the 1st Buckie Girls Life Brigade Company became the first GLB sergeant north of Dundee. Colinne Campbell also won her sergeants stripes. The company is attached to the Methodist Church.

Smith's records - Motorcycle Michael – Jo Ann Campbell
 Danny Boy – Jim Reeves I've told Every Star – Linda Scott
 But I Do – Clarence 'Frogman' Henry

Dux of Deskford J. S. School - Kathryn Mitchell.

June 29 **New Lifeboat** – The new Buckie RNLI lifeboat, the 47 foot long, Laura Moncur arrived safely in Buckie on Friday after its sea trip from Cowes on the Isle of Wight. The new lifeboat cost £35,500 and came north in company with a new lifeboat for Whitehills.

July 6 **Launch from Jones Shipyard** - The third yacht to be built this year by Messrs Jones, the Buckie Shipbuilding firm was launched last Wednesday. The new yacht was named 'The Spey'.

Teacher siblings retire – Two Buckie teachers, a brother and sister both retired after jointly given 70 years service to education. Miss Grace Hendry was a teacher for 41 years, spending 35 of this time at Portgordon. William B. 'Brem' was a woodwork teacher for 30 years, first at Aberchirder and later at Deskford.

Smith's records - Marchita – Karl Denver
 Little Devil – Neil Sedaka Running Scared – Roy Orbison
 Welcome Home- Petula Clark

Buckie High School - The school had the highest roll for the past ten years. The Dux of the school was Ian McLean. He was first in English, Maths and Science.

The Duxes of other schools in 1961 were –

Lady Cathcart School P7 – Charles Laing
 Cullen – Secondary – John W.B. Donegan. Primary Departmen – Graham R. Jappy
 Portessie – Secondary – Vera Langnes and Kenneth L Smith. Primary – Donald L Lamont.

Portgordon – Secondary – Gordon Cowie. Primary – John Reid.
 Portknockie – Secondary – Christine Slater. Primary – Helen Slater.
 Findochty – Secondary – Christine Scott. Primary – Freda M. Morrison.

Died in Australia - Hugh Leonard, 53, who was brought up in Buckie, died suddenly in Sydney Australia. He served his time as an engineer with Jones Shipyard in the early 1930's and then joined the Merchant Navy. After the war he settled in Australia and took up a shore job with a chemical firm. His home in Sydney always had an open door to Buckie people visiting Australia.

July 13 **Royalty to visit Buckie** - The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh are to pay a visit to Banff, Moray and Nairn on Monday August 14 (1961). They will spend 15 minutes in Buckie with a short stop at Cullen before passing through Portknockie and Findochty enroute.

This will be the first ever visit to the town made by a reigning monarch. King Edward VII passed along the 'high road' the present A98 enroute to Cullen House from Speyside around 50 years before.

The royal party will arrive in Buckie at 11.25 and leave again at 11.40am.

Portessie Gala Week - This is to run from July 14 to July 22.

Fochabers Gala Week - **This** is to run from 24 July to 29 July.

Portsoy Open Air Theatre are to present the play The Little Minister by J. M. Barrie. On Tuesday 18 July and a week later on Tuesday 25 July. The show will begin each evening at 7.30pm. Tickets cost 5/- and 4/-.

Was this the first in the area? Buckie Amateur Swimming Club is to hold a barbecue in Merson Park on Wednesday 19 July.

July 20 **Cullen House** will be open to the public during July and August at the same times as given for June.

The bell of the former 'Cock Hat Kirk' at Enzie Cross Roads has arrived in Bulawayo after a two-month journey by lorry, cargo boat and train.

At present it is being stored safely in the garage of Mr W. J. McKenzie waiting the time that the Hillside Presbyterian Church is built. Mr McKenzie is Bulawayo's Chief Hygiene Officer and an elder of the church.

His grandfather was an elder of the Enzie Church and used his boat to carry stones when the church was being built in 1884. The bell was installed in 1856.

Advert - R. M. Jamieson. 10 St Peter's Road and formerly of Seaview Road. ITV is coming soon. We are now in the position to accept orders for supplying and fitting aerials and all accessories required for the reception of ITV. Radios, TV's, Cycles and electrical appliances always in stock.

Portessie Gala - Miss Katherine Wood was chosen as Gala Queen at a marquee dance held in the village. Her attendants are - Margaret Dawson and Valerie Reid. The main purpose of staging a Gala Week, it was said, is to raise money to build a new hall.

Death of 60 year old John Cowie (Dyles). A former professional football he was capped for Scotland against Ireland in Dublin in 1927 when Scotland won by the only goal of the game. Mr Cowie who's home was at 16 Bridgend died on Monday in Seafield Hospital. He began his football career with Buckie Rovers, moving then to Buckie Thistle before signing for Falkirk in 1924. He was badly hurt in a motorcycle accident when it was thought that his playing days were over but he recovered sufficiently to play for Stenhousemuir. Later he was player coach with Wick Academy and then Forres Mechanics before retiring. After playing he qualified as a referee and officiated at both Welfare League and Highland League levels.

New minister for the Enzie. – The new minister of the Enzie Church, which includes Portgordon, is to be Rev Wm. Macleod Wallace. He preached as the sole nominee last Sunday.

The new headmaster of Portknockie School is to be Alex G. Cumming, presently headmaster of Forglen School near Turriff where he has been for the past 7 years. The secondary department of Forglen has been closed under the centralisation scheme of Banffshire Education Committee.

July 27 **Slochie Gala** – The record sum of £720 was made at the Portessie Gala. At a dance held during the week Carol Humphrey, 17, 9 Morven Crescent, Findochty was chosen as **Miss Bristol**, being adorned with a sash by the Gala Queen, Katherine Wood.

Aug 3 **Signed Trust Deed** - Ian Sutherland, Radio and TV Engineer signed the Trust Deed on behalf of his creditors.

Former POW applying for naturalisation - Richard Erker, a former German soldier of Inchgower Cottages is applying for naturalisation as a British subject.

Advert – I. F. Burnett, Plumber, and 26 Baron Street.

Smith's records - Tang o' the Heather – Robert Wilson

Luxury yacht launched - A 58-foot long luxury yacht built for Air Marshall Sir John Grandy, Officer Commanding RAF in Germany was launched from the Buckie shipyard of Herd and McKenzie last Thursday. The new boat is powered by twin Gardner engines each producing 94bhp and a host of modern gadgets and navigation equipment. The accommodation, which can only be described as palatial, has room for 8.

The boat was christened Astra Volante by Mrs J. H. McKenzie, wife of the firm's managing director. After trials the yacht will set off for Keil skippered by J. Reid, Findochty.

Buckie Thistle have signed the following four new players- George 'Ruf' Stewart, former Buckie player, Alan Presslie(Arbroath), Colin McKenzie (Rothies), Cliff Meldrum (Elgin City).

Jim Clark the young Buckpool lad will not play next season having his registration cancelled on health grounds. Jimmy Wallace is also doubtful as he suffers from back problems.

Peter Fair - In 1961 the famous old market was given extremely little coverage by the Banffshire Advertiser with only the one small photograph on the pack page and a thank you note from the Ladies Lifeboat Guild the only evidence that it had taken place.

Aug 10 **Opening announcement** - W. T. Douglas, 4 Hope Street, Portessie, a brother of Councillor Edward Douglas head of the building firm William Douglas and Sons, took over the business of J. McBoyle, Builder, Portknockie.

Dance bands - Quite a variety of bands are advertised to play at dances in the area in this week. Grant's Band. Alexander Sutherland Sextet,. Apaches. Tony Wingent with Tony King and his Monarchs. Gordon Urquhart and his band. Billy Burnett. Sandy West and his famous Trad Jazz Band. Billy Kelman Band with Johnny Herd.

Morning Market - On Saturday morning 12 August a Morning Market will take place on Cluny Square outside the North Church. From 9 until 11.30am. Morning coffee will be served in the church hall with tickets priced at 1/6. There will be a Baby Show at 3pm with afternoon teas being served. Tickets cost 2/-

Smith's records - Runaway – Del Shannon
 Welcome Home – Petula Clark Hello Mary Lou – Goodbye Heart - Ricky Nelson
 Frightened City – The Shadows Late Last Evening – David Kernan
 San Antonio Rose – Floyd Cramer

Buckie Thistle team chosen for first match of season 1961/62 at home against Ross County - Low, A. Stewart and Abel; Bradford, Presslie and Main; Slater, McKenzie, G. Stewart, Legge and Meldrum. The Thistle lost by 1goal to nil.

Aug 17 **Queen and Duke of Edinburgh visit to Buckie makes the front-page news. The centre pages are covered with photographs.**

Notice - Calling all those from 15 to 19 to attend your own Saturday Dance Club. The Ambassador Club opens on Saturday 2 September. Ian Black, Aberdeen, the Olympic swimmer will make a guest appearance.

Aug 24 **Pink paraffin-** G. Lyle, Findochty has had to give up his round selling pink paraffin, this has now been taken by Sandy McLennan 10 Barfield Road who will deliver paraffin to customers as before.

Aug 31 **Smith's records** - This was the last time that his advert would appear for some weeks.

Cliff Richards E.P	Kenneth McKeller E.P
Bill Slacks Congo E.P.	Tennessee Ernie Ford L.P
Duane Eddy E.P.	G. I. Blues – Elvis Presley

Sept 7 **Ambassador Club** - About fifty teenagers attended the opening meeting of the new Ambassador Club in the North Church Hall last Saturday night. It was formally opened by Ian Black, Aberdeen, and the Olympic Swimming Star.

Saturday dancing in the Fishermen's Hall - After playing every Saturday night for over twenty years Bill Geddes is to make way on Saturday for a 'Star Attraction' from Glasgow, the Crescendoes with vocalists Elizabeth Wilson and Larry Scot. He will, however, be playing a supporting role. Admission charges have been upped to 4/-. Next Saturday the main band will be the Rebel Rousers. Usual buses will run after the dance.

Harvest Queen - Miss Elizabeth Stewart, 21, of Auchenhalrig, a bus conductress in Elgin was chosen as Portgordon's Harvest Queen at a marquee dance last week run by the congregations of Enzie and Portgordon Church of Scotland. During the afternoon a Sale of Work was held in the tent. Dances were ran on both Friday and Saturday nights. Music on Friday was provided by Bill Geddes and on Saturday by the Embassy Band. All together the sum of £218.17.10 was raised.

Buckie Town Badminton Club - The officials appointed were presidents – Alex Thomson, secretary, George Hepburn, treasurer, Mrs M. Macdonald. Committee – P. Leslie and Margaret Cow.

Buckie Welfare Society - Mr James Macrae was re-elected chairman of Buckie Welfare Society and president of Buckie Thistle Football Club, the two positions always being filled by the same person. Mr Macrae had been chairman and president since 1955.

Sept 14 **Vandalism** - Vandalism was again rife in Buckie with one of the places targeted being the pavilion at the Linzee Gordon Park. Telephone kiosks have also been attacked with the phone books torn or taken away.

Teachers from Nigeria - Two teachers from Nigeria have arrived in the area to spend a month teaching at local schools as part of their training. The two students are both men. The one aged 25 will teach Maths and Geography at Findochty, while the other, an older man at 32, will teach English and History at Portessie. They have been undertaking a course of study at Dundee.

Coffee Morning - Other organisations have been quick to discover that holding a coffee morning is a good way of raising funds. The latest organisation to join the bandwagon is Buckie Girl guide Association who made £40 at such an event held in the Guide Hall on Saturday morning.

Sept 21 **Brave lad** - Twenty year old David Davidson of 46 Yuill Avenue, Buckie swam for 100 yards through thunderous waves and icy cold water to land a life line on jagged rocks at Dwarick Head, Dunnett, Caithness late on Saturday and saved the lives of his five shipmates on board the Buckie fishing boat, Yukon Fisher, BCK107. The skipper, Wm. Sutherland, 56 McKenzie Street, Findochty, said, "We owe our lives to David, the youngest of the crew. He took a big risk in swimming ashore with the rope."

Saturday dance in the Fishermen's Hall - Bill Geddes was again to play a supporting role on Saturday night with the main band of the evening being - Johnny Douglas New Beat Combo with Rona Shefari and Lindsay Scott. There was a dance in the Fishermen's Hall on Friday night with music played by the Rebel Rousers.

Found dead - A 32-year-old Buckie woman, Mrs Margaret Pelz was found dead early last Saturday morning on a settee in the living room of the living room of her house at 19 McKenzie Road, Buckpool. She was found by her husband, Helmut Pelz. She was the elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John Gibb, 34 James Street. She leaves her husband and a family of four young boys - John 13, Helmut, 10, Ronald 8 and Tony 6.

The start of a long journey - The 90 feet long cargo/passenger boat, Coral Princess set sail from Buckie on Wednesday of the first leg of a long journey to the Solomon Islands. Since being launched from the shipyard of Messrs Herd and McKenzie she has been undergoing trials.

Sept 28 **Dancing in the Fishermen's Hall** - Music this coming Saturday night will be played by Duggie Burnett and his Rhythm aces with Brian Milne. Bill Geddes wasn't given a mention this week. On Monday night the New City Jazz Men will provide the music. Buses will run from Kinloss and Lossiemouth as normal.

Oct 5 **Head of drapery firm dies** - James Mackay, head of Buckie's largest drapery business died in his sleep on Sunday. He hadn't been feeling well for a couple of days. He was 71 and took over the business 30 years before on the death of his father who began the business in 1885. His main interest apart from the business was music having one played the saxophone in the town band.

Advert - Hugh Walker, 44b Mid Street, Keith Upholstery Repair Service. All types of upholstery repairs undertaken.

'T' name - Cowie 'Byres' 10 Titness Street.

Buckie Rovers the former Welfare League team who had been reinforced with a number of players from Arradoul F.C. and who joined the Morayshire Junior League this season have been doing very well from the start. In their most recent game they beat Forres Thistle by 9 goals to three at Victoria Park in the 2nd round of the White Horse Cup

Oct 12 **Death of Jeweller and Optician.** The death took place this week at his home 14 east Church Street, Buckie of D.G. McGregor, who had been in business in

Buckie for close on 35 years as a Jeweller and Optician. He was 55. He entered the business, which had been started by his father 40 years before where he served his apprenticeship later qualifying as an optician did. On the death of his father he took over the business and opened a branch in Elgin in 1936. During WWII he served for five years with the RAF. He had a keen interest in sport of all kinds, especially golf, angling and small bore rifle shooting, and he was a member of the local Rotary Club. He is survived by his wife and a family of two sons and one daughter.

Promotion – Squadron Leader, James S. Sargent, Regional Commander for recruiting in Scotland has been appointed personnel officer for Malta.

He is the son of Mrs E. Sargent, Trevone, South Pringle Street, Buckie. He joined the RAF in 1935 and was awarded the DFM while serving as a Navigator in 1941. He has been over three years in his present job.

New church minister - The new minister of Enzie Parish Church is to be Rev. Wm. Macleod Wallace who will be inducted on Wednesday 18 October.

Buckie Thistle lose player – Bobby Legge, Portessie, who has played regularly for Buckie Thistle during the past two seasons is leaving the area to take up a new bank position in Perth.

Oct 19 **Cost of the Royal visit** – Buckie expenses came to £1144.

New book - A new book titled 'The County of Banff', published by Messrs Collins and priced at 42/-, has aroused a lot of interest.

Oct 26 **The new Enzie minister** - Rev Wm. M. Wallace, a native of Edinburgh and a former Home Board minister in the Shetland Islands was given a warm welcome by the congregation last week. He received robes from Mrs Humphrey and Mrs Mackay while Mrs Wallace received a bouquet from Mrs Sinclair.

Mr Wallace after spending a short period in business joined the AFS in Edinburgh before being called up during WWII when he served in the Army Fire Service where he rose to the rank of major. He was demobbed in 1948 and became a Home Board minister in Shetland where he served for over five years. He later studied for the ministry and was licensed by the Presbytery of Edinburgh last year. They have three grown up sons.

Extension to the 'Lamp Factory' – Extensions taking place to the AEI Lamp and Lighting Co. Ltd factory once finished will provide work for a further 60 local people, mainly women and girls. The extension is of the order of 10,000 square feet, equal to about ½ the floor area covered by the existing building.

Over 100 different types of lamps are made in the factory at Buckie, including all the company's decorative, tubular, telephone and GLS rough service which have a high labour content because a great proportion of hand operations is required in the manufacture of many of these lamps.

The factory was first set up in Buckie six years ago (1955) and stemmed from a conversation which took place between the Right Honourable Tom Johnston, then chairman of the North of Scotland Hydro Electric Board and the AEI chairman, Lord Chandos.

A move for Georgie Bruce – George Bruce, Confectioner and Tobacconist and is now to be found at 29 East Church Street, opposite the Hydro Electric Board.

Another coffee morning - St Church Ladies Guild are to hold a coffee morning. There will also be a sales table.

Retiral sale - Because of ill health, E. Smith, Burnside Stores, Findochty is giving notice that he is to close.

New Burgh Prosecutor appointed - Alexander Hutchison, a local solicitor has been appointed Buckie's new burgh prosecutor. He succeeds George C. Wilson who retired earlier this month after serving for seven years. He felt that the sum of £150 per annum was inadequate for the work involved. Mr Hutchison in addition to his lawyer's practice at 1 Cluny Terrace is also Town Clerk of Findochty.

Hogmanay appearance for Portgordon man - Bill Geddes, Anchorage. Portgordon, who has become a successful guitarist in the world of entertainment will be seen on BBC TV on Halloween night.

He is a member of the Ron Silver Trio, which is to appear with Andy Stewart in the White Heather Club programme at 6.20pm.

He formerly played with the Joe Gordon Folk Four, the Billy Henderson Sextet and Hi Five.

Nov 2 **Unemployment** - Over 100 men leave Buckie annually to find work. This is equal to 1/25 of the total adult population. This figure was given by Mr Wm. Falconer, manager of the Buckie Employment Exchange and has the effect of showing the Buckie unemployment rate lower than it is in reality.

Smith's records - Walking Back to Happiness - Helen Shapiro
 Hit the Road Jack - Ray Charles When The Girl in your Arms - Cliff Richards
 Mexacali Rose - Karl Denver Little Sister - Elvis Presley
 Bless You - Tony Orland

Seaman breaks neck - Merchant seaman, Peter Murray, 21, of 85 High Street, Buckie, suffered a broken neck in a swimming pool accident in the Bon Accord Baths in Aberdeen.

Home on leave after his first trip, Murray, an engineer who served his time in a local shipyard, accompanied his mother on a shopping trip to Aberdeen but to fill in the time being a keen swimmer went for a swim. When he dived into the pool at the shallow end he hit the bottom when he sustained the injury.

HMS Lewiston pays a visit - The inshore minesweeper that was built 18 months ago by the shipyard of Herd and McKenzie Ltd returned to Buckie on Friday to pay a three day operational visit. A team of sailors played a game of football against a local select side.

Buckie Rovers - The team selected to play against New Elgin on Saturday is as follows - Farquhar, K. Stewart and A. Jappy; J. Newlands, J. Robertson and G. Laing; B. Smith, R. Reid, or Murray, J. Cowie, P. Smith, and W. Flett. Reserves - Duthie, A. Murray and J. Geddes.

Nov 9 **Death of former Thistle star** - John McIntosh 'Toshy' a Thistle star of the 1920's and 1930's died in Seaford Hospital on Thursday after suffering from ill health for the past few months. He was 65. He was a native of Forres and came to Buckie after World War I in which he served with the Seaforth Highlanders. He worked as a butcher for 35 years with Kate Skinner on Low Street. (Her shop was next to the Anchor Bar.) His home was at Midway Cottage. He is survived by his wife and three sons, Ian, Andy and Angus.

Ex Thistle player - Bobby Legge the former Thistle player who moved to a new job in Perth is now playing with Forfar.

Nov 16 **Shop for sale** - The property 66-68 West Church Street at the junction with West Street is for sale.

Smith's records - His latest Flame - Elvis Presley

Take Good Care of My Baby – Bobby Vee
Faith

The time Has Come – Adam

Bambino – the Springfields

Tall Dark Stranger – Rose Brennan

Take Five – Dave Brubeck

Townwomen's Guild - officials appointed for new term - President – Mrs J. Pearson; Vice – Mrs John May; Joint secretaries – Mrs E. Donald and Miss N. Sullivan; Treasurer – Mrs J. Hendry; Music Convenor – Mrs R. McIntosh; Drama Convenor – Mrs Pearson; Arts and Crafts Convenor – Mrs Brown, Inward Road; Tea Convenors – Mrs M. Duncan Mrs R. McIntosh and Mrs W. Scorgie.

Bristol Competition – N. E. Scotland - Miss Margaret Cowie , 19, 11 Barhill road was chosen as Miss Buckie at a dance in the St Andrew's Hall. She works at the AEI factory. Miss Marlene Wood, 16, of Portsoy was chosen as Miss Cullen at a dance in the Town Hall, Cullen, She works at Cullen House.

Death of former plumber - The death took place at 29 Seaview Road, Buckpool, of John Campbell a retired plumber. He was 85. He worked for forty years with the firm of J and T Campbell . Plumbers, Commercial Road, before retiring 14 years ago. He was a Boer War Volunteer and served with the 2nd Battalion Gordon Highlanders. He was presented with a medal by Buckie Town Council on his return. When WWI broke out he served first in the Naval Division before being transferred to the Royal Engineers.

In his young days he was a noted footballer and played for the club that later became Buckie Thistle. He is survived by his wife and a family of two sons and three daughters.

Royal Scottish Country Dance Society - The Banffshire branch held a rally in the Fishermen's Hall on Saturday which drew a crowd of over 200. There were parties from Tomintoul, Banff, Macduff, Elgin, Lossiemouth, Cullen , Portsoy, Dufftown and the Buckie district. Ian Powrie's band supplied the music.

The Thistle's new signing - Buckie Thistle signed Norman Scott from Keith F.C. Over the past few weeks they have had a great number of trialists, Aberdeen juniors, in the team to give them a run over.

The team that beat Lossiemouth on Saturday by two goals to one was - Low, Stewart and Abel; Bradford, Winnie Mair and Presslie; Slater, McKenzie, G. Stewart, Scott and Meldrum.

G. I. Innes, W. J. Cowie, both Buckie, and Ronnie Mair, Cullen were in the Lossie side.

Nov 23 **Arradoul WRI Drama Group** are to present the play – 'Cock O' The North', a three part Scots comedy, in the WRI Hall on Thursday and Friday 7 and 8 December. Seats – 2/6 reserved others 2/- with children 1/6

Buckie North Church Amateur Dramatic Society are to present the play – 'A Damsel In Distress' a three act comedy , in the Church Hall on Thursday and Friday 30 Nov and 1st December at 7.30pm. Tickets priced 2/6 with children 1/6.

Saturday dance – Fishermen's Hall - Music by Gordon Urquhart and Bill Burnett (Grampian TV) Admission 4/- Usual buses to Portgordon and Portsoy after the dance.

Nov 30

Smith's records

Take Me Back – Andy Stewart

So Long Baby – Del Shannon

Moody Guy – Shane Fenton

I'll get By – Shirley Bassey

Stranger on the Shore – Acker Bilk

Johnnie Will – Pat Boone

Old drifter – an attraction - The steam drifter, Lizzie West LT 495 built by the shipyard of Herd and McKenzie in 1930 has been attracting a lot of interest at the Fraserburgh Harbour where she is presently tied up. The boat is still in near perfect condition but she is now going to be used for tanning or barking fishing nets.

The Lizzie West is believed to be the last of the Lowestoft steam drifters.

Dec 7 **Gale does damage** - The local area was affected by gale force winds together with fierce showers of sleet on Tuesday evening. Some damage was done including part of the roof being torn off the convenience on Commercial Road while TV aerials and fittings on street lamps were brought down.

Football - Buckie Rovers have been drawn against Grangemouth in the Scottish Junior Cup.

The team to play is as follows – Farquhar, Kenny Stewart and Alex Jappy; John Cowie, Jimmy Robertson and Jimmy Newlands; Bruce Smith, Murray, George Reid, Raymond Reid and Gordon Laing. Reserves – Duthie, Pete Smith, J. Thain, J. Geddes and A. Murray.

New minister for the West Church - Rev Clement E. Paul is to be the new minister of Buckie West Church. He is presently at Hamilton and was previously at Burghead.

Hydro Board - The following are the prices of some articles in their shop 1961. Murphy Richards automatic toaster - £5.11.8; a 3 pint Hotpoint kettle - £5.00; Electric blanket, Dreamland (single) £5.0.11; Hoover steam iron - £4.13.6; Kenwood Food Mixer - £11.5

Football – The Buckie Rovers match being played at Victoria Park was abandoned after 28 minutes when blizzard conditions meant play could not continue. Two inches of snow covered the playing surface after only quarter an hour. The south team who were leading by the one goal had travelled the 170 miles for nothing.

Dec 14 **Sunday Golf** - The council were to discuss the subject whether golf should be allowed to be played on the two municipal courses, Strathlene and Buckpool.

Packing station at the fish market. The town council are to carry on the packing station at the fish market which was established six years ago. After the superintendent, John D. Smith resigned the council had advertised for a replacement and also for private firms to take on the tenancy.

Personality Girl - Miss Helen Cowie, 14, of 1 Bruce Avenue, Buckie, was chosen Rathven WRI Personality Girl.

Bound for Kenya – The Gordon Highlanders who have been stationed in Edinburgh for some time left the city on Thursday by train for Southampton. On Friday they will embark on the troopship, Oxfordshire and sail for Kenya.

Football - Buckie Rovers beat Grangemouth by three goals to two in the replay of the second round Scottish Junior Cup-tie. Bruce Smith had two and Gordon Laing one.

Dec 21 **To take charge** - The new man appointed to take charge of the council operated fish packing station at the harbour is 48 year old George Winchester of Aberdeen.

Dec 28 **Arradoul presents - Arradoul** and District Players are to present the play – 'The Bogey Man' in the Rural Hall on Thursday and Friday 11 and 12 January 1962.

Cheap dance - 'Saturday Hop' The price of admission to dances in the Fishermen's Hall and elsewhere is now 4/- but on December 30 the ticket is to be 2/6. Bill Geddes will supply the music while there will also be 'Pick of the Pops'

the top ten records as supplied and are available for purchase from the Smith's Record Shop, Cluny Square.

Bill Geddes is to be busy - His band is to play at a dance ran by Arradoul WRI in the hall on January 2nd and at the Building Trades Ball in the St Andrew's Hall on January 12th. These are only those engagements advertised in the local paper but he is also popular over a much wider field.

New dance bands on the scene - The following will all be appearing at different times in the Two Red Shoes ballroom in Elgin. Jim McHarg's Jazzmen; the Sabres are to play along with the Alex Sutherland Sextet while the Eric Jacobsen and Erle Blue Stars with Lynn Starr, the popular TV group will also be appearing.

New master - Gordon Jappy has been appointed RWM of Lodge Gordon. The IPM is Alex C. Lobban.