

1962

Jan 4 **Local shipyards quiet** - Only three fishing boats were built in 1961. The three yards together only built 11 vessels.

Christmas baby - A baby boy was born to Mr and Mrs John Costello, at Seafield Hospital on Christmas. He is to be christened Douglas.

Smith's records -
 Moon River - Danny Williams
 Johnnie Will - Pat Boone
 Sedaka
 Tower of Strength - Frankie Laine
 Bambino - The Springfields
 Happy Birthday Sweet Sixteen - Neil Sedaka
 I'll never find another you - Billy Fury

Doors locked - There was no admittance for anyone, not even the hallkeeper at the Fishermen's Hall on Saturday when the leader of the Close Brethren, Stanley 'The Angel' McCallum spoke to 400 of the followers at a mass meeting. At the end of the meeting a strong bodyguard saved the speaker from being approached by the 'Press'.

Football - A photograph of Buckie Rovers is shown on page 11 with all the players named. The Rovers were to play their third round Scottish Cup tie against the Glasgow team, Petershill but were unable to do with a foot of snow still lying on the playing surface.

Jan 11 **No Sunday golf** - Buckie Town Council voted by 6 to 5 not to allow golf to be played on the municipal courses on Sundays.

Advertisers - The following firms and shops had adverts in the local paper on this date.

George Ewen, Seatown, Cullen - Electric Chimney Sweep 8/6. Window Cleaning also done.

Thomas W. Lang - Optician, 18 West Church Street.

George Sutherland, 21 West Church Street, Shoe Repairs

C & J. M. Cole, Ladies and Gents Hairdressers, Cluny Square.

Alexander Flett, Fish Merchant, 15 Low Street.

Alex Esson, Tailor and Outfitter, Cluny Square (Sale)

John Sandison, Draper, 22 East Church Street (Sale)

W. F. Johnston, 13-15 West Church Street, Lending Library.

Hugh Walker, Upholsterer, 44b, Mid Street, Keith.

I. F. Burnett, Plumber, 26 Baron Street.

F. Ritchie, 72-74 East Church Street, Men's, Ladies, Boys and Girls Clothiers, and Fashion Goods, Carpets, Household Goods (Sale)

John Stewart, Butcher, 29 West Church Street, Buckie and 11 Victoria Place, Portknockie.

Robertson's Drapers, Cullen (Sale).

Wm. S. Taylor, MPs, 1 High Street.

W. A. Smith, Butcher, Portessie.

Gordon Cleaning Company, 42 West Church Street.

The Studio, 39 East Church Street, Prop. Ali Mohammed, Photographer.

Wm. Mustard and son, Boot and Shoes, 24 Castle Street, Cullen (Sale)

W. G. Davidson and Co. Cullen, Buckie, Portsoy - TV's, Radios, Washing Machines etc.

The Ladies Shop, 39 West Church Street (Sale)

Andrew Begg Boots and Shoes, 16 High Street (Sale)

Wynns of Elgin, 232 - 238 High Street, Carpets etc.

Hunter and Pirie, 31-33 East Church Street, TV's, Radios, Washing Machines etc.

Alex S. Cowie, Plumber, Baron Street.

James Mackay Draper etc. etc. 5 East Church Street, (Sale)

Robertsons (Fordyce) 37 West Church Street and 17 High Street, also at Banff, Keith and Aberlour, (Sale)

Anderson and England, Lossie Wynd, Elgin, Furniture and Carpets.
 Cordiners Garage, Banff.
 Archibald Motors, Barhill Road, Engineers and Coach builders.
 Regency Oils Marine Place
 Charles McIntosh, High Street Motors , 52 High Street.
 Christies Florists, 10 High Street.
 Central Garage, 55-59 West Church Street, Charles Robertson, Proprietor.
 Alex Robertson and Sons, 2-8 St Peters Road – Granite Memorials
 James Robertson Granite Memorials, Aberdeen
 Elgin Granite Works. G. Hendeson, Prop.
 Ovaltine, The Family Drink.
 Funeral Undertakers – A. Hendry and Sons, Land Street. A, Campbell and Sons
 The Little Wonder, 37 East Church Street, (Sale)
 A.J. Slater, Furniture etc. – 23-25 East Church Street, (Sale)
 James Mackay, 5 East Church Street. Prams etc.
 C. I. Shearer – Drapers and Outfitters, 6-8 East Church Street (Sale)

Jan 18 **Modern Dancing Enterprises** the Grand Finals of the Miss Bristol 1961 competition will take place in the Two Red Shoes ballroom, Elgin and the Town Hall, Cullen on Friday 26 January. The winner will receive a £20 prize and a Bristol cup while the second and third will receive £10 and £5 respectively. Also taking place will be the Capstan Swing Competition with the winners again receiving money prizes and many other cigarette prizes.

Fred Ellis and his Combo with Helen Young vocalist will be in the Red Shoes.

Free buses from Inverness, Huntly, Macduff, Dufftown, Lossiemouth and Forres.

On Saturday 20 January The Tom Tom beat of the Apaches plus cabaret on stage and a demonstration of the new dance sensation, The Twist, by the Free Style Jive Champions, Bobby Bingham and Agnes Paul in the New Town Hall, Elgin from 8-11.30 Admission 5/-

Modern Dancing Enterprises will present the Stars of 1961 Eurovision Song Contest – The Allison's with Dru Harvey and The Jokers plus the Sabres in the St Andrews Hall, Buckie on Saturday 20 January from 8-11.30. Admission 6/-

Light on the Mucks - Buckie Town Council at last reaffirmed their decision to proceed with the provision of a light on the West Mucks as an additional aid for vessels entering or leaving the port.

Thrashing for Buckie Rovers- The Rovers were well and truly cuffed in the 3rd round replay of the Scottish Junior Cup when they met Petershill on their own ground in Glasgow, losing by nine goals to nil. The Rovers seemed to be overawed and failed to compete as they had done in the first game. A crowd of 2,500 watched the game.

Jan. 25 **Development at Seafeld Hospital** – The sum of £150,00 is to be spent on building a new main block.

Sales - George Sutherland, Shoeshop, 21 West Church Street – Clearance Sale
 Leslies, 11 Rathburn Street, Gordonsburgh,

Operational visits - Two inshore minesweepers, HMS Brenchley and HMS Brinkley are to pay operational visits to Buckie on February 13 and 14. Each ship carries 30 officers and ratings.

Golf on Sunday - The local paper received two letter criticising the stance the Buckie Town Council took re- the banning of golf on Sunday at a time when efforts are being made to foster tourism and the swimming pool at Strathlene is open.

West Church induction - An Australian, Rev Clement E. Paul, a former RAF chaplain was inducted into the West Church on Wednesday.

Death of the Dowager Countess of Seafield - She died at Cullen House at the age of 85. She had been in failing health for some time.

Before marrying the 11th Earl of Seafield, Sir James Oglivie Grant in 1898 she was Miss Mary Elizabeth Nina Townsend of Christchurch, New Zealand. They had only the one child the present countess who was born in 1906. For some years the couple lived in Ireland before coming to Cullen House in 1912.

Lord Seafield was killed in November 15 while serving as a captain in the 5th Camerons and is buried in Belgium.

Feb 1 **Business for sale** – William Murray and Co. 23 Hall Street, General Merchants, is for sale.

Winner of the Bristol Trophy was Miss Frances Macdonald, Huntly, second was Miss Margaret Cowie, 11 Barhill Road, Buckpool while third was Miss Evelyn Mackay, The Bungalow, Fochabers. Mr Tinne of Messrs W. D. & H. O. Wills awarded the prizes to the girls.

Herbert Gray's Band, Keith, played at the NALGO Social and Dance in the Cullen Bay Hotel. R.J. Samuel was MC. (This was the first time Hebbie's band had been mentioned.)

Jiving Champions - A photograph on page 8 of the local paper shows Irene Lyon and Albert Devlin who were the winners of the Capstan Swing Competition. They each received £4 and 250 cigarettes.

Feb 8 **Workers down tools** - Men from the shipbuilding yards added to by workers from Hamilton Bros. Engineers came out on strike on Monday demanding a shorter week and more money. All together 150 men were involved.

A launch took place on Monday despite the strike when the 75-foot long seine net fishing boat, Ajax, took to the water from the shipyard of Herd & McKenzie. She was built for a Hopeman skipper. The Ajax is powered by a 200 hp Gardner engine and has a steel whaleback fo'c'sle head, an unusual feature in the construction of seine net fishing boats. The Ajax is the sixth boat that 'Herdies' have built for the Campbell family since 1934. The other boats were – Argosy, Arnhem, Alliance and Acorn.

Assemblies of God - A new church has been built for this religious group on Newlands Lane. It is to be opened on Saturday 17 February

New lifeboat store - A photograph on page 10 shows the scaffolding for the new lifeboat store being lowered into place at the east basin of Cluny Harbour.

Feb 15 **Golf Club makes an offer** – The members of Buckpool Golf Club offered to lease the course for £30 from Buckie Town Council to allow its members to play on a Sunday.

Dance in the Fishermen's Hall - Music for dancing on Saturday 17 February is to be by the Rockfellers with Ronnie and Margaret who are making their first visit to Buckie. A heat of the Miss Buckie Thistle 1962 will take place during the evening. The dance will run from 8 until 11,30pm. Admittance 4/-. Usual buses.

Arradoul & District Players, a new dram group only founded some months before by Mr Ernie Boyd, Hillocks, scored a hit with the play, 'The Bogey Man' which they presented in the Arradoul WRI hall on Thursday and Friday of last week.

Buckie Rovers Football Queen was Miss Margaret Gordon, 37 Harbour Street. She was chosen at a dance the club held in the St Andrews Hall last Friday night. The judges were – Mr and Mrs Sydney Milne, Banker, and Mr and Mrs Sorensen, skipper of the fishing boat, Susitna.

Feb 22 **Opening of new church** - A photograph on the front page shows Pastor A. Benson, Aberdeen opening the new Assembly of God Church on Newlands Lane. Miss Jessie Thatcher is the evangelist in charge at Buckie. She comes from Staffordshire. The first meetings of the group in Buckie took place four years ago and now the congregation totals 100. They collected the £1000 needed to build the church.

It was built by Mr Bert Murray, Upper Dallachy, Spey Bay, who is normally employed building sheds and garages and this was the first time he had tackled a building of this size. He began work five months ago and apart from some help at weekends has completed the work single-handed. The assembly hall has accommodation for 200 people and there are also a vestry, a kitchenette and toilet facilities.

(Some years later as the congregation dwindled away the church was sold and converted into a dwelling house when it was bought by a Mr and Mrs Wood, a former skipper.)

Coming attractions in the Two Red Shoes -Elgin on successive Thursdays -

The Original Checkmates. The famous pop singer - Emile Ford and the Fordettes Bob Wallis and his Storyville Jazzmen. Hit Parade singer - Craig Douglas.

Kenny Ball and His Jazzmen. The Moon River guy - Danny Williams.

Note that a free bus will return to Buckie after the dance.

J. W. Formation dances present - Alex Dalgleish and his Twisting Tornadoes in the St Andrews hall, Buckie.

Four boys and four girls will demonstrate the new dance craze - 'The Checkers Twist'. Rocking to the famous Glasgow Rock Group - The Crescendoes with Liz Wilson and Harry Scott.

Other dates - The Ex Emile Ford Group; The Original Checkmates featuring the Ford Brothers and the Check -o- Twists. Eurovision Song Contest singer - Russ Sainty and the Nu Tones.

Mike (Tribute to Buddy Holly) Berry and the Outlaws. Craig Douglas and the Mudlarks

North East Dances (Promoters) - Nat Fraser and his band will play in the Stewart Hall, Huntly.

A rare find in an odd place - Gordon Packman, a person well known in Buckie, found a 1775 penny, minted during the reign of George III, lying on the dance floor of the Mill Inn, Maryculter, Aberdeen, last Saturday evening.

You winna get aff after Monday - Dandaleith Station, near Craigellachie, is to close for passengers on Monday March 5.

Boat launched - A forty-two foot long passenger launch took to the water from the shipyard of Messrs George Thomson and Sons last week.

Mar 1 **The Buckie Gala** - It was decided that this year Buckie was to have a Gala Fortnight instead of just the week and be run on the same lines as the successful Portessie Gala.

From field and farm to the sea - Mr and Mrs John Smith 8 Land Street, Buckpool, celebrated their Diamond Wedding in the Commercial Hotel. Mr Smith started life as a farm servant in Aberdeenshire before moving to Buckie where he became an engineer on herring drifters.

Opening announcement -George Davidson, 129 Main Street, and Buckpool, known to many as 'Wheelies' is to start in business as a window cleaner.

Church office required for the South Church - Wage offered £110. Apply to George C. Sandison.

Learn to drive in a Morris Minor or your own car if preferred. From 9am until 9pm. Saturday and Sundays. 12/6 a lesson or 7/6 in own car. James Gunn, Portgordon.

New rates for farm workers agreed in December 1961 have now been confirmed. My father's wage for a whole week of hard work would have been 189/6 (minimum) while off this had to come the cost of the insurance stamp. Certainly not a ransom for a man of sixty four with a lifetime of experience.

Spike's Serial - 'Peter Rawn Sails Again' Chapter eight is found in this edition.

Mar 8 **A new hall for Portessie is a non-starter** - The plan to build a new hall in Portessie has been scrapped. A meeting the committee agreed that the heavy cost of upkeep and the new levels of assessment that could be expected in addition to the large initial outlay involved is responsible for the project being abandoned. It would just too large a burden for the people of Portessie to bear. The committee also agreed that the money raised should go to renovating and modernising the existing hall.

Another one day strike - The shipyards in Buckie were again closed on Monday as 150 men, which included workers from Hamilton Bros. downed tools for the day.

Boy wanted for dairywork. Apply to G. Grant, Easter Bogs Farm.

Change of both name and fishing method - The recently converted trawler, 'Girl Doris' formerly the Buckie-built seine net fishing boat 'Hazard', landed her first catch last week at Aberdeen since her conversion at Fraserburgh at a cost of £9,000.

Caretaker appointed - George Adam, Little Hillhead, Portknockie, was appointed the new caretaker of Hillhead Cemetery. He succeeds Wm. Sutherland who has retired.

Buckie High School football team - A photograph is shown on page 11. The players are named as follows: - J. Burnett, J. Noble, I. Coutts, G. Laing, J. Reid, I. Golding, R. Taylor, R. Rossvoll, W. J. Cowie, W. Smith, J. Wood.

Mar 15 **Advert for newly opened shop - Home Decorations** - W. Mackay and W. B. Jappy, 18b, East Church Street.

Death of Edward Hillocks - The death took place this week at his home Auchindoir, Queen Street, of Edward Hillocks a well-known Motor Engineer and Electrician in the town for about 40 years. He was 59. His father had a draper's business on Main Street and Cluny Terrace and is still alive at the age of 92.

Eddy Hillocks as he was known served his time as an electrician with McLachlan's who had a business in McGarth's Building on Cluny Square and then later as a mechanic with George Webster on High Street before setting up his own garage and electrician's business between the wars at 50 West Church Street in the former baker's premises. A great many youths went on to serve their time with his firm as electricians.

During the last war he worked as an electrical engineer on boats in the harbour under the Admiralty and after the war opened a garage at Arradoul after his plans for a garage on St Andrews Square had been turned down by the council.

He leaves a wife and a family of two sons and two daughters.

Opening today (Thursday) Mar 15 1962 - Stevenson's It Day Dry Cleaning shop at 19 Cluny Square (McGarth's Building) and the former office of Wm.

Alexander and Sons, Bus Proprietors. Stevenson's have other branches at Aberdeen, Banff, Fraserburgh and Peterhead.

Death of former Buckie Thistle players – The death has taken place of Wm. F. Knowles, Iainstown, who played at outside right for Buckie Thistle 30 years ago. He later became a referee. He was 63 and died in Aberdeen Royal Infirmary. Bertie Stage, another former Thistle player has also died. He was 79 and passed away at his home in Peterculter, Aberdeen. He played at left back in the team.

Big score - Buckie Thistle run riot on Saturday when they beat Inverness Caley on their own ground Telford Street, Inverness, by 9 goals to 2. Bruce Smith, the Rovers' player, guesting for the Thistle had four of the goals. Norman Scott who came from Keith and who had scored five the week before against Huntly again was among the goals, scoring three.

Small crowd earns complaints - **Buckie** Rovers' committee are complaining about the small crowd of supporters who turn out to watch their games when only twenty were present. The collection taken was just enough to pay the referee. (Having been for a great many years connected with the Rovers would have to say that in 2001 20 spectators would be seen as a big crowd, when on a good day 8 would be the number expected at any game with it being a waste of time to take a collection and the referee and possibly two linesmen having to be paid out of existing funds – changed days.)

Peter Rawn Sails Again - The final chapter of this serial by Spike appears in this edition.

Mar 22 **Buckie Toll Bar cottage** - This was still standing in 1962 since a man charged with an offence gave the cottage as his address.

Advert - Buckie North Church Spring Fair in aid of Church Re-Decoration Fund will take place on Saturday 24 March at 2.30p.m. Mrs James McNaught, Keith, the wife of the Director of Education will open the fair. Stalls include – cake and candy, flowers, fruit, vegetables, fancy goods, parcels, white elephant, jellies and ice cream. Admittance 1/6 with children 1/-

Cleaners opened - Stevenson's Bros. Dundee, Dry Cleaners and Launderers, opened their new branch on Cluny Square this week in the former local office of Wm. Alexander and Sons, Bus Proprietors. The premises have undergone major reconstruction and are now laid out in a modern style with all the dry-cleaning equipment and machinery installed. The manager is Mr Brian Bruce while his assistants are local girls who were trained in Aberdeen. A photograph is shown on page five.

Buckie Thistle in financial distress – The headline in the local paper read – Can the Thistle carry on? The club is in a perilous state. There is a grave danger that the town may lose its senior football club. The club has been suffering from poor gates for some time and have been heavily subsidised by dances ran by the Welfare Society for a long time but now with the end of National Service the crowds at the dances have fallen off dramatically. The Saturday night dances have been temporarily stopped for some weeks past. **The report is given on page 9.**

Mar 29 **End of the line for Councillor Jimmy Lawson** - Councillor Lawson who first joined Buckie Town Council in 1951 and has been Dean of Guild on two occasions has decided not to stand again as his wife is seriously ill. Both Councillors Charles Shearer and David Porter are also to stand down. Three newcomers have come forward to fill the gaps – George C. Wilson, solicitor, Jack Cole, Lifeboat Mechanic and Harry Blackhall, traveller.

A Save Buckie Thistle football committee has been formed. There will be critical months ahead it is said.

The Welfare Society is no longer able to subsidise the club as had been done in the past due to a serious falling away of its principal source of revenue, the weekly dances in the Fishermen's Hall.

In the Fishermen's Hall on Saturday - Come dance to the music of Scotland's Sensational Show Band, The Johnny Douglas Combo with Lindsay Scott. The Star of Stage and Screen. Admittance 4/-.

April 5 **Thistle Development Fund** which it is hoped will raise the necessary money to keep Buckie Thistle in the Highland League next season is to be launched very soon.

Death of retired dentist - ? Scott who worked as a dentist in Buckie for forty years until he retired has died at the age of 65. He lived at 21 Anton Street.. He served his time with Wm. Robertson, who carried on a chemist's business and dentists practice on East Church Street before World War II. After the death of Mr Robertson he worked for Mrs Robertson for some time before starting on his own account. He was a bachelor and is survived by his three sisters.

Heavy fine for being drunk in charge of a bike. A Buckie clerk, I. G. was severely punished for g too much drink. For being drunk in charge of a bike he was fined £10 and for having no lights he was fined a further £3. His defence said that there was no traffic on the road in the middle of the night when he was going home and no one was in any danger. The accused said a friend's wife had just had a baby and they were wetting its head.

Cap for Buckie High School pupil - Wm. J. Cowie, of 62 St Peter's Road, captain of Buckie High School football team earned a schoolboy cap for Scotland. He was chosen to play at outside right

Buckie Rovers' team to play on Saturday - Coutts, R. Cowie and A. Jappy; J. Cowie, J. Robertson and G. Laing; B. Smith, R. Reid, G. Robertson, J. Reid, and P. Smith. Reserves - Cruickshank, Newlands and J. Geddes.

Apr 12 **No Sunday Golf decision rescinded by Buckie Town Council.** Those who wish can play on either Buckpool or Strathlene.

Move for High School Geography teacher - Robert R. Denholm who has been PT Geography at Buckie High School for the past six years is to take up a similar appointment at Brechin after Easter. He came to Buckie High from Berwick High and was responsible for arranging excursions for his pupils to different parts of the country.

Bluebird no more - The familiar blue colour of the buses owned by Wm. Alexander and sons Ltd are to be changed to yellow and broken white. This has been decided after a move to split the bus service into 3 groups --Midland, Fife and Northern. The blue is being retained for Midland. (I remember being on a Geography Field Trip to Ireland in 1972 when a man in Dublin seeing the word Northern written on our bus enquires are youse from the 'Troubles'. There was plenty trouble taking place in Northern Ireland at this time.)

Freedom of Cullen - Provost Lewis Bain, had the Freedom of Cullen conferred upon him in recognition of the long service he had given to the Town Council. He first entered the council in 1919 but had to retire in 1944 through ill health. He returned to the council in 1952 when he was elected Provost. He was a native of Fraserburgh and worked in the gas industry for 53 years.

Apr 19 **Freedom casket - A** photograph on the front page of the local paper shows the beautifully carved casket, which contains the burgess ticket signed by Provost Lewis Bain when he received the Freedom of Cullen.

Notice - The ladies department of C .J. M. Cole, which has been closed for some time will re-open on 16th April.

Musical – ‘The Vagabond King’ Buckie Amateur Operatic Society Continuation Classes 1961-62 are to present the Musical – The Vagabond King in the Fishermen’s Hall on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 16, 17 and 18 May.

Bingo sessions (This was first time I had noticed this term being used as opposed to housey-housey) run by Portsoy Athletic Football Club are to be discontinued meantime. Instead regular Saturday night dances will be held in the Town Hall. (This was surely bucking the trend.)

Advert - Messrs Walker and Smith (Electricians) Ltd 20 West Church Street. Transistor radios, record players, tape recorders, TV’s cookers, fridges, washing machines, irons etc. Lovely selection of all kinds of lamps.

Schoolboy International - There was some argument that he was not the first schoolboy to be capped but it was proved that Willie J. Cowie, the Buckie High School pup, was the first north of Scotland schoolboy to be capped at **under 18**

A photograph of St Peter’s School football team is found on page 11. The players all named are – David Simpson, Brian Davidson, John Kessack, Alan Simpson, James Robertson, James Malone, George Campbell, Danny Cowie, David Macdonald, Raymond McIntosh and James Leask. Also in the picture is James Smith PT. Teacher

Johnny Low’ s (goalkeeper) benefit match - Buckie Thistle 3 Aberdeen 0. After a disappointing season this was a good result. Apart from Willie Allan, Rothes, who played as a guest, the Buckie team was the same that had played for most of the season. Aberdeen had a lot of players in their line up that had played in the first team during the season, such as – Willie Callaghan, Charlie Cooke and George Mulhall. Buckie thus got revenge for the thrashing they had sustained the last time the two had met.

Apr 26 **Promotion** – Bailie Gowie was unanimously elevated to the office of senior magistrate in Buckie at the council meeting on Monday evening. Wm. A. Thomson became Junior Bailie.

Attraction in the Fishermen’s Hall - The stars of Decca Records, Radio and T.V., Rob Storme and the Whispers contestants in the Eurovision Song Contest will provide the music and entertain on Saturday 18 April. Admittance 5/- The local paper carried a photograph of a the very well dressed band.

Advert - Get all your fishing tackle from Wm. Bannerman, 5 High Street.

A cakewalk - This edition of the local paper shows a photograph of a single tier wedding cake that won a bronze medal for David Fowler in an Edinburgh Bakery Student Association Competition.

Where is Petersfield, Buckpool? It is the name given to the land lying to the north side of Netherha’ Road where the last council houses were being built in 1961/62.

‘Tappies’ are to build a replica of the ‘Comet’. A fifty-foot long replica of the first commercial steamship, the Comet, is to be built in Buckie by the shipyard of Messrs George Thomson and Sons.

Wm. J. Cowie, Buckie High School pupil, played in last Wednesday's match against England at Roker Park, Sunderland, where England won by one goal to nil. He was in the team at outside right and in the report, after the match, was described as one of Scotland's most successful players. Sowerby scored England's goal 15 minutes after the break.

The Thistle lose their last game to end a disappointing season. After beating potential league champions, Keith, by four goals to one midweek the 'Jags' the maroons got revenge to beat them by the only goal of the game on Saturday.

The Thistle team was - Low, A. Stewart and Main; J. Thain, W. Mair and A. Presslie; J. Dutch, C. McKenzie, G. Stewart, Scott and Meldrum

May 3 **Do you know this ?** " It is an offence for dog-owners to allow their dogs to run loose between the hours of sunset and sunrise". Procurator Fiscal George C. Wilson said this at last weeks JP court.

New town - The new town of Dalgety Bay, Fife is to be built on private land by private enterprise. It is designated, when complete in seven year's time, to house between 7-10,000 people.

The Highlanders Hotel (formerly the Reaper's Hotel on West Church Street) has changed hands. Mrs Currie, formerly proprietor of the St Andrew's Hotel who was the first to get a licence for the Highlander has sold out to Mr Sammy Gerrard.

Another 'Tappies' launch - A rescue launch built for the Findhorn Yacht Club was launched from the shipyard of Messrs George Thomson and Sons on Wednesday of last week. The new boat, which measures 25 feet long was christened - 'Maid O' Moray'. It is powered by a 36hp air-cooled Lister engine.

Advert - Walker and Smith (Electricians) Ltd invite you to visit and view their full range of all electrical domestic appliances - TV's radios etc.

Photograph of bairns first day at school - Unfortunately the picture has reproduced badly. The pupils in the photograph are those who joined Buckie High School Primary Department last week.
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New Fire Station - Plans for a new fire station at Buckie were approved. Buckie is to have a new two-appliance station built on East Cathcart Street at a cost of £17,325.

Rovers' team for Saturday - G. Bruce, Kenny . Stewart and A. Jappy; Johnny Cowie, Jimmy Robertson and Robbie Cowie; Jimmy Newlands, Raymie Reid, Doddie Robertson John Reid, and Pete Smith. Reserve J. Duthie.

Thistle players move on - Winnie Mair and Alan Presslie signed for Elgin City while Malcolm Slater and Colin McKenzie have put pen to paper for Inverness Caley. Bruce Smith , the Rover's player also signed for Elgin.

May 10 **Launch from Jones' Shipyard** - Last Friday saw a 61 ton twin screw motor sailing yacht take to the water from Messrs Jones' Shipyard. She was christened 'Freeward'.

The 'Freeward' is one of the largest yachts ever to be built at Buckie since the local shipyards turned their skill and craftsmanship to yacht building two years ago when the demand for fishing boats began to dry up. The 'Freeward' was built for a London architect and keen yachtsman

Advert - The Marine Hotel presents The Swinging Rainbows playing every Saturday from 7.30-9.30 p.m. in the Murray Lounge. (A common thing with all

hotels, pubs and other similar premises in 2001 is to advertise music being played on Saturdays and other days as an attraction but the Marine Hotel appears to have been the first to try this in 1962)

Buckie Boy Scouts receive new colours - A photograph in this edition of the local paper shows Patrol Leader John Niven kneeling to receive the new colours given to the Buckie Scout troop by Mrs T. Munro of the Buckie North Church Scout Committee.

Thistle make new signing- Bruce Roy, formerly with Elgin City who has also played for Sheffield Wednesday has signed for Buckie.

May 17 **Buckie Churches will take part in Christian Aid Week.**

Opening announcement - Ian Sudding, 5 Reidhaven Street, Portknockie is to start a taxi and self-drive business.

Advert - Calder's Fruit Stores, 3 High Street, Buckie.

May 24 **Council rents rise** - A further rise in the rents of council houses led to angry scenes outside the rent office. Many said they were to refuse to pay the increased sum asked for but in the end only 82 out of the 300 tenants who elect to pay their rent weekly refused to pay in the end. The increases range from 8/- - per week for a three-roomed 1919 scheme house to £16.17.2 per annum for a five-room 1946 scheme house. This will be the ninth rise since 1951
Buckie has over 1000municipal houses.

May 31 **Buckie Rovers** will play their annual friendly against Aberdeen East End on Saturday. The previous Saturday they won the North of Scotland Junior cup when they beat Bishopmill United by 6 goals to nil.

Improvements at Seafield Hospital - There are to be a complete reconstruction of the main general patient accommodation of 36 beds while improvements to the maternity annex has commenced. The maternity annex will now be linked to the main hospital a new outpatient and casualty suite will be built. Better accommodation will now be provided for the training school for enrolled nurses together with dining facilities and a new kitchen.

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June 14 **Death of Buckie Harbourmaster** - The death took place on Tuesday at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary three weeks after being severely injured in a car accident three weeks ago when a car in which he was a passenger came in contact with a lamp standard. Captain Alexander Ross, who was 48, became harbourmaster in 1960 following the retirement of Cpt. Wm. R. Murray. Captain Ross started his working life as a fisherman before joining the M.N. in 1936. He became well known on the coastal trade. His home was at 27 Mill Crescent where he leaves a wife and two daughters.

Buckie High School Prize-winners - Their picture is shown on the front page. The school Dux is Edwin Moulton who took first prize in the following subjects - English, Latin, Maths, History Science and French - a clever loon.

Advert - Cullen House will be open to the public during the month of June. On Sundays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. From 2 until 5pm. Admission 2/6 for adults and 1/- for children. Afternoon teas served at 2/6.

Portessie Hall Committee Gala Dance will take place within the Fishermen's Hall on Friday 15 June. Admission 4/-
Music will be provided by one of Newcastle's exciting Rock Groups, Johnny and the Blue Caps

A selection of a short leet for the Portessie Gala Queen will be chosen with the Queen herself being chosen at a marquee dance at Strathlene on July 13
Contestants in the short leet will have a free appointment for complete re-style shampoo and set at Mrs Lily Hill, Hairdresser, Seaview Place, Buckie

Buckie Gala Week Dance - The final short leet and Gal Queen to be chosen at a dance to take place in the Fishermen's Hall on Friday 22 June by TV personality, Douglas Kynoch and Comdr. and Mrs Roden, RNLI. Lets Twist Again to the Apaches from 8 until 1am. The Gala Queen and her attendants will be picked from the two short leets and will retain the dresses. Five other finalists will receive gift vouchers.

Admission to the dance 4/- Buses as usual to Portgordon and Portsoy after the dance.

New band - Shane Senton and the Sentones will play at the Unionist Association dance to take place in Elgin in July. The same association will run other dances with the following bands booked to play - Duke D'Monde and the Baron Knights, The Viscounts and Mike Berry and Russ Sainty.

Dance in the St Andrew's Hall - Music will be provided by Larry Black and Men of Mystery.

Buckie fishermen and town council not on the same wavelength- The fishermen were accusing the North east shipbuilders of gross overcharging. The Fishing Boat Builders Association disputed this.

Short leet for the title of Buckie's first ever Gala Queen were chosen at a dance in the Fishermen's Hall last Wednesday night. The three judges were the provosts of Cullen, Portsoy and Banff. The girls chosen were - Anne Munro, Gina Smith, Maria Stewart and Sandra Ewen.

Death of Yard Manager - The death took place of W. J. Carter yard manager of Messrs Herd & McKenzie at his home Dalriada, Aboyne Street, Gordonsburgh. He was 57 and a native of Portgordon. He started with the firm 40 years before as an apprentice engineer later to become first foreman engineer then yard foreman before becoming manager. He moved to Buckie three years before from Portgordon where he took a great interest in football, pre-war, when he ran the local team. He leaves a wife and four sons.

June 21 **Findochty School principal prizewinners** - Wilma Cameron, Secondary Dux. Alex S. Mair, Primary Dux.

A long sit - Buckie Town Council is famed for its long sittings but surpassed all on Monday past when the meeting opened at the usual time of 7.15 but only disposed of the last item on the agenda at 1.30am the following morning.

Another yacht takes to the water - The 63 foot long twin screw motor yacht designed and built by Messrs Herd & McKenzie for a French business man was launched last Thursday. It was christened Arvor III. She sailed from Buckie for Le Harve at the beginning of this week.

Dances ran by the promoters - "North East Bands" At Huntly Wilson Ritchie and his All Stars with Duggie Finnie will provide the music. At Craigellachie it will be Andrew Rankine and his band while at Keith dancers will have Erle Jacobson and Erle Blue Stars to play for them.

Two on a bike is a crime – The police caught two young men riding bikes and carrying two girls as 'passengers'. They were each fined £2 with the option of ten days in jail.

Short leet to choose Portessie Gala Queen. - A short leet of eight girls from which the selection of this year's Portessie Gala Queen will be made was chosen at a well-attended dance held by the Portessie Public Hall Committee in the Fishermen's Hall last Friday. The members of the Newcastle band playing acted as judges. Their choice was Janet Coles, Jessie Ross, Janet Smith. Janet E. Smith, Elena Thomson, Helen Smith, Margaret Flett and Thelma Morrison.

Buckie Rovers F.C. – Buckie Rovers who returned to the Morayshire Junior League in 1961 have had a most successful season. They have won four trophies, three of them during the last week. They walloped the League Champions, Islavale, Keith, by 6 goals to nil in the final of the Nicholson Cup on Wednesday then won the White Horse Cup at the same venue on Saturday when they had a narrow victory over Burghead Thistle. There is a photograph of the team together with a report on page 11.

June 28 **Buckie Lifeboat Gala Queen** – (This was the first time that the word Lifeboat had been mentioned in connection with the Gala.) Georgina Coull, Beach Head, Ianstown was chosen as the first Buckie Lifeboat Gala Queen. Her attendants are Sandra Thomson, 46 Mill Crescent and Gina Smith, 3 Morven Crescent Findochty. Georgina Coull, who prefers to be called Georgie, is 18 and is an employee of the AEI factory.

Marquee dances at Linkbraehs Farm, Fordyce - (of fond memories) On this occasion two bands will play. Mary Milne and her band from 8.30 until 12.30 and then Tommy and his Tremors until 2.30. A Queen of the Canvas Ball will be chosen during the evening.

Opening announcement - The Carlton Hairdressers will open for business at 8 Carlton Terrace on the 9 July. Hours 9am to 6pm from Monday until Friday and on Saturday from 9am until 1pm.

Oxford Degree - A former Buckie High School pupil who became Dux and principal prizewinner of the school in 1952, Frank Fowler, is to receive the degree of doctor of Philosophy (D. Phil) at the University of Oxford this month.

Sturgeon landed at Buckie - A 28lb sturgeon was landed at Buckie from the seine net boat, Green Pastures this week. This was the first for a considerable time.

The following pupils became Duxes of their schools in 1962.

St Peter's School - Secondary – David McDonald . Primary – Mary Bonnyman
Portessie School – Secondary – Margaret McKenzie. Primary – John Thomson.
Cullen School – Secondary – James Findlay. Primary – Francis Mair.
Lady Cathcart School - Zandra Clark.

Monday night dances in the Fishermen's Hall still continuing with Alex Sutherland's Band
Buses from Forres, Kinloss and Elgin as usual as had been the practice for a long time

July 5 **The replica 'Comet' on its way.** A photograph on the front page shows the replica 'Comet' being carried on a lorry as it passes through Cluny Square, on Saturday, at the start of its slow journey to Port Glasgow. The lorry will be travelling between 12 and 15 miles per hour.
The 50 foot long replica of the Comet, the first commercial steamship was built at the local shipyard of Messrs George Thomson and Sons to the order of

Lithgows Ltd. Port Glasgow. The shipbuilders said they had no problem building the replica since they used the original 150 year old plans. After the replica arrives in Port Glasgow she will be fitted with engines, boiler and rigging.

The idea of building a replica originated when the directors of Lithgows decided that there should be more to commemorate the 150 anniversary of the launching of the vessel instead of a plaque on one of the shipyard walls.

After the replica Comet is launched the vessel will actually sail the same route as the original famous ship from Gourock to Helensburgh.

The vessel will ply for some time before being taken ashore as a museum piece.

Great interest has been aroused at the building of the vessel. Scores of children and members of youth clubs visited the yard to see the ship.

Death of former draper. A man who took part in many amateur operatic performances in the town died last week. Edward Hillocks, 5 Cluny Terrace was 92. During his life time he carried on successful draper and outfitter businesses on both Main Street and Cluny Terrace. At one time he played the bassoon in the Buckie Town Band. He leaves two sons and two daughters.

Advert Cullen House will be open to the public during July and August on Sunday, Wednesday and Saturday afternoons from 2pm until 5.

Special Attraction at the Fishermen's Hall on Monday 9 July. (This is the first time the advert for the Monday night dance had been changed for a great many years.) "The band that creates the impact - Ed Corries Jazz Band with Johnnie Webb. Admission 5/-

Learn to drive - A. Macrae - The Progressive School of Motoring. Redburn House, St Peter's Terrace, Buckpool.

Advert - Portessie Gala Week - July 13 - July 21 to be run by the Portessie Hall Committee.

The Broadhythe goes on a sailing trip - Seven Buckie schoolboys accompanied by two teachers, Mr Kenneth Bendelow and Mr Charles Watt set sail in the High School boat, Broadhythe, on a week's cruise which will see them go through the Caledonian Canal to the west coast before returning. The boys are - James Cowie, Michael Ewen, John Cowie, Arnold Thain, Victor Rossvoll, Gordon Cowie and Sandy West.

Jly 12 **Front page - photograph of the Buckie Gala Queen** - Miss Georgie Coull as she was being crowned by Mrs Cameron, wife of Provost Dr Cameron. There is a full write up and a list of the activities the Queen would be involved in during the week.

Open-air presentation - Portsoy Town Improvement are to stage an open-air presentation of the play "Guy Mannering

Monday night at the Fishermen's Hall - **Make it a date** - "Yours for Dancing" had been the heading in the advert for Monday night dances. These dances had been run by the Buckie Welfare Society for many years and although the end of National Service saw crowds very much diminished as a result the advert was still found in this edition. Music by Alex Sutherland and his Sextet. Buses from Forres, Kinloss and Elgin returning after the dance. Buses also to Portgordon and Portsoy after the dance. Dancing from 8 until 1am. Admission 4/-

Fancy a bus run? Bluebird (Wm. Alexander and Sons, Bus Proprietors) are advertising day and afternoon tours also evening excursions, with a wide selection of trips.

Mums and Dads a special dance for you- Buckie Gala Week Committee invite all Mums and Dads to a dance in the Fishermen's Hall on Friday 13 July. "Revive happy memories of a Good Night with Bill Geddes' Band". Prizes and surprises. Admission 3/-. Usual buses.

Buckie Amateur Swimming Association - Police Judge Thomas W. Lang told Buckie Town Council that he had been asked to re-form the Buckie Amateur Swimming Association (in abeyance for some time) and already had received a number of local swimming enthusiasts had been enlisted. He asked and received permission to use Strathlene bathing pool on two nights per week for training purposes.

Gone! A photograph on page 11 shows the bridge over March Road, which formerly carried the 'Heilan Line' being demolished.

The High School boat – Broadhythe - A second photograph on page 11 shows the Broadhythe tied up at Banavie (near Fort William) on the Caledonian Canal prior to making its return trip back to Buckie.

July 19 **Portessie Gala Queen crowned** - A photograph on the front page shows Miss Catherine Wood, the 1961 Gala Queen putting the crown on the head of Miss Janet Coles, 8 Rannas Place the Gala Queen for 1962. The crowning took place at the marquee dance held at Strathlene on Monday night. Janet who was born in Australia is 14 and a pupil at Portessie Secondary School. Her attendants are 16-year-old draper's assistant, Miss Helen Smith of 3 Stuart Street and Miss Elena Thomson, 14 Rathburn Street, Ianstown who is a hairdresser.

West Church fete - Buckie West Church are to hold a fete in the manse grounds on Wednesday 25 July. It is to be opened by Dr Eric Hendry.

New named bands to play at different venues - Mike Berry and the Outlaws being one and Cyril Preston Excelsiors the other at the Two Red Shoes, in Elgin. In the Longmore Hall, Keith, Lex Don and the Rochatures will Margaret will play the music etc.

In the St Andrew's Hall, Buckie, the band on hand will be Jimmy Crawford and the Ravens direct from the Billy Fury film - "Play at -ool"

North of Scotland Jazz Championships the following bands will compete for the title -

Old Bailey and his Advocates. The Jake Spalding 1919 Jazzmen (Dundee)

The Group Four (Glasgow). The Ian McLeod Sextet (Aberdeen).

The Trad. Crescendoes (Aberdeen). The George Penman Jazzmen (Glasgow).

The Ian Stephen Quintet (Aberdeen).

Guesting - 16 Girl Albyn Singers - Folk Singing

Rave dance to follow from 1201 to 4am - Admission 5/-

The beaks lay it on - The fine for being drunk and incapable on the High Street a mile from his home at the Toll Bar a person who had been in the same kind of trouble before was fined £2 with the alternative of 20 days in jail.

Retired, now for a long lie in! - A photograph on page 7 shows John Duguid, 16 Scott Terrace with his horse Roderick who is aged 22. (I never heard of a horse with such a name.) The two were on their last day going round the town with the 'Coopie' cairt. After 17 years between the shafts Roderick is now retired.

Jones launch another yacht - The 'Gail and Mary' a 33.5 feet long Spey class motor sailing yacht built for Captain and Mrs A. M. D. Perrins, Garrymahine Lodge,

Stornoway Isle of Lewis was launched from the shipbuilding yard of Messrs Jones and Sons on Tuesday. She was named after two of their daughters while a third, Sally had the honour of launching and christening the new boat.

Sausages are the boys! - A photograph on page 7 shows a large crowd on Cluny Square where a sausage barbecue had been set up as part of the Buckie Gal Week.

Move for Methodist Church minister - Rev Ernest Moulton, is to move to Glasgow. He has been in Buckie for 7 years. He is to be succeeded in Buckie and Portgordon by Rev Ernest Jacques who is moving to the area from Govan.

Death of former shipyard manager. Mr Wm. McKenzie, the retired and former manager of Messrs Jones and Sons, Slip and Shipyard, Buckie, died in Aberdeen Royal Infirmary last Friday at the age of 62. A native of Portgordon he retired some years ago and had been in poor health during the past year.

British Legion - Buckie and District British Legion which was revived two years ago have now ended their search for premises of their own. (At one time they had considered building their own on East Cathcart Street but this apparently fell through though no reasons were found to say why the project was dropped) Recently they purchased the former private house, Rosemount High Street, which they propose to convert into branch headquarters and clubrooms for members. Hitherto the branch meetings have been held in the T.A. Centre on West Church Street. Entry to the new premises will be effected in September.

Buckie girls on top - A girl football team from the AEI factory beat Keith Mills girls by 3 goals to nil on the Victoria Park, Buckie. A photograph of the team is shown on page 11, with the Gala Queen, herself an employee of the firm given a place in the line up.

Jul 26 **Substantial hike to Buckie rates** - The town council shocked all when they announced that the rates would go up by 2/- to 20 in the county. County requisition was said to be blamed.

The Apaches (dance band) to disband and will not undertake any further engagements.

Modern Dancing Enterprises who had run dances at venues all round the local area up to about two months before they advertised that they would be running no more dances in the Town Hall, Cullen in the meantime were announcing that they were back in business. They are to hold a dance in the Town Hall, Cullen on Friday 3 August.

Portessie Personality Girl Chosen. She is Miss Nettie Sutherland, 20, of 3 Craigview, Findochty. She was chosen at a dance held at Strathlene.

Wedding present for shop assistant - A photograph on page 5 shows Mary Green presenting Betty Cooper with a wedding present. Both girls work with Hay and Co. Grocers on West Church Street.

Caravanners complain - The noise coming from the marquee dances held across the road from the caravan site raised the ire of some of the residents with a letter being sent to the town council. It was decided to take no action since it was said that many of the Caravanners had enjoyed some of the activities during the Portessie Gala Week and the dances only took place at this venue once a year. One councillor said that he had called at the dance and found it being very well ran, the organisers did agree to a reduction in the volume of music coming from the amplifiers.

Shock for Buckie jockey - Norman McIntosh lost his licence following an inquiry into his riding of a horse at Ayr last week. Stewards found that McIntosh prevented the horse Kings Glen from jumping off from the gate at the 2.45 race and going off with the rest of the field. The animal's owner and trainer was fined £100.

Norman Macintosh's father, retired farm worker John McIntosh, 75, of 35 St Peter's Road said how he was most surprised at the sentence handed out by the stewards and had thought that if found guilty a two or three month suspension might have been the sentence.

McIntosh at 30 is one of Britain's top light weight jockey's and previously rode Kings Glen to a six length win at Newcastle. Many people in Buckie have followed his career as a successful jockey with interest.

Portessie Scottish Maid - Miss Lorna Sinclair, 17, of 46 St Peter's Road was chosen as Portessie's Scottish Maid.

Aug 2 **Peter Fair** - The age-old fair only warranted three short paragraphs, albeit found on the front page. It was dry and thousands were said to have been there on Friday. It said that it was originally a horse market. This is not strictly true since it was cattle and sheep that was the livestock changed hands when the fair was first written about, horses coming later. There were two of scenes at the fair on page four.

Why the Apaches (dance band) have broken up (The story is found on page 6.) Two of the players, John Rennie, 20, Durn Road, Portsoy, rhythm guitarist, who has just finished his time as an electrician and Bill Murray, 21, Linn Crescent, Buckie, drummer, whose time as a joiner has just been completed are both thinking of leaving the area to work elsewhere. Douglas McLennan, 20, also of Durn Road, Portsoy leading guitarist, now works in a tool works in Aberdeen. The others in the band are Joe Mowat, 22, a shopkeeper of Denver House, Cullen, vocalist and Billy McKenzie, 18, Highfield Road, Buckie an apprentice engineer who is the bass player.

According to John they had all thought they would like to turn professional but when they realised that this wasn't to happen decided that it would be better to fold. Bringing in new faces to replace those who may have left the area wouldn't be the same, it was also thought.

The name Apaches was chosen from the song title, which was a big hit of the 'Shadows' at the time they started.

The highlight of their career, they all agreed, was being voted best rock group in the north east shortly after starting.

The band grew out of a skiffle group from Portsoy with two of the band being original members. They were only in business for one year but once started the bookings came pouring in so that they were playing regularly from Nairn to Aberdeen. It had been a lot of work but they had enjoyed it and hoped that those who had heard them play enjoyed the experience also.

Early death for former football player - News has been received that Cornal 'Collie' Cowie, 36, of 4 Alnath Place, Buckpool, a foreman power linesman with Balfour and Beatty Contractors, died suddenly while employed in Nigeria. He has been in the country since December and previously worked with the same firm in Iraq and Kenya.

He was a keen footballer and played centre forward for Buckpool Celtic before moving to the Highland League with first Rothes and then Forres Mechanics.

He leaves a wife, two daughters and a son, also his father Mr John Cowie, 1 Bryson Crescent.

Buckie Thistle - The following are likely to be seen in Thistle during the coming season :- Goalkeeper - Johnny Low; Full-backs - Alex Stewart and Jimmy Greig (Findochty).

Half-backs - R. Riddoch (Portsoy), Bruce Roy (Caley and Elgin City).

Forwards - John May, Norman Scott and Cliff Meldrum

Wm. Leask has been appointed trainer while former Thistle player and later trainer, Alex Thomson is to be coach. Jim Leask is team manager.

Trialist injured - While playing in a trial game for Buckie Thistle behind closed doors, Lewis Cant, who plays at centre half for Fochabers, had his leg broken.

The AEI Girl's Football are named - Margaret Kane, Jean McGregor, Anne Cowie, Irene Laing, Jeannie Hay, Irene Coull, Maureen Slater, Jean Duncan, Peggy Murray, Elsie Hay and Isobel Riddoch.

Aug 9 **'Apaches' take a bow** - A photograph of the band, now disbanded, is shown on the front page with the players all named.

Dance in the Town Hall, Cullen - Music for dancing on Friday 17 August will be provided by 'The Strollers', another leading Aberdeen Rock Group. (Modern Dancing Enterprises)

Dance bands playing elsewhere - Two Red Shoes, Elgin, - The original Checkmates plus Alan Easdon Jazz Band.

Night Sounds - Alex Harvey and his Big Saul Band with Mike Cotton Jazzmen.

North East Dances (Promoters) will have The Telstars with Margaret at their dance in Huntly and at Keith - The Riccardos with Steve Cameron. The Rikki Barnes all Stars with Lyn and Steve O'Neil.

Playing at Rothes - Billy McLeod and his Serenadors starring Jackie Stewart and his Guitars (On a successful tour of the Provinces !!)

Trial Game - The Rovers beat Buckie Thistle in a trial game by four goals to three.

Rovers - Skinner(Pk), R. Taylor, B. McGoldrick; G. Laing, J. Robertson and P. Smith; J. Murray, R. Reid, G. Robertson, W. Cowie and Flett.

Buckie - A. Jappy, Stewart, J. McDonald; Johnny Cowie, Greig, I. Whitecross, Riddoch, Roy, May, Scott and Meldrum.

Do you know this poem ? A London reader wrote the local paper to ask if anyone knew the whole of a coasting jingle the only part of which he knew being -

First the Dudgeon then the Spurn
 Flamboro Head comes next a
 turn
 Beyond this bight lies Whitby
 light
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Buckie Thistle to be run by a new committee . The names are all given on page 11.

Aug 16 **Band from London in the St Andrew's Hall-** The music for a dance that will take place on Saturday 18 August will be provided by the London Rock Group - Night Sounds, supported by the Sabres.

Buckie and Cullen Milk Week - August 20-25 - In a big advert in the paper the following local dairies were mentioned - J. Grant, Bogend, W. Hector, Mill of Buckie, A. S. McLean, Cuttlebrae, W. McLean, Mill of Rathven, R.G. Young, Arradoul Mains, M.G. and M. G. Simpson, Seafield Farm, Cullen.

The following grocers had dairy corners - Hay and Co. 41 West Church Street and J. F. Duguid, 26 Seafield Street, Cullen. Cream cakes will be on sale at Johnston's Bakery on well Road and Wm. Young, West End Bakery.

Thistle lose first game of season 1962/63 being beaten by two goals to nil by Huntly. The team was :- Low, Stewart and Laing; Cowie, I. Hector and Whitecross; May, Roy, McDonald, Scott and Meldrum.

Ian Hector, Gordon Laing and Jack McDonald were signed after the match.

Speyside Summer Queen - While home on holiday from Birmingham Mrs Anna Murray nee Legge formerly of Well Road attended a dance at Craigellachie where she was chosen Speyside Summer Queen 1962.

Aug 23 **Kingston saved!** The village of Kingston, which was under real threat from the River Spey as it swung away westwards, is now no longer at risk with a new opening being cut through the shingle nearer to Tugnet. The residents of Kingston are now much happier. A picture of the new opening is shown on page 7 also the old course with the houses of Kingston very near to it.

I'll see you at the Ambassador Club; it reopens on Saturday 1 September.

Elgin TV Services to open a branch in Buckie. They were to move into the shop on Cluny Square, formerly a bank and recently owned by Ian Sutherland TV and Radio Engineer. They were applying for someone to run the shop.

Sole proprietor- 'Home Decorators' a shop at 18 East Church Street previously ran by the partnership of W. B. Jappy and W. Mackay is now under Wm. Mackay only.

Road toll - 52 people, including ten children were killed on Scottish roads in May. This was 7 up on the figures for April but a decrease of 5 from that of May of 1961.

An interesting visitor to Buckie on Friday was the return of the Radium of Don, the training ship belonging to Robert Gordon School of Navigation Department. And formerly the Findochty sailboat, Radium, The vessel is now 58 years old.

Fancy a new car? - The Central Garage (proprietor Charles Robertson) was advertising the new Morris 1100 at £661.0.3. Tax paid. The actual cost of the car is £480 with the tax being £181.0. 3.

Football -

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Buckie Rovers 7 Isalvale 0 Doddie Robertson had 6 with Jim Murray the other.

Made the front page - Isobel Cowie and Jake Clark, both of Buckie, married in Bristol.

Cost a packet tae mak a racket! - Buckie and District Round Table are to have three bands playing at their dance in the Fishermen's Hall. Buckie's own Cimmarons, The Johnny Clayton Six and the Atom City Jazz Men with vocalist George Boyd.

Playing in the St Andrew's Hall - New easy beat star - Mal Ryder and The Spirits

And at Cullen - The Dominoes (Dundee).

Come dance to the Regency Quintet with Helen at the Ambassador Club on Saturday 1 October at 7.30pm. Cabaret spot by Joe Mowat, singing guitarist of Apache fame.. Admission 2/6 includes membership subscription. Weekly admission 2/-

Junior football - Buckie Rovers 8 New Elgin 1 Semi -Final of the Robertson Cup.

Sept 6 Two photographs in this edition show the men at Mains of Buckie getting on with the hairst. The caption says - Wm. Dalgarno is seen stookin' at Mains of Buckie, while the other one says Jim Ewan and Jim Dalgarno (with tractor and binder) take a chance to start the belated harvest at Mains of Buckie

Scout Leader gets wedding present - A photograph shows senior Patrol Leader, John Niven, presenting Douglas Gauld, Scoutmaster, with a wedding present on his forthcoming wedding to Miss Jessie Smith, 3 Morven Crescent, Findochty.

Jessie who is a Lt. in the 1st Portessie Girl Guide Company also received gifts last week from Patrol Leader Margaret McKenzie on behalf of the company. She also received a present from the Association.

Junior Football - Buckie Rovers 8 Forres Thistle 4 Matthew Cup. The Rovers have now scored 50 goals since the start of the season, with George' Doddie' Robertson scoring 26.

Highland League football - Dennis Gowie, son of former Thistle player, Abby, played for Buckie in a 3-2 win for the Thistle against Keith at Kynoch Park and scored the winner.

Sept 13 **Drybridge Postmistress to retire** - Mrs Margaret J. Grant, is to retire this week after serving as postmistress at Drybridge for almost ½ a century. A native of Aberlour she came to Drybridge in 1915 when she married James Grant, Carpenter and they took over the Post Office and General Store. Mr Grant died in 1936 and since that time she has carried on the work on her own. She is now 79 and is to retire to Woodlands, Enzie.

Shock retiral of Portknockie provost - Wm. Mair retired suddenly from the position of provost of Portknockie after claiming that he was suffering from stress created by the job.

Some more new band names -

Tommy Deane and the Tremours are to play in Cullen.

Johnny Hudson plus the sensational Hi Four are to play in the St Andrew's Hall after Clint and the Tornadoes have said they are unable to be present.

At Huntly dancers will be listening and dancing to the music of Forrie Cairns and the Clansmen with Fiona Duncan

Others who will be appearing there are - Eric Barker and the Strollers with Julie Barker. Wilson Ritchie and his band with Duggie Finnie and Lex Don and the Rock-a-Tunes.

The following will appear at the Two Red Shoes in Elgin - Jimmy Justice and the Exchequers. Jet Harris ex Shadows with Jet Blacks. Robbie Hood and his Merry Men plus Johnny (It's A Sin To Tell A Lie) and Hi Four. Mike Segar and the Crestas.

The Round Table Personality Girl was -Sheila McDonald.

A much sought after post - Seventy five applications have been received for the post of harbourmaster at Buckie Harbour.

Workman finds old coin - John Stronach, a workman with Messrs Wm. Douglas and Sons, while digging a track for a drain at Tarbuckie, found a thick heavy coin minted during the reign of George III

A fair thrash at Cullen - Three hundred guests attended the 'coming Out' of Lady Pauline at Cullen House on Monday evening. Present were Prince William and Prince Richard of Gloucester who are presently on holiday with their parents at Tulchan Lodge near Grantown.

Two band, one from London provided the music while there were three champagne bars. Lady Pauline who was 18 in May was in London for the debutante season.

The Countess was in a black gown while Pauline was in a full skirted flame taffeta gown.

Among the guests were members of the Crathes Castle house party who were banned from the Aboyne Ball last week because of their noisy behaviour at Deeside dances.

The Round Table dance drew the crowd - Close on 1000 dancers from a wide area, as far away as Aberdeen, saw Sheila McDonald 184 High Street, Elgin, win the Personality Girl contest held by the Buckie district Round Table in the Fishermen's Hall on Friday night.

The choice was made by the Apaches dance bands, who were one of the four dance bands present.

The runners up who received gifts were - Jean Reid, 40 West Church Street, Diane Sinclair, 5 Burns Square and Ethel Stewart 3 Murrayfield, Fochabers.

The Navy will pay a visit - HMS Weston and HMS Yarnton, coastal minesweepers, are to pay a courtesy visit to the port from Friday until Monday. Both vessels will be open to the public, one on Saturday and one on Sunday.

Happy Birthday - a photograph on page 9 shows Mrs J. Milne a former president cut the cake at the Townswomen's Guild 30th birthday party held in the Commercial Hotel, watched by Mrs N. Sandison who lit the candles.

Sept 20 **You're not to see what goes on.** The heading in the report said - Close Brethren meet behind closed doors at the Fishermen's Hall.

Hundreds of members of the Close Brethren sect whose activities have hardly been out of the limelight in recent years poured into Buckie last weekend by car and hired buses to attend a 3-day mass rally in the Fishermen's Hall. Stewards were stationed at the doors to vet everyone who tried to enter.

The hall was prepared to seat between 800 and 900 with a further 90 on the stage.

Poor weather spoilt the Navy Day - Though the weather was not as one would have wished a fair number of people took the opportunity to see through the two boats, HMS Weston and Yarnton at the weekend. As has been normal practice in the past the members of the town council entertained the officers to a meal in the Strathlene Hotel while the Navy reciprocated by inviting the council and guests for drinks in the wardroom of one of the vessels.

The Gleneagles Show Band will play in the Fishermen's Hall on Saturday first from 8 till 11.30. Admission 5/- next week the Avalons will play.

In Cullen on Friday 21 September - music for dancing will be provided by Clint and the Tornados from 9 till 1/ Admission 4/6. On October 4 it will be the turn of Tony Vincent and the Giant.

Buckie Bridge Club will hold their opening meeting in the Morven Hall, Cluny Terrace on Wednesday 26 September commencing at 7.30pm. New members are cordially invited. S. S Fowlie, Hon. Secy.

On page 9 - Wedding photograph of Douglas Gauld and Jessie Smith with Isobel Gauld - three perhaps - as flower girl.

A fishy tale - A very rare fish was landed at Buckie this week from the local boat, Elma, skipper John Morrison, Portgordon. It was a **Meagre** which measured over 4 feet in length and weighed two stones. It was caught about ten miles north east of Buckie.

The meagre is normally found in tropical or sub tropical waters of the Atlantic or Indian Ocean. The meagre of shade fish, another name, has a long compressed body with spiny scales.

There have been only two others recorded this century, one which was caught in October 1939 10 miles north east of Aberdeen and one in August 1951 in the same area.

Mr J. M. Lamont, director of the Torry Marine Research Laboratory in Aberdeen said that the fish was female which had recently spawned before going on to give some interesting information about the meagre. It utters sounds under water to a depth of 20 fathoms, this peculiarity exposing it to detection and capture in those areas where they are fished commercially.

Also in the Mediterranean in Roman times the bony structures found in the head were thought to have a medicinal value and were worn suspended around the neck while Roman fishermen are said to have presented the head as a form of tribute to the magistrates of the city.

Sept 27 **Harbourmaster appointed** - Captain Alex M. Valentine, 35, master of large foreign-going vessels was appointed harbourmaster at Buckie. He is the elder son of Mr and Mrs Valentine, Struan, Cluny Square and a brother of John Valentine the former professional football player.

Split in close Brethren family - Nineteen year old Glasgow apprentice draughtsman, George Mair, who last April was told by his parents that he could no longer live with them at their home because he did not share their religious beliefs., paid a visit to his grandmother in Buckie last week-end.

Mr Mair's parents, one of who comes from Portknockie the other from Portsoy, are both of the Close Brethren, Britain's strictest religious sect and the break with his parents arose after George left the sect.

The position with his parents remains the same and will not change until he rejoins the Brethren.

George, who along with two others took part in getting up a petition against the Close brethren, which was presented to the Home Secretary.

George said that he was the only one of the family who comes up to visit his grandmother who is 82 and had been shown nothing but kindness by everyone who knows the circumstances of his distressing situation.

An odd beast in the hairst park - A photograph on page 8 shows a combine harvester at work in a field of barley at Hilton Farm, Drybridge.

Note that this was written in 1962 British computers sales increase. With the announcement recently that Britain's 'Atlas' the world's most powerful computer is now nearing completion at Manchester University comes the news that British computer sales are mounting both in the UK and Abroad.

Oct 4 **New minister for Findochty Church of Scotland** - Rev Alexander Marshall who has moved from Rutherglen has filled The 10 month vacancy. The vacancy was caused by the departure of Rev Ralph D. Faraway who went to Largs.

Promoters – North East Dances have signed the following bands to play at different venues –

At Keith there will be Eric Barker and the Strollers with Julia. At Huntly – Gary Kingston and The Strangers with Vince Edwards.

Tony Vincent and The Giants will play at Buckie and Cullen on different dates.

23rd Psalm for Seafarers This was composed by former Buckie Baptist Church minister (1925 –31) Rev John Moore, Glasgow. **The Lord Is My Pilot**

The Lord is My Pilot; all is well,
His presence brings heart-ease,
As I on stormy oceans sail,
Or quiet sunlit seas.

My soul he doth restore again,
 And me to sail doth make,
 On every course that he commands,
 Ev'n for His own name sake.

Yea though I sail the gulf of Death,
 Yet, will I fear no ill,
 For thou are with me and Thy Love,
 So great gives comfort still.

With thee at table richly spread,
 In face of deadly foes,
 My mind with truth thou dost illumine,
 And my heart overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life,
 Shall surely follow me,
 And when the Port of Heaven I reach,
 I'll go ashore with thee.

Male Voice Choir - Male singers from all the local churches grouped under Simon Flett who rend a half hour of praise from Buckie North Church on Sunday. Two million people tuned to listen to the 'Sunday Half-Hour' broadcast through the British Isles and British Forces Network in Germany. Miss Mary Cowie was at the organ while Rev J. D Henderson, minister of the North Church, introduced the hymns.

A letter of appreciation was received from W and J. Main, Rosyth.

Have you got good eyesight? The Observer Corps need more volunteers.

Harvest Queen - Miss Ina Badenoch, 18, of Whitefield Farm, Drybridge, was chosen Harvest Queen at a Social and Dance held in the Arradoul WRI Hall by the Arradoul and District Players last Wednesday. There was a party of 150 present. A party of artistes from Elgin under Miss Margaret Holms, Buckie presented a short concert.

A poem - Buckie Fish Market - by a buyer at the market, is found in this edition.

Oct 11 **Portknockie's lady provost** - Mrs Geddes whose father David Slater, and late husband, Wm. Geddes were both provosts of the burgh was elected the new provost of Portknockie on Tuesday night.

She succeeds in office, Provost Wm. Mair, who walked out of last month's meeting after dramatically announcing his resignation saying that he wanted a rest for a while.

Lifeboat Coxswain honoured - Wm. Stewart, former Buckie lifeboat coxswain for 14 years until he retired in March was presented with a framed testimonial from the RNLi on Monday in recognition of his services. His successor is George A. Jappy, Janitor of St Peter's School.

For sale the former Episcopal Church and hall in Cullen.

For sale - Drapery business which belonged to the late Alfred E. Smith at 11 Station Road, Portessie.

Dances and bands - El Syd and the Commancheros are to be playing in the Longmore Hall, Keith. The first dance in the Fishermen's Hall for some time will take place on Wednesday 24 October. Music by the CIMMARRONS. Bobby Angelo with the Tuxedos will be playing in the Two Red Shoes in Elgin.

Have you got the time? A Part-time cleaner is required for Buckie High School, Salary £145.12.9 per annum.

Are you any good at picking brummsles, or maybe roddens? Baxters of Speyside will pay you for them.

Ring for pink - Phone Buckie 2030 for A. McLennan 1 Baron Lane and let us deliver your pink paraffin to you.

No through road – Banff County Council turned down a plea from 12 residents for a road to be constructed over Aultmore to create a more direct route from Buckie to Keith. They said further that a new road here would encourage the maintenance of the rural population affected. What was proposed was that a road be constructed following the existing Right of Way leading on past Hillhead, Kingscairn, and Rumbling Wells and to join the existing county road at Burn of Aultmore. To construct a road of a suitable width and with passing places would cost in the region of £30,000 and such expenditure could not be faced. It was agreed no action would be taken.

Vandalism - At their latest meeting the town council spoke of how vandalism was hitting rate-payers in the town and called upon the public to assist in stamping it out.

Fine for skipper landing under-sized fish - The skipper of the Portknockie fishing boat, Girl Joyce was fined £4 at Banff for landing 3½ stone of undersized haddock.

First defeat - Buckie Rovers suffered their first home defeat at Victoria Park since re-entering Morayshire Junior football. It was also their first defeat this season. Score Rovers 1 New Elgin 3.

Oct 18 **Portessie Gala Queen for Oz.** Janet Cools, with her parents and younger sister Lona left Portessie this week for Queensland, Australia, where they are to join their son Robert. Mr Coles has been working as a motor mechanic at the Star Garage. The family lived at 8 Rannas Place.

Bought over - The shop in Portessie formerly occupied by the late A. E. Smith, Draper has been sold to Miss H. Douglas.

Are you dancin'? – **No its jist the wye am stanin'**- At Cullen you can Jive, Rock or Twist to music by the Freddie Ellis Combo.

In the Fishermen's Hall music will be played by Johnny and Mike with the Shades on Monday while on Saturday next Bobby Angelo will be present along with Susan, Terry and the Tuxedoes.

A photograph on page 8 shows the elders and deacons of the Buckie Free Church of Scotland taken in 1892. They are all named.

Oct 25 **for sale** - Arradoul Garage and Filling Station formerly owned by the late Mr E. Hillocks.

Lipton's manager on the move - Mr Carl. B. McQueen, manager of Lipton's shop on High Street, Buckie, has been promoted and is to move to Elgin. He had a note in the local paper thanking all customers for their valued patronage while in Buckie and hoped that all would offer the same support to the new manager, Mr Steele.

Gala Week expenses – A total of £149.10 expenses was incurred by the council during the Gala Week it was decided to write these off.

Chosen to play football for Banffshire - The following schoolboys were chosen to play football in a Banffshire Select in a match against Aberdeenshire School at Victoria Park - Spencer Lyon, Buckie High, Raymond Macintosh St Peter's, George Campbell, St Peter's, Frank Slater, Buckie High, George Mair, Portknockie, R. Carter, Portessie, J. Wood, Buckie High, Frank Hay, Buckie High, D. Mair, Findochty. The Banffshire boys, all fewer than 15, won by 8 goals to 2. The local paper, writing about the match said - "The Buckie boys were the Stars". Campbell, McIntosh and Wood had the goals. Lyon played at outside left.

Failed to make the grade with Buckie – Bobby Riddoch who signed for Buckie Thistle from Portsoy was granted his release.

The Thistle receive a thrashing- A six goal to one tanking **revived memories** of an even bigger beating by Forres Mechanics who beat Buckie by 8 goals to one in a game shortly after the war when a number of Polish ex-servicemen were in the Forres side. On Saturday at six goals to one the beating was less severe. The Buckie team was – Low, Stewart and Laing; J. Cowie, Mair and Whitecross; M. Findlay, Roy, Gowie, Scott and Meldrum. Murray Findlay returned to the game, after a long absence, the previous week.

Nov 1 **Another rare coin find - Mr** Alex Mair, 78, Tarlair, West Cathcart, found a Scots bawbee, minted in 1677, while digging in his garden the other day. The 300 year-old coin, showing Charles II head, was in a good state of preservation and the writing on it could be read quite easily.

Monday night dances at the Fishermen's Hall are still continuing- On Saturday 5 November; however, the Alexander Sutherland Sextet is to be replaced by the Johnny Clayton Sextet. Buses as always from Forres, Kinloss, Elgin and returning to Portgordon and Portsoy after the dance.

A change at the Baron Street barbers - Hugh Watt, An Aberdonian, has taken over the hairdressing business on Baron Street, formerly owned and ran by Stanley Hill. Mr Hill is to take up a factory job in Grimsby. Hugh Watt had barber's business in Rhodesia for 12 years before moving to the 'States' for some years.

Death on the roads – A total of 63 people, including 8 children was killed on the roads of Scotland during August.

Football team photographs - Three team photographs are shown on page 11 of this edition. One shows the Buckie Thistle team of season 1921/22. One shows Buckie Thistle Juniors (who played in the Morayshire Junior League) of 1922, with the third being the Boy Scout football team of 1918. The Scouts are all named and read from the back left to right – R. Duncan, B. Birnie, A. Taylor, C. Stewart and I. Geddes.

Left to right in the front – J. Duncan, J. Thomson, E. Malcolm, J. Ross, J. McGrouther and A. Murray.

Some of the Scouts played in the Buckie Thistle Junior side of 1922, namely – J. Duncan, B. Birnie and R. Duncan.

It's sair work- A photograph on page 12 shows tattie howkers working on the farm of Hilton.

Nov 8 **Vandalism was a major problem in 1963** - A photograph on the front page shows the kind of mindless vandal acts, which is taking place. Bairn's swings had been broken with others swung round the top bar so that they were well out of reach of those for whom they were intended.

New named band requires two vocalists - The Cimmarons now known as Johnny and the Copycats require two girl vocalists. Applicants are asked to contact J. Stewart, Jun 8 Hall Street, Portknockie.

The addition of vocalists was something that had been introduced earlier this year and the Copycats were merely keeping up with every other group.

There were always new bands being introduced at the Two Red Shoes in Elgin. Being advertised this week were the following that were to be present some time within the next few weeks - Wee Willie Harris, Charlie Galbraith Jazz Band, Barry James and the Strangers.

Graduate nurses - Two pictures on page 6 show recently graduated nurses who had just finished their training at Seafield Hospital.

Mountain Rescue - Chief Technician John Hinde, whose wife belongs to Buckie, has been made I/c of the Mountain rescue unit at RAF Kinloss. John Hinde is a son in law of Mr and Mrs John Lyon, 8 Harbourhead.

Tories choose their man - Mr W. H. Baker, Mayen, Rothiemay, has been selected as the Unionist candidate to contest Banffshire. It is hoped that he will succeed Sir Wm. S. Duthie OBE who is retiring.

Nov 15 **Miss Buckie** - Miss Mary Sutherland, 15, of 2 Craigview, Findochty was chosen as Miss Buckie at a dance that took place in the Fishermen's Hall.

More bad news for shipyard workers - A further 8 workmen employed in the depressed shipbuilding industry were paid off from Messrs Herd & McKenzie, Buckie's largest shipyard, on Friday. The men are mostly engineers. All told a total of 15 men have been paid off during the past two weeks.

Rainfall - The rainfall at Buckie during October was 2.89 inches.

Playing field for Portessie - Buckie Town Council took over the playing field at Portessie. School pupils will have the use of it.

Dance bands to play- Colin Hicks, Tommy Steele's young brother, and his group are to play at Huntly. The Modernaires will be playing in the Fishermen's Hall, Buckie on 17 November.

Another dramatic presentation - The North Church Amateur Dramatic Society are to present the play, "Happy Days" in the Church Hall on the 28 and 29th November.

Arradoul WRI Drama Group is to present "Apron Strings" in the hall on 19 and 20 November.

A rare event - Buckpool Golf Club are to hold a coffee morning in the Commercial Hall.

Remembrance Day - Over 1000 people were present on Cluny Square to watch the Service of Remembrance for the fallen of two World Wars. The fine weather on Sunday was perhaps partly the reason for the turn out being bigger than normal.

The Portessie Hall - Work has begun on a £3000 scheme to improve and modernise the Portessie Public Hall. The work will see the addition of a new kitchen, anterooms and cloakrooms for ladies and gentlemen and also a new entrance. Money for the work has been largely gathered from the annual Gala Week.

An odd catch - The Aberdeen trawler Craigielea arrived in Buckie with an odd catch. A 2 ½ foot long baby seal. The crew had heard it 'crying' 40 miles ENE of Buckie and took it aboard. It was released in the harbour.

The Rovers lose their prolific goal-scorer - George 'Doddie' Robertson who has been knocking the goals in for Buckie Rovers at a tremendous rate has signed for Forres Mechanics

22 Nov. **Buckie Gala Week - The** Gala Week, in July, had a profit of £320. Three hundred pounds of this sum is to be disbursed, with £150 being given to the OAP's Association and the same sum to the Buckie Ladies Lifeboat Guild.

Buckie High School teacher dies - John Christie, PT Technical Subjects at Buckie High School, aged 55, died suddenly at his home, Argyle, West Cathcart Street on Friday, where he had been lying ill for a few days with the flu. Mr Christie was a former town councillor, an Officer in the Boys Brigade, past president of Buckie Toastmasters, Chairman of Buckie Labour Party and secretary of Buckie Rovers Football Club. He leaves a wife and two grown up daughters.

Long driving ban for wood merchant - Wm. 'Dilly' Oag, 49, Wood Merchant, Seatown, Buckie, was banned from driving for five years plus a fine of £50 after being found guilty of being drunk in charge of a lorry.

Buckie singers on TV - Two Buckie singers, Miss Margaret Holms and Mr Charles Mackay have been singing in the Grampian TV talent guest programme - 'Pick O' The North'. Margaret sang - 'He's Aye Kissing Me' while Charles chose 'Granada'.

***Do all the good you can
By all the means you can
In all the ways you can
At all the times you can
To all the people you can
As long as ever you can***

Rule of conduct of John Wesley 1703-1791.

Presentation for Portessie Youth - Alexander Charles Watt (150 6 Craigenroan Place, Portessie was presented with the Silver Medal of the Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

On November 3 he saw a sheep struggling in the water 50 yards offshore at Portessie. He pulled off his shirt and dived into the chilly waters grabbed hold of the sheep and was able to get it ashore where efforts were successful in reviving it.

Buckie Lifeboat Gala Queen marries - Miss Georgie Coull, 5 Ianstown Terrace was married on Saturday in the Rathven Church to Ian Duncan, 36 Well Road, Buckie. (In the year 2001 Ian 'John' Duncan was a prominent business man in the town (John Duncan Construction) owning the former Hillocks Garage site at Arradoul plus another substantial site with buildings on the Cunningholes Industrial Estate. His business was involved with the erection of steel structures, and other building work besides different types of roofing work.)

Nov 29 **Plans for more houses** - Subject to approval 73 houses are to be built at Freuchny to replace the prefabs.

Scottish Country Dancing - The Annual rally of the Banffshire Branch of the Scottish Country Dance Society was held in the Fishermen's Hall, Buckie, on Wednesday evening. With over 250 dancers present it was one of the most successful events of recent times.

Yet another rare coin find - The third old coin to be found in recent months, a 1763 penny, was picked up by Edwin Rumbles, 20 Cluny Terrace who is employed by Messrs Wm. Douglas and Sons and was working on the Tarbuckie estate where another old coin was recently found.

The ROC wants more volunteers - The Royal Observer Corps are looking for more volunteers in Banffshire was said at a medal presentation ceremony held in Portsoy

Miss Cullen - 17 year old Miss Christine Annand 9 Marine Terrace, Portsoy, a student at Aberdeen Domestic Science College was chosen as Miss Cullen at a dance in the Town Hall.

Buckie Thistle team of 1924 - A photograph on page 11 shows and names the players in the team.

Through to the semi-final - Charles Mackay won through to the semi-final stage of Grampians TV competition - "Pick O' The North".

The Labour Candidate - Henry Dickson, Dundee, is to stand for Labour in the forthcoming election.

Dec 6 **Change in ownership -** The hairdressing business of Mrs L. Hill and Leslie (her daughter of Seaview Place has been taken over by Mr and Mrs A. Dempster who will be employing the same staff - Sybil Reaich, Margaret Esson and Emily Clark. (Less than a month previous Mrs Hill had a notice in the paper saying that the rumour that she was to sell up and leave Buckie was untrue.)

A vocalist joins the 'Copicats'. - Norma Duthie (16) of Lintmill, joined Johnny and the Copicats as vocalist. She is employed at the AEI lamp factory in Buckie. She made her debut at a dance Cullen Town Hall on Friday.

End of the line - The last advert for the Monday night dance in the Fishermen's Hall that carried the information that free buses would run from Forres and Kinloss etc. appeared in this edition.

Rovers make quick exit in the 'Scottish' - Arthurlie 6 Buckie Rovers 1

Thistle trialist - Buckie had Geo. Sang, formerly of Aberdeen, Arbroath and Peterhead, at centre half against Clach. He had a good game although the team was beaten by the only goal of the game.

Dec 13 **A small ray of sunshine -** Messrs Geo. Thomson and Son, Shipbuilders, re-employed five men in the past fortnight to bring the number employed in the shipbuilding business up to 24. The firm is presently building 2 small fishing boats for Welsh owners, a 28 foot long lobster boat and a 40 foot vessel for lobsters and prawns.

Yours for Dancing - A heading, which had been advertising the Monday night dance in the Fishermen's Hall for great many years, was again found in this edition only this was the last one. A dance was to take place on Monday 17 December from 8.30 p.m. until 1am. Music by Alex Sutherland with admission 4/6. The notice carried the note usual buses but without the part Forres, Kinloss and Elgin.

Sir Wm. Duthie doesn't like the new Tory candidate - The former MP, Sir Wm. S. Duthie OBE made a vitriolic attack on the candidate chosen by the Unionist Association for Banffshire, Mr W. H. K. Baker. He asked all those who had voted for him on a non party basis not to vote for Mr Baker. He had backed a Mr Anderson but was never asked for his opinion of a successor.

At last - Mr John Murray, Burgh Surveyor, reported to the town council that the housing scheme at Petersfields (Netherha Road area) had been completed at last with ten houses available for letting this week.

Rainfall - During the month of November 3.75 inches of rain fell in the Buckie area.

The fate of the Portgordon Masonic Hall hangs in the balance - Once the bustling centre of social life in the village the hall today faces an uncertain future. A grave financial crisis could well mean its closure.

Run since 1914 by trustees of the local Masonic Institute they now find themselves unable to keep it going.

Malcolm Slater on the move - Former Celtic player who returned from National Service to play for Buckie Thistle, his home team, before moving to Inverness Caley at the beginning of the present season signed for second division club, Montrose, last week. He was in the Montrose side that won by three goals to one over East Stirling

Sturgeon caught - A royal sturgeon measuring almost 6 foot in length was caught 10 miles off Buckie by the local motor fishing vessel, Sea Harvest.

Dec 20 **the Ambassador Club** - The Christmas Party will take place on Saturday 22 with music by the Regency Quartet with Helen, a six star session. On 29 December Ian Green and the Gay Gordons, One of Banffshire's Top Bands will play at the end of the year 'do'.

Football clubs unite- not an everyday occurrence. Buckie Thistle and Buckie Rovers are to stage a couple of Carnival Dances in the Fishermen's Hall, the first on Tuesday 25 December and the second on Wednesday 2 January 1964. Music for the first will be by All Strollers with vocalists, Julie and Val Benzie, while Gordon Urquhart and his Jazzmen will supply the music at the second. The dances will run from 8.30pm until 1am on both occasions with the entry ticket costing 4/6.

Boxing Club's dance - Buckpool boxing Club are to hold a dance in the St Andrew's Hall on Saturday 29 December with music by the Astoria Band. Admission - 2/6

Builders' Ball - The annual Builders' Ball will take place in the St Andrews's Hall on Friday 11 January 1964. Tickets cost 15/-. Music by Bill Geddes and his band. Open buffet.

Rovers knock up big score - Buckie Rovers trounced RAF Kinloss by 10 goals to one on Saturday. Wood had 5, G. Reid had 3 while Raymie Reid had two.

Dec 27 **Hero's photograph** - A photograph on page one shows fifteen year old Sandy Watt, Portessie, being formally presented with the RSPCA medal for rescuing a sheep from the sea in November. The presentation was made by County convenor, Lt. Colonel T. R. Gordon Duff, Drummur.

Note this Modern Dancing Enterprises presents the boys of 'Love Me Do' fame "The Beatles" in a Special New Year's Dance in the Longmore Hall, Keith on Wednesday 2 January 1963 from 9pm until 1am. Tickets cost 5/-

A bus will leave Buckie at 8pm going via the coast to Cullen and Deskford, another bus will run from Huntly via Dufftown

Rathven Players - A photograph on page 5 shows the members of this long running amateur dramatic group who this year will be presenting the play, 'Bachelors are Bold'.

A photograph on page 7 shows Mr and Mrs Hill, Hairdressers, together with their staff at a farewell 'do' and presentation before leaving for Grimbsy. Mrs Hill and Lesley are to open a new salon in Cleethorpes while Mr Hill has a new job

with ICI. All members of the staff were presented with gifts, mainly of pictures or ornaments.

The Lyric Amateur Opera Company - staged the show 'A Chinese Honeymoon'. Miss Ruby Hughson and Mrs C. Watt, joint producers, received bouquets R. S. B. Russell, conductor.

Masonic Installation - Gordon Jappy was appointed RWM of Lodge Gordons 589, while the IPM was A.C. Lobban.

A Grand New Year's dance will take place in the Fishermen's Hall on Tuesday 1st January. Music by Ian Green and the Gay Gordons. "All rights of admission reserved".