

1964

Jan 2 **New vessels built** - During 1963 17 new vessels were built at the three Buckie shipyards, of George Thomson and Son, Messrs Jones and Herd & McKenzie Ltd. The trend in recent years was continued with yachts and pleasure craft of different types and designs accounting for no fewer than 12 of the vessels. The remaining 5 were fishing boats, four being designated for lobster fishing.

Yours for Dancing - This advert had been appearing in the local paper for a very long time advising dancers that a dance was to take place in the Fishermen's Hall on the following Monday. The band to play was the 'Apaches'. Admission was 4/6 while the dance ran from 9pm until 1am. Refreshments could be had but the organisers retained the right to refuse admission.

'Sandy' This is the name of the play being performed by the Arradoul and District Players in the Arradoul WRI hall on 9th and 10th January.

Bands mentioned this week - Pete McLain and the Clan, Johnny Little and the Giants. These like others had been retained by Modern Dancing Enterprises to play at the Two Red Shoes in Elgin, Craigellachie Public Hall, Cullen Town Hall and the Fishermen's Hall.

A Poem - 'Those Were The Days' written by Anon. (Good worth, copying)

Awarded the BEM - Wm. Hodgson a retired Customs and Excise Prevention Officer of 22 Mill Crescent was awarded the BEM in the New Year's Honour's List. A native of Liverpool he gave 50 year's service. He was a regular contributor to the Heritage Newsletter.

Christmas Lunch - Mr Bob Middleton, proprietor of the St Andrews Hotel provided a Christmas lunch for all the residents in the Netherha' Home. A letter of thanks was written.

Jan 9 **Stramash in the Council- Two** Bailies, Wm. Thomson and Adam Gowie rose and walked out of the council chamber on Monday night after a row had ensued when it became known that Captain Blackwell had been appointed Harbourmaster at Buckie to succeed Captain Sandy Valentine who was to return to sea. The appointment was deemed to be illegal under Section 101 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act of 1947. Captain Blackwell had been appointed to the position after less than a month had passed by since he had been a member of the council when the law stated that six months, at least was required. Councillor Arthur Black also resigned on account of ill health.

Bound for Oz. It was stated that 47,466 assisted immigrants had left Britain for Australia in 1963.

Jan 16 **Music, music music** - The names of 'new' bands or groups mentioned this week are - Johnny Kidd and the Pirates, The Echo Sounds plus the Wild Cats.

Rovers lose only woman committee member - A photograph on page 8 shows Miss Peggy Murray receiving a farewell gift from president Mr George Kay prior to leaving for New Zealand. Seen in the picture too are Norman Taylor and his wife Rita also players, Dod Walker and Sandy Jappy, 'Yannie'. Accompanying Peggy to New Zealand is Linda Coull of Yuill Avenue. She worked in the Telephone Exchange in Elgin while Peggy was an employee of the 'Lamp' factory.

Don't fence me in - This would seem to be what the writer was saying who condemned the erection of fence around Seafield Hospital. It was said that the fence was so near to the Barhill Road that people were forced to walk on the road. (He would have been interested to know that the fence was still there forty years later in 2001)

Junior football - The Rovers are keen to sign schoolboy James Wood of Portknockie. He was on the bench on Saturday when the Rovers played New Elgin at Dovecot Park, New Elgin.

The team was - Skinner, Jappy and Taylor; Newlands, J. Robertson and Smith; Hay, Geddes, Simpson, Reid, and G. Robertson. Subs - Wood, Anderson and Sutherland.

Jan 23 **Johnny and the Copycats** had their photograph on the front page of the paper. They are to turn professional after only being formed a year before. They became Scottish Beat Band Champions in a contest last year and also R/Up in the British Championships held in London.

On the train - A photograph in this edition shows Peggy Murray on board the train at Buckie Station been seen off on her long journey to New Zealand. By a group of friends including Day Grant.

Jan 30 **No thanks** - Captain Harry Blackwell who resigned from Buckie Town Council and was appointed Harbourmaster at Buckie before the post was taken away from him was given the opportunity to return to the council through co-option but turned it down.

Leap Year dances - Gordon Packman, Glentor, West Cathcart Street and others are to run two Leap Year dances in the St Andrews Hall on February 28 and 29. There is a splendid write up about the affair written in this edition. It talks of how Gordon had been in London where he had spoken to Humphrey Lyttleton and also music publishers. At the dances a great many novelties will be given out to both men and women while there will be special prizes for such as Spot Dances. The total proceeds are to be given to Buckie couples who have celebrated their golden anniversaries. Jim Lawrence' and his silver wings band has been booked for both dances

The dance on Friday night will run from 9pm until 3am with tickets costing 7/6. On Saturday the dance will run from 9pm until 12 with tickets costing 6/-.

Admission will be by ticket only, which may be had from Gordon Packman and James Miller 32 James Street.

Senior football - Buckie Thistle lost by three goals to one when they met Ayr United at Victoria Park in the 2nd round of the Scottish Cup

** **Yours for Dancing-** This advert has appeared in the local paper for a great many years but this was the last one. It gave dancers an invitation to attend the Monday Night dance in the Fishermen's Hall to be held on Monday February 3rd from 8.30pm till 1am. Music to be supplied by Alex Sutherland and his Sextet. Admission 4/6. Refreshments and usual buses. All rights of admission reserved.

Feb 6 **the Bailies return** - Wm. Thomson and Adam Gowie who both resigned from the Council following the appointment of Captain Blackwell I as Harbourmaster at Buckie decided to return. Adam Gowie said that Captain Blackwell had asked him to do so.

Advert - Leap Year Dances will be held in the St Andrew's Hall on Friday 28 and Saturday 29 February. On Friday evening there will be a buffet while on Saturday refreshments will be available. Spot prizes and numerous give away novelties at both dances. Tickets may be had from Gordon Packman or James Miller.

Bands mentioned this week - The Shakes, Bobby Dean and Dynamos Ian Crawford and the Boomerangs.

British Legion office bearers - **Hon** President - Alex Smith; President, A.W. Macdonald; Chairman, Provost Cameron; Senior Vice Chairman David Grant; Junior vice President, Bill Reaich. Secretary, John Murray. John Murray, Burgh Surveyor, succeeds David Porter who has held the post for the past four years.

Nae loaves but plenty fishes - A photograph on page 8 shows the floor of the fish market covered with boxes of fish.

Feb 13 **A row in the Council** - Things became heated at the recent meeting of Buckie Town Council when the cost of the work-taking place on West Cathcart Street was being discussed. The Burgh Surveyor said that the work of resurfacing could not take place without doing as they had done. The work was likely to cost £14,000.

Buckie a ghost town- this was the fear expressed by Treasurer Doran should the rail cuts be implemented. He spoke of Buckie losing 200 of its population since 1960 and the new developments, should they come to pass would result in more people leaving the burgh.

Strathlene House Hotel to let - full particulars from J.L. McNaughton, Town Clerk.

"Rawn of the Secret Service " - Chapter six of Spike's latest serial is to be found in this edition.

General Merchant's business for sale - Mary H. Anderson is selling her business at Falconer Terrace, Portknockie.

Band names mentioned this week - The Washington DC's, Dennis Kyle and the Wild Kats, Coming shortly to the Fishermen's Hall - Dave Berry and the Cruisers.

Get up early golfers! - Cullen Town Council have introduced a law which will stop golfers teeing off from the first green after 10.00am on Sunday mornings. This has been brought in to allow the general public free access over the Cullen Links to the beach.

Thistle to lose player - Norman Scott who has played in the forward line for Buckie Thistle for the past three years since moving from Keith, is to emigrate to Australia where he is to take up full-time football post.

Change of name - The old Buckpool Golf Club was dissolved last week and a new body, Buckpool (Buckie) Golf Club set up in its place to take over the running of the course from its owners, Buckie Town Council, as from next May. The formalities took two hours.

Rovers help out the Thistle - George Hay the bright young O/R of Buckie Rovers is to play in the same position for Buckie Thistle against Ross County on Saturday. Buckie Thistle has announced their policy is to give young local players a chance to prove themselves at senior level from now until the end of the season. The Rovers have promised the Thistle committee their full support.

Feb 20 **Boat launch** - A Danish type seine net fishing vessel took to the water from the shipyard of Messrs George Thomson and Son on Saturday. Christened Arial, she has been built for Buckpool fisherman, John Slater and others. She will be powered by a 114 hp Gardner engine and will have all the latest navigational aids when she is fully fitted out in about five weeks time. Associated with Mr Slater are Messrs Charles Eckersley, Wm. Thomson and Richard Irvin and Sons Ltd.

Opening announcement - Charles Geddes, 6 William Street, as a Jobbing Mason.

New band names this week - The Cervazes and the Electrons.

Buckie Rovers are to hold a Jumble Sale in the Town House on Wednesday 11 March. Silver collection.

Stamp out the smoking habit now! The case against cigarette smoking has been proved beyond all doubt tries 'Libron' it will help you give up the habit. 50 pastilles cost 12/6 from Wm. Taylor MPs 1 High Street.

Coffee Morning - (A rare event in 1964 though common in 2001 with as many as four taking place on a Saturday morning in Buckie.) This said the Ladies Section of

Buckpool (Buckie) Golf Club raised £55 at a very successful coffee morning held in the Commercial hall . The winner of the 'Guess The Doll's name was Miss Joey Bowie, 42 St Peter's Road. She chose the name Penny.

Buckie Sea Cadets have acquired premises of their own on Low Street formerly the shop and store previously occupied by Messrs Logie Bros., which have been lying empty for some time.

Death of retired Master Mariner - Alex Stewart 74 of 139 Main Street died this week . He leaves two daughters and one son. (Mrs Isabel Harrison is one of the daughters.)

Buckie Rovers' team for Saturday - Sutherland, Geddes and Jappy; Newlands, J. Robertson and Smith; Reid, Wood, G. Robertson, Simpson and Walker.

Feb 27 **Another walk out from the Council** - A third walk-out of Buckie Town Council since the beginning of the year took place at last week's meeting when Treasurer A. Doran up and left following on some remarks made by Councillor George C. Wilson.

New band names this week - The Tyneside Teens and the Sheffields. They have been booked by Modern Dancing Enterprise to play at dances in the Two Red Shoes in Elgin and elsewhere in the local area.

Scotland's dole queue at 96,980 was 30,00 less than it had been the week previous.

Mar 5 On stage at Cullen - Cullen Amateur Dramatic Society thrilled a capacity audience in the local Town Hall with a brilliant presentation of the ingenious Agathe Christie murder, mystery 'Ten Little Nigger Boys'. The cast contained four of the most talented players in amateur drama.

Bill Ettles (Keith), Lena Henderson (Cornhill), Simpson McGruer (Portsoy) and John Cormack (Buckie).

Producer, Jack Forsyth also took small parts in the play, as did the following - Danny Cook, Alex Gardiner, Ivy Moodie and Sandy McIntyre.

Do you really want to stop smoking? Try Libron from W.S. Taylor MPs. 1 High Street.

Leap Year dances fail to catch on - The two Leap Year dances that were organised by Gordon Packman in the St Andrew's Hall on Friday and Saturday 28 and 29 February met with a very poor response from the dancing public. No money was raised so the idea of recognising golden weddings had to be scrapped. Gordon could only say, "It was a great pity".

Peter West the compere of 'Come Dancing' (on TV) was unable to phone as had been arranged to speak to couples to be married on Leap Year's Day (Saturday). He did agree to send congratulations to three Leap Year brides and grooms - who were: - Hazel Coull and James Mitchell (Findochty), Lesley Horne and Arthur Reid (Portgordon) and Helen D. Geddes and George Innes (Portknockie). The brides were all from Buckie.

Guinea for first Leap Year baby - Mr Gordon Packman gave a guinea to the first Leap Year baby born in the maternity annex at Seafield Hospital. This was Master Stuart son of Mr and Mrs Ian Stuart, Burnished of Enzyme who was born on Saturday.

75th Anniversary - Cullen Parish Church Women's Guild celebrated their 75th anniversary. They are among the oldest Church Guilds in the country.

Rovers' pair on Thistle right wing - Alex Simpson and George Hay, two Rovers' players are to form the right wing for Buckie when they play Lossiemouth on Saturday. (Alex didn't turn out though since he was carrying a leg injury.)

Mar 12 **Wanted** a new full-time Town Clerk for Buckie

Shop has new owner - William Reid , 16 High Street bought the Sports Shop at 5 High Street formerly owned by the late Wm. Bannerman.

New band mentioned this week - Bobby Angelo, Susan Terry and the Tuxedos

"Workers Playtime" For the first time the employees of Buckie AEI electric lamp factory at Marchmont are to form the audience at one of the musical shows given in the popular BBC "Workers Playtime" series. The show is to be recorded in the Fishermen's Hall on Tuesday 24 March and broadcast the following Tuesday 31st. Artistes appearing will be Jimmy Logan (compere) James Urquhart, Eleanor Leith, Will Starr with Harry Carmichael at the piano.

Mar 19 **Launch** - A 58' long twin screw yacht was launched from the shipyard of Messrs Jones this week. It has been built for Stafford Bourne Managing Director of Bourne and Hollingsworth an Oxford Street, London, store.

The yacht, which was christened Elia Rose by the owner's wife, has accommodation for 8 person and is superbly fitted out. The new vessel will be powered by a 127 hp Gardner engine.

Two new band names - Aberdeen Strollers with Frankie and The Cervezas

Advert - Two Red Shoes on Tuesday 24 March Record Roundabout Night Copycats Fan Club Night at which the Copy Cats will be playing from 7.30 till 11.30pm. Admission 2/6 with Members 2/- Bus will leave Cluny Square Buckie at 7pm.

Tupperware Show - Mrs Milne, Portgordon will be showing and demonstrating the range of Tupperware at the Findochty Townswomen's Guild.

Society wedding - Lady Pauline, Oglivie, Grant, Studley Herbert was married in London to James Henry Illingworth a 28 year old stockbroker. Viscount Reidhaven married his sister Mary Dawn. The couple are to live in London.

Death of former football star - George 'Ru' Stewart a native of Buckie who played first for Buckie thistle before going on to play for Clyde and Third Lanark before finishing his football career with Huntly die in London this week at the age of 50. It is believed that he suffered a heart attack. He was educated at Buckie Secondary School before attending Aberdeen University where he graduated with an MA degree. His parents lived at Dunearn, West Cathcart Street. He leaves a wife and two grown up sons.

Mar 26 **New band names this week** - Aberdeen Strangers and The Formula Five.

Advert - Dave McIntosh (singer) with Jack Sinclair's band in the Town Hall, Elgin. Also appearing - Albert Elrick - magic with a smile; Josh and Hebbie, Country and Western; the smiling voice of Terry Russell and comedy host Robbie Shepherd.

Message boy wanted for J and G. Taylor, Butchers, 42 East Church Street, Buckie.

Vanman wanted for D. L. Fowler, Gordon Street also a woman for the West Church Street shop.

Boatbuilders and joiners required top rates and overtime - Brooke Marine Lowestoft.

Annual friendly - Buckie Rovers are to play their annual challenge friendly match against Aberdeen side East End.

Rovers' player on senior trial - James Wood (Portknockie) who recently signed for Buckie Rovers is at present on a 14-day trial with Cardiff City. Wood plays as an inside forward.

April 2 **No election required for council at Buckie** - Six candidates have put their names forward for the six vacant places on Buckie Town Council so that an election will not be required. Two of the present council have given notice that they would not be standing again. They are Provost Dr John F. Cameron and Wm. Thomson. George Clark Wilson a member of the last council put his hat back in the ring. The four new candidates are - Alexander McIntosh, Bus Driver, 4 Cluny Lane, Alexander Murray, Retired Tea Planter, 10 Blantyre Terrace, Wm. Stewart Taylor, Chemist, 16 West Church Street and John Russell Wilson, Shop Manager, 36 East Church Street.

A heavy lift though well paid for the effort - - A safe weighing 3 cwts. and containing a considerable amount of money was stolen from the St Andrew's Hotel this week. It belonged to the proprietor of the hotel, Mr Robert Middleton. The safe was located later dumped on the Braes of Enzie but found to be empty.

Dance band - still another new name - Johnny Carson and the Phantoms

To let on the Cairnfield estate - Rosebank Cottage and Inshapie Lodge. (Rosebank was formerly the gardener's house while the factor live at Inshapie Lodge)

Apr 9 **Dance bands mentioned this week** as playing at the following venues - Two Red Shoes, Elgin, Fishermen's Hall, Buckie, Cullen Town Hall and the Public Hall, Craigellachie all being organised by Modern Dancing Enterprise - **Black Hawks, Pete McLaine and The Four Just Men, Alex Sutherland Sextet, Malcolm Clarke and The Cresters. The Aces with singer Susy Cope, Tony Holland and the Packabeats, Johnny and the Copy Cats, Dennis Kyle Wild Cats with Dennis and The Rebel Sounds.**

For a long time now no other dances have been advertised taking place anywhere .

Advert - D. L. Fowler and Sons, Bakers and Confectioners Buckie - *this week's special line - Copycat Cakes. 3/- from our shops and vans. The cake with the lucky number will receive a 20" x16" photograph autographed by Johnny and the Copycats.*

The Auld Kirk to lose their minister - Rev John D. Henderson MA BD is to leave Buckie North Church after four years. He is moving to take over the ministry of the new united charge of Thornhill Parish Church, Dumfriesshire . Rev Henderson who is 37 is married with one daughter.

BEM for Wm. Hodgson - A photograph on page 7 shows Wm. Hodgson receiving his British Empire Medal at Strathlene Hotel from Sir George W. Abercromby Lord Lieutenant of Banffshire. In the party at the presentation were members of Buckie Town council and personal friends. Wm. Hodgson, a native of Liverpool was a member of the Custom and Excise for fifty years, 34 of which were spent in Buckie .

Blackening for Mary - A photograph on page 10 shows a girl about to be married receiving a 'blackening' from friends and neighbours. This is an age-old custom when the bride and usually also the bridegroom get covered over with black boot polish and such like. The unfortunate girl in this case was Miss Mary Gray, 4 Inward Road who is to marry Alistair Campbell, 2 The Hythe, Findochty.

Charities Princess - Anne Cowie, 37 St Peter's Road, Buckpool was chosen as Charities Princess at a Students Charities Dance held in the Fishermen's Hall. A photograph in this edition shows her receiving her sash from one of the judges, Mr Mike Harvey.

Apr 16 **New boat- new design - A 40' cruiser**, the first of a new design by G. L. Watson was launched from the yard of Messrs Jones, Shipyard, at Buckie on Friday. The new boat has a transom stern and is beautifully finished throughout and equipped with all the latest devices including, autopilot, ship to shore radio, direction finder, echonometer and speed distance log.

The new boat, christened - Lilly Karin, has sleeping accommodation for six people and will be powered by an 80 hp Gardner engine.

She has been built for Fred Scartebury a Bristol businessman and former Lt Commander in the RNVR. Later this week the Lilly Karin will sail for the West Coast where some time will be spent but the owner plans to sail to Sweden next year.

Salvation Army open new hall - Provost Dr Cameron opened the new Salvation Army Hall on New Street on Wednesday. The hall, which cost £6,350 to build is sited on the site of the former Youth Centre.

Death of Buckie hairdresser - The death took place this week while at his place of work of Mr Wm. Flett, hairdresser. Mr Flett who worked in the barber's shop on Cluny Square for almost 50 years originally worked for Mr Wm. Stewart but took over the business on his own account two years ago when Mr Stewart retired.. He was an enthusiastic member of the Buckie Amateur Operatic Society taking his place in the male chorus. He was also a keen bowler. Mr Flett who was 61 was a bachelor leaves behind one brother and one sister.

Ap 23 **Portknockie church to close** - Seafeld Parish Church, which stands on the outskirts of the village on the road to Cullen, and built in 1839 is to close. The minister is Rev. G. R. M. Black.

The congregation of the Church of Scotland in Portknockie has at the present time, two churches a hall and a manse which is too heavy a burden to carry.

The North Church is to be retained since it is more convenient to most people being situated in the village and thus much preferred especially during spells of inclement weather.

Buckie's new fire station on East Cathcart Street was officially opened at 3p.m. last Thursday afternoon, 16 April 1964. In keeping with the new fire station the Buckie Fire Brigade have also acquired a new engine. The Sub officer in charge of the Buckie unit is George Green. (Report is given on page 1)

Dance bands/Groups mentioned this week- Susy Cope with Alexander Sutherland Sextet, Tommy Quickly and the Remo Four, The Trends, Neil Landon and the Burnettes, Johnny Auger and the Wild Ones, Echo Sounds (Kilmarnock)

All of these bands/groups will be playing at either the Two Red Shoes in Elgin, the Fishermen's Hall in Buckie, the Public Hall, Craigellachie or the Town Hall, Cullen and have been booked by Modern Dancing Enterprises of Elgin. (Mr Bonnicci)

One of the dances the bands will be playing at has been advertised as a **Mod Ball**.

Bogend Farm caravan site - The farmer, Mr James C. Grant has made application to open a caravan site at Bogend.

Advert - Baron Street Joinery Works (formerly owned by A. Campbell and Sons) new owner - Hector Flett.

Buckie Rovers committee and officials - President - George Kay, Secretary - Alex Curran, Treasurer - Norman Taylor, trainer - Danny Fearn. Committee members - James Campbell, James Robertson and Eric Lewis. Ladies committee - Mrs N. Taylor, Mrs Thomson, Mrs R. Reid, Mrs Cowie and Mrs E. Lewis.

Ap 30 **New provost** - Headmaster of St Peter's School, Mr Albert Doran, St Peter's Terrace, Buckpool was appointed Provost of Buckie by seven votes to five over his rival Mr Thomas Lang, Optician.

May 7 **New name among the bands** - Mark Peters and the Silhouettes

New vehicle registration number introduced - The letter 'B' standing for 1964 now forms part of the number plate on new registered cars. Portgordon man, Mr Alex Farquhar Jun, 9 Richmond Place was one of the first to have a vehicle with the new

registration on his vehicle. This was put up on his Hillman Imp, the first vehicle of its kind in Banffshire. The number of his car is - ASE2B.

Buckie Thistle won their last game- After a less than auspicious season the Thistle won their last game, played at Victoria Park, when they beat Inverness Thistle by five goals to one.

The team was - Low, Brander and Laing; Cowie, Fraser and Simpson; Porter, Davidson, Gowie, Smith and Macbeth.

Johnnie Low to leave - The Thistle keeper is to leave Victoria Park after spending 8 years with the club. He has been told that he will not be required next season. With money now far less plentiful the committee have been looking at ways of pruning their budget with more emphasis being placed on local talent where travelling expenses, among other things would be less.

May 14 **Fish packing station to be let -** The fish packing station at Buckie Harbour that was built by the town council in an effort to stimulate the amount of fish being landed at Buckie is to be let. Also being let are premises at 9 Low Street. The new tenants are to be the newly set up Fishermen's Marketing Organisation, formed of skippers and crew members of local fishing boats.

Welcome back - Mr Wm. Mair rejoined Portknockie Town Council, which he resigned from rather suddenly 18 months before after being a member for 15 years. He has now joined as a co-opted member.

The 'Lambley Lass' takes to the water - A 40' Spey class motor sailer was launched from the shipyard of Messrs Jones, Shipyard on Monday. The new vessel has been built for Nottinghamshire farmer, T. F. Pottle of Woodborough.

The Lambley Lass is the 16th yacht and 10th motor sailer built by the firm since they exhibited their first Spey class model at the International Boat Show in London three years ago. The Lambley Lass is sloop rigged and also fitted with a Gardner engine.

May 21 **President Kennedy Memorial Fund -** Provost Doran proposed that an appeal may be made to the public of Buckie to contribute to the President Kennedy Memorial fund. This was carried by 8 votes to four.

Bands/Groups mentioned this week - The Deacons, The Puppets, The Flock, The Jackobeats, Wayne Fontane and the Mindbenders, the Dennis Kyle Wild Cats.

Yacht leaves Buckie but not in the water and with no name A photograph on page 7 shows a 45' launch built by George Thomson and Son leaving Buckie on board a lorry bound for St Monace in Fife. Oddly no name was given nor any particulars.

Hope for the re-start of the Buckie Welfare League - Portgordon F.C. has been reformed under the chairmanship of Alex Bain and last week the club called a meeting where the possibility of the Buckie Welfare League was discussed. This could happen next season with clubs from Portsoy to Fochabers being invited to join. Portgordon in the meantime are hoping to fix up some friendly games.

May 28 **New bands mentioned this week -** The Matadors; The Undertakers; Johnny Hudson and the Hi Four; the Apaches are now known as the Jacobeats.

Tupperware - A large selection of Tupperware articles were on show at a meeting of Cullen Townwomen's Guild.

June 4 **Typhoid outbreak -** Six suspected cases of typhoid have been reported in Banffshire all but one in the Buckie area. Dr James A. Buchanan, County MOH said that the source of the disease was now known to have been in Aberdeen. Strict rules were brought into play regarding the movement of people. (Men from Aberdeen working at Kinloss and other area outwith the city were forbidden to travel home at the weekend.)

New band named this week - Mickey Fin and the Blue Men. Eddie Lepard and the Leopards and Johnny and the CopyCats still going very strong with lots of bookings.

Death of former provost of Cullen. A large crowd attended the funeral of Lewis Bain a former provost of Cullen who died this week.

June 11 **No dances in the Fishermen's Hall on Monday night.** These have been suspended in the meantime though Saturday night ones will continue as normal.

Band mentioned - Pete McLaine and the Four Just Men

Wanted a manageress for the Buckie Branch of Easiphit (Shoe shop) High Street.

Ace goal-scorer - Doddie Robertson, centre forward of Buckie Rovers scored all six goals in a six-two victory over Forres Thistle at Merson Park on Saturday.

June 18 **West Cathcart Street will be dual carriageway.**

Drowned while playing at Portessie - A 14-year-old Buckie boy, Ian Jappy, 14 Harbour Street lost his life at Portessie while playing with a home-made raft. His friend, Alex Murray 13 of 18 Hendry Terrace was saved by Joe Innes who dived in and pulled him to safety.

Oran House for sale - It is believed that it was bought by Wm. 'Bill' Cecil

Band named this week - Lorraine Grey and The Chaperones . This must have been one of the very few girl bands.

Wanted - A schoolgirl is wanted for Strathlene Swimming Pool to act as cashier and to help the attendant. Must be able to swim. Apply to John Murray, burgh Surveyor, East Church Street.

June 25 **Barking plant for sale at Cluny Harbour, Buckie -** Wm. Smith, Cluny Harbour

Buckie North Church - Young Mother's Fellowship will meet in the Church Hall on Thursday 25 June at 2.30p.m. M. Drummond Secy.

Marquee dances will take place in the Park, Garmouth, on Friday and Saturday 26 and 27 June. On Friday night the dance will run from 9 p.m. until 1a.m. with music by the Jacobbeats (formerly the Apaches) and on Saturday, following Maggie Fair, the Astoria Band will play from 8-11. Admission on Friday is 5/- and on Saturday 4/-

Bands mentioned this week - at a Mod Ball being held in the Two red Shoes three bands will play - The Animals, The Matadors and the Undertakers. Also mentioned that Mickey Finn and The Blue Men plus the Rebel Sounds would be playing in the Town Hall Cullen.

Banff and Moray Kart Club are to hold a dance in the Town Hall, on Saturday July 8 from 8 until 11.45 p.m. Music by the Easybeats. Tickets cost 7/6. Sandwich buffet.

Banff and Moray Kart Club are to stage a Grand Treasure Hunt from Cullen Square on Wednesday 22 July at 6.15 to 7.15p.m. 1st prize 20 gallons of Esso Extra; 2nd prize - 10 gallons of Esso Extra and 3rd prize 5 gallons of Esso Extra or value

Cullen Beach Tearooms are under new management - now being run by the Cumming Stores, 48 Seafield Street, Cullen.
Tea, salads, hot snacks - school picnics and coach parties catered for.

Wm. Thomson returns yet again - Former Bailie, William Thomson who stood down at the last election has accepted the invitation to fill the vacant seat resulting from the resignation of Councillor John R. Wilson, Manager of the local branch of SCWS who is leaving to take up another appointment.

Dux of Buckie High School in 1964 is Miss Anne Green, High Street..

Goal-scorer supreme sets up a record - George 'Doddie' Robertson, centre forward of Buckie Rovers scored four goals against Fochabers in the Nicholson Cup Final, played at Boroughbriggs, Elgin on Saturday to set up a new goal-scoring record in Morayshire Junior football. The four goals bring his total for league and cup games for the season to 74.

The win was the Rovers' third of the season.

The team was - Jappy, D. Wood and R. Taylor; J. Newlands, J. Robertson, and B. Smith; G. Hay, Geddes, G. Robertson, J. Wood and Walker.

Honour for Mrs Rita Taylor - Mrs Rita Taylor, wife of Norman Taylor, a committee member and enthusiastic supporter of Buckie Rovers was made an Honorary Vice President of Morayshire Junior Football Association in appreciation of her work.

Morayshire Junior Football - At the Annual General Meeting of the Morayshire Junior Football Association the following officials were appointed for next season - President - J. Currie (Fochabers), Vice President - A. D. Kennedy (Islavale), Secretary - F. J. Shanks, Treasurer -W. Allan, Representative to the Scottish J. F. A. D.McGregor (New Elgin).

July 2 **Buckie Sea Cadets -** A photograph on the front page shows some of the cadets along with two officers who attended a special film in the Playhouse.

The Three Kings - An inn with a difference was opened on North Castle Street, Cullen this week and named the Three Kings Inn. It is owned by Alex E. Flett, a native of Findochty and a former art teacher at Buckie High School whom later taught in London before retiring in 1957. He bought the property with the intention of turning the two cottages into holiday homes but with the help of his architect brother later decided to turn the building into an old style inn. The name, of course, is taken from the three fossil stacks on the Cullen beach.

Joint Secondary duxes at Portessie J. S. School are - Alison Coull and Jean Crow. Their photograph appears on page one of this edition.

S. McIntosh, Chip Shop, Buckpool - We will be on holiday from 4th to the 18th July so there will be no frying during this time.

Stations and halts closed - British Rail have given notice that as from 6 July passenger services will be withdrawn from the following stations and halts - Banff Golf Club House Halt, Bridgefoot Halt, Ladysbridge and Ordens Halt.

New names on the dance scene - The Hollies and The Solitaires.

Dance at Spey Bay - The Spey Bay Hall Committee are to hold a dance in the hall on Saturday 4 July from 8.30 until 11.30p.m. Music by Bill Geddes. Admission 3/-

Dance in the Longmore Hall Keith - Keith Welfare Committee are to hold a dance in the Longmore Hall on Saturday 11 July. Dances will ten each Saturday thereafter.

Grand Dance in the Portessie Public Hall on Friday 10 July. This will be run in conjunction with the Portessie Gala Week. The choosing of the Portessie Gala Queen for 1964 will take place at 9p.m. Music by the Phantom Dance Band. Admission 4/6

What a stench ! Letters are being received by the local paper from people who are complaining about the smell coming from the rubbish that has been dumped in the

former harbour at Buckpool, with each one demanding that something be done to improve matters.

Fruit machines in pubs frowned upon - A local publican who applied for permission to have a fruit machine set up in his pub had his application turned down by the Banffshire Law and Finance Committee. This was despite the fact that the winner would only receive tokens, which had to be exchanged for drinks.

Man jailed for nine months - One of the people who were involved in the stealing of the safe and other things from the St Andrew's Hotel, and presently a prisoner in Craiginches Prison in Aberdeen was given a nine month sentence for his part in the raid. His agent said that his client, an unemployed lorry driver, was likely to be a small cog in a bigger machine and led by people older and more experienced in crime than him.

School duxes - Ian Leask is this year's secondary dux of St Peter's School, his photograph appears on page 9. On page 12 there are photographs of John M. Cowie, Primary Dux of Portessie J. S. School, Veronica Rattray Primary Dux of St Peter's School, also William Lobban Dux of Lady Cathcart School.

July 9 **Long service comes to an end** - Miss E. R. Mair, retired after spending 39 years as a teacher. She has spent the past 26 years at Portessie, moving there after 12 years in Findochty.

Miss Cowie also lays down the chalk- Miss J. Cowie, formerly a teacher at St Peter's School had a note in the local paper thanking everyone who had contributed to her gifts on her retiral.

More new band names - The Clansmen- Mustangs -Phantom Sounds.

A circus is coming to town - Roberts Bros. Circus are to be in Buckie on Friday and Saturday 10 and 11 July. **The Big Top will be set up on Merson Park.**

Jly 23 **Big Funeral** - A cortege of 120 cars followed the hearse at the funeral this week of Joseph Smith, part owner of the Buckie fishing boat Sirius and father of the skipper, Eric Smith, which sank after being in collision with the Polish trawler, Zeiba. Mr Smith was rescued but died shortly afterwards. Included among the mourners was a large contingent of Polish fishermen as well as the Polish consul and other officials. Still missing are - Fred Geddes, Linn crescent, James Riddoch, Sandend, Joseph Geddes, Wallace Avenue and David Main, James Street, Buckpool. Stanley Sutherland, Sandend was saved, as was the skipper, Eric Smith.

New band name this week - The Four Winds.

Opening announcement - R. Johnston, Painter and Decorating Materials, Low Street has opened a D.I.Y. department with all kind of materials available for the handyman.

Sea Cadets photograph on 4 shows Provost A. Doran and Rear Admiral McBeath, Honorary Commodore of the Sea Cadet Corps inspecting the Buckie Unit.

July 30 **No financial support leads to end for fish marketing organisation** - Lack of financial support by the fishermen has resulted in the scrapping of the proposed fish-marketing organisation which skippers and crews of local fishing boats decided to form at Buckie following an enthusiastic meeting at the port last May.

Bill Geddes returns - The Tynet farmer and band leader who had fallen out of favour with the proliferation of groups of youngsters is to play at a dance in Cullen on Friday 7 August. This is being run by Cullen Golf Club in the Town Hall. Free buses will run after the dance to Buckie, Portsoy and Fordyce.

Nae much on Peter Fair 1964 - Apart from a tongue in cheek write up by Spike and one photograph of the 'dodgems' on page 4 the age-old fair and market received no

other coverage. We were not told if it was wet or dry or if anyone was 'ran in'. Things have come to a sorry pass.

Poem on page 6 - Religious in nature it is titled - "A Tribute To Portknockie" by J. Carr.

Aug 6 **A share of the Fete money-** Three organisations benefited from the money raised at the Fete that was held in the Victoria Park on Wednesday of last week. It was ran by Buckie Ladies Lifeboat Guild, Buckie and District Round Table and the Old Age Pensioners Committee.

Who ate all the pies? In a pie-eating competition the winner was Terry Jappy, 20, 8A Hope Street, Portgordon who managed to consume 9. The runner up was 14 year old Andrew Thain, 36 Yuill Avenue who managed to eat 6.

And he disna like haggis! A man who said that he didn't really like haggis managed to consume 4lbs of the stuff to win a prize of £20 at a competition held during the Fochabers Gala Week He was a 40 year old farm grieve from Foveran in Aberdeenshire.

Sale of Work at Clochan- In aid of the Preshome and Tynet Church fund a Sale of work will take place in Enzie Public School on Wednesday 12 August. **Shoot along there and dinna grouse if you're asked to leave your dogs and guns at the door.**

New band named this week - Robb Storme and the Whispers.

Stop the bus I want to get off! They're giving new Ford Cortinas away for £573.6.3 (I'm writing this in 2001)

New football season starts on Saturday both the Highland League and the Morayshire Junior Football Association.

The Rovers will choose their team from the following list of players - Penwright, D. Wood, A. Jappy, R. Taylor, J. Newlands, L. Cowie, James Innes, George Hay, Geddes, Simpson, G. Robertson, R. Reid, Walker and K. Anderson.

The Thistle team to play Lossiemouth will be - D. Innes, G. Brander and G. Laing; Brown, Fraser and Simpson; Cowie, Davidson, Gowie, Smith and Young. The Thistle won by three clear goals.

New signings this season for Buckie are - Duncan Innes and Harry Young both ex Huntly, Billy McGoldrick, ex Rothes, and John Brown ex Peterhead. Also Pete Smith, formerly of Brechin who played a few games for Buckie towards the end of last season.

Friendly match - The Thistle and Rovers met in a friendly match last Wednesday night when the score was 2-2. Dennis Murray scored a goal for the Rovers with Jamesie Innes having the other.

Aug 13 **New hospital** - Seafeld Hospital was officially re-opened this week, following work of reconstruction costing £136,000, by Andrew A. Hughes Under Secretary of Scottish Home and Health Department. Lady Baird, Chairman of the NorthEast Regional Hospital Board presided. A plaque was unveiled on the wall inside the new entrance.

New band names this week - The Foot Tappers and The Four

Wanted at Mains of Gollachy - A Van driver (young) for greengrocer's van and also a harvest hand. Apply to Neish.

Opening announcement - George Green - Jobbing Plumber - 7 Bridge Place, Buckie.

One drink is more than enough - A ban on drivers taking even one drink will eventually become law in Britain claims a Chief Constable in his monthly report. He is Mr David Williamson, Chief Constable of Greenock who goes on to say that the time

must come when Britain adopts the Swedish principal which forbids all drivers to drink and drive.

Keith Show success for Enzie Rural - Enzie Rural had a double success in the WRI competition at Keith Show. They won the Challenge Bowl for Arts and Crafts while Miss Alice Gordon; Hillpark won the prize for the Most Outstanding exhibit of the day with a toy horse.

Seat belts for cars recommended - Seat belts in cars, if worn by the driver and passengers, can reduce injuries by 50% so says the Roads Research Laboratories who have been doing extensive experiments on the causes of injuries and death during road accidents.

Rovers win their first game against Bishopmill by 5goals to three. Three newcomers - Leslie Cowie at C/h, James Innes at I/F and keeper Kenneth Penwright all showed up well.

The Rovers are to lose ace goal-scorer George 'Doddie' Robertson' who has decided to join the RAF. Pete Smith has taken a peg with Lossiemouth F.C.

Aug 20 **Ill-fated Sirius** - A photograph of the MFV Sirius taken while tied up in the Buckie Harbour is shown on page one.

Expanding - - Charles Geddes, Jobbing Mason and Window Cleaner has taken over the electric chimney cleaning business formerly owned by David Sutherland, Cathcart Street.

New? band name this week - The Mad Klassise

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Christies' Nurseries will be open to the public on Sunday 30 August 1964 from 2-6 Admission 1/6

Strathisla Pipe Band will play selections. Teas 1/6

Proceeds in aid of Fochabers Boy Scouts Association and Fochabers Amateur Athletic Club.

Was this the first open day?

Rose Tea at Cairnfield by kind permission of Mr and Mrs George D. S. Gordon (in aid of Unionist Funds) on Wednesday 26 August. Gardens and House (part) open to the public. Amusements - Pony rides, Sales Tables.

All welcome - Admission with tea 2/6. Car park. Free bus from Buckie leaving Cluny Square at 2.15 p.m. and returning from Cairnfield at approx. 4.15p.m.

Advert - Dennis Murray 3 Land Street. Let me measure, estimate, make up and lay your fitted carpets.

Getting a wedding gift - Teresa Gray, shop assistant with Messrs Hay and son Ltd, (Grocer) West Church Street, is seen in a photograph being presented with a wedding gift from her colleagues. This was handed over by Eileen Reid.

Special offer - Hoovermatic for 60 guineas. Hydro Board Showrooms, East Church Street.

Cullen Flower - A photograph on page 8 shows some of the exhibits on the tables.

An old photograph - This shows Buckie Rangers Football Club taken in season 1900/1901. The caption reads that they won the Sunlight Cup four times on the trot - from 1898 till 1901. Players named as - S. Geddes, A. Forbes, A. Davidson, J. Melville, J. Stewart, A. Geddes, W. Lyall, J. Campbell. W. Shearer, J. Coull, R. Johnston, W. Leask

Aug 27 **Boat launch** - The research boat Rizq-Al-Bahr was launched from the shipyard of Messrs Herd & McKenzie this week. The new vessel, which measures 67 feet long was

ordered by the Department of Fisheries at Aden over a year ago and has taken that time to build. It has a steel hull and aluminium superstructure. It has been equipped for purse seine and stern trawling but great line and pole fishing can also be carried out.

The Rizq-Al-Bahr has been fitted with a 320 hp Kelvin diesel engine that will give the vessel a top speed of 9 and a half knots. It has a fish room, which can hold fifty ton of fish and has all the latest navigational aids while the accommodation is of a high standard.

The master is John Watt, a native of Fraserburgh who has been with the Aden Fisheries for 4 years and previous to this was 9 years a Chief Officer in the Merchant Navy.

The crews who will, along with Captain Watt, sail the vessel home to Aden were present to see their new ship take to the water. **A photograph and full report is given on page one.**

Jockey hurt- Norman McIntosh, the Buckie-born horse jockey landed up in hospital when the horse he was riding stumbled and he was thrown from the saddle.

Thain in goal - The Rovers had Jim Thain in goal for Penwright on Saturday. Other changes were - Farquhar at O/L and Jappy for Cowie at C/

Sept 3 **Combine seen working** - A photograph on page one shows a combine harvester cutting a grain crop on the farm of Hilton.

New? Bands named this week - - The Fairies, The Pretty Things, Stepping Stones, The Four, The Hollies Stable Mates, The Playboys.

Road re-alignment - A photograph in this edition shows work taking place to remove the sharp bend at Stonies Bridge to the west of Arradoul.

New rig-out for Johnny and the Copy Cats - A report and a picture on page 6 tells of how the band had changed their clothes and were now rigged out in 'American' dress of spats and top hats. It was said that members of the band had been taking music lessons. The band is to leave on an English tour with the change of name a possibility.

Photograph on page 7 shows the members of the group - The Foot Tappers. The group hails from Darlington but their founder is Sandy Kneale who was born in Portknockie. They are meantime on a tour of the north playing at various dance venues.

We've got a TV - It is 1964 and 14 million homes now have a TV set out of a total of 17,200,000.

Please come and support us. This was the gist of a note that the Rovers' secretary, Alex Curran had in the local paper this week. He said that without an increase in the number of people coming to watch Buckie Rovers play there was a danger that the club might fold. (It didn't happen, though times have often been hard with the club finding it difficult to attract enough people for the committee. At the end of 2001 the Rovers were still managing to keep their head above water.)

Sept 10 *Nothing really of much interest to report.*

Sept 17 **Playhouse- Elgin** - All this week until September 21 **'The Beatles' in " A Hard Days Night"** Meet in their first film - Paul, John, George, Ringo.

New? Bands this week - Rebel Sounds, Shirley and Johnny with the Richochets, Dave Adam and the Bel Aires.

Buckie Rovers' dance in the Town House hall on Friday 25 September from 8 till 1a.m. Admission 3/6. Music by the Easy Beats.

Vacancies for carpenters - - Jones (Buckie) Shipyard Ltd. (This was a change for not so long ago all three shipyards were paying off men.)

Sept 24 **New matron for Clydeville Children's Home - Miss** Margaret Flett, Findochty has been appointed Matron of Clydeville Children's Home and succeeds Mrs I. Findlay. Depute matron is Mrs Hannah Cowie, Buckie

New? Bands this week - Kinks, Me and Them, R & B Inc. Dalys, The Jet-Blacks, and The Overlanders.

Old photograph (The editor said he felt that it was the oldest one they had ever shown.) This shows the Rolling Wave (Good Templars) Flute Band taken on an outing to Huntly Castle in 1892. The photograph was put in by 86 year old James Mair of 30 Bruce Avenue Buckie who still remembers the outings. (It is not known how big the flute band was since the photograph showed a lot of people, among them being women and children.

Oct 1 **End of the line for old coal firm** - The old established firm coal-merchant's business George McWilliam and Son was sold this week by Mrs McWilliam to McGruther and Marshall. M and M is an Aberdeen firm who deal with building materials as well as coal. At one time McWilliams had their own coasters that brought coal up from England to Buckie. McGruther and Marshall gave an assurance that all employees would be retained.

Buckie Rovers are to hold Fashion Parade in the Fishermen's Hall on Wednesday 7 October. This will be opened by Provost A. Doran. Tickets cost 2/6. Tea will be served but please bring a cup. all fashions are to be provided by F. Ritchie with furnishings by Alex Slater.

Apprentice painter wanted - Apply to Legge, 23 Anton Street

The Rizq al Bahr, the fishing boat built for the Aden Department of Fisheries, left Buckie on Friday on the first stage of the long journey home, aboard her apart from the skipper were the seven crewmen who have been in Buckie since before the launch from Jones Shipyard.

Boat launch - At 75 feet long the wooden trawler Ardelle launched this week from the shipyard of Herd & McKenzie is one of the largest in the Buckie fleet. A special feature of the new vessel is a small refrigerated chamber in the fish hold and the installation of a 320 hp Mercedes-Benz diesel engine. This is a comparatively new type of engine and is believed to be the first to be installed in a fishing boat in this country. The Ardelle, which has been built for Wm. B. Herd, 1 Mackenzie Street, Findochty, should be completed by mid October. He previously owned the MFV Estrolita.

Fish landings at Buckie last week amounted to 4244 cwts selling for £16,795. 2782 cwts valued at £13,472 sold on the local market with the rest consigned to Aberdeen.

The Rovers will play at Merson Park this week since Victoria Park is unavailable. Probable team - Skinner, Wood and Taylor; Geddes, Jappy and Newlands; forwards from - Hay, Cowie, Wood, Simpson, Innes and Walker. Reserves - Farquhar, Reid and Anderson.

Oct 8 **Labour candidate for Banffshire lands at Dallachy** - Treasurer, Harry Dickson, Dundee landed on the disused Dallachy airfield at Spey Bay on Monday after a 35-minute private flight from Dundee in a twin engined Piper aircraft. Speaking to a representative of the Banffshire Advertiser minutes after stepping from the aircraft he said that he thought it would not involve a great deal of work to put the airstrip in good order. We made a perfect landing and there were no bumps whatsoever. The plane belonged to Logan Air Company with the pilot being Captain W.T. L John.

A white whale seen off Cullen - On Sunday past two Cullen men, C. Aitken Jun. and J. Hay watched as a large white whale measuring between 15 and 18 feet frolicked in the water about 200 yards off shore from the mouth of the Cullen Burn. They watched it for some time until it went off in the direction of Scar Nose.

License for Strathlene Hotel - The new tenant of Strathlene Hotel (owned by Buckie Town Council) James Edward Murdoch has applied for a drink license.

Opening announcement - Wm. Grant and Co. have pleasure in announcing the opening of their new motor showroom at the Bauds Garage.

Spar Grocer advert with a variety of goods listed - (No indication was given where the shop was at or who was the owner.)

Buckie Sea Cadets - Mrs M. Murray, Ben Avon, Cluny Terrace, was re-elected Chair of Buckie Sea Cadets Parents and Supporters Association. Mrs E. Bendelow, Logie's Lane was appointed the new secretary with Mrs N. Wood, 41 Yardie as treasurer.

Buckie Rovers records biggest win ever in junior football- Buckie Rovers beat a very young and inexperienced Forres Thistle team by the mammoth score of 13 goals to 2 at Merson Park. In goal was Robert Skinner playing his first game for the Rovers since having a cartilage operation back in May. The team was Skinner, Wood and Taylor; Geddes, Jappy and Newlands; Hay, Cowie, Simpson, Innes and Walker.

Oct 15 **Councillors have different opinions** - The newly completed dual carriage way on West Cathcart Street came in for discussion at the Monday meeting of the town council. Baillie Edward Douglas described it as a showpiece. Others were far less complimentary with Councillor A. McIntosh questioning the width of the lanes, suggesting that they could have been made wider. Only time will tell if they are wide enough for all kinds of traffic.

Portknockie gets its new coat of arms - The new coat of arms with its motto "Aye Afloat" was officially handed over to the town council on Tuesday night.

The letters patent for the coat of arms bearing the official seal and signed by Sir Thomas Innes of Learney Lord Lyon King of Arms was placed before the provost, Mrs Helen J. Geddes by the Town Clerk, Mr J. D. G. McLeod, and the scroll granting the arms to the burgh was passed round the table for members to study. The text on the scroll made reference to Portknockie being installed as a Police Burgh in 1912 and also to the fact that the first house was established in the burgh in or about 1677 by one known as Sclater from Orkney and a considerable fishing village subsequently grew. There was general approval that the new Coat of Arms was very nice while speaking for all her fellow councillors Provost Mrs Geddes said they were delighted to receive it.

Strathlene Swimming pool - Buckie Town Council discussed the heating of the water in the pool at Strathlene, repairs to the diving board and also improvements to the dressing room accommodation.

Gifts of the congregation - Two brass altar vases gifted by the congregation in memory of the late Mrs Agnes Porter were placed on the altar of Buckie All Saints church last Sunday when they were dedicated by Rev R. J. L. Stewart. Mrs Porter, wife of Mr David Porter, Headmaster of Lady Cathcart School was a former superintendent of the All Saints Sunday School.

New playing field on Freuchny estate- A new playing field is to be provided in Buckie's Freuchny housing scheme on part of the site occupied by the former 'prefabs' on Well Road. The land has been found to be unsuitable for rebuilding on and the town council on Monday agreed that the land be levelled, sown with grass seed and laid out as a playing field.

Death of former master painter and well known dancing teacher- The death took place at his home 35 Sutherland on Sunday of Peter F. Cormack, a retired master painter and well known dancing teacher. He was 77. A native of Buckie Mr Cormack retired 12 years ago. In his young day he was a keen Territorial soldier. He served with the 6th Btn. Gordon Highlanders during WW1 and was wounded in 1917. He took a keen interest in sport, especially boxing and football having played for the Thistle at one time and was also a referee.

He had certificates in dancing and ran dance classes in Buckie and district for many years while his dance boards at Peter Fair were always very popular.

He is survived by his wife and a family of four sons. George 53, Billy 51, Peter 49, and Douglas 45. While travelling north for their father's funeral the four sons, accompanied by Peter's wife were involved in an accident at Jedburgh when the car skidded on black ice. The car was a write off. George and Peter's wife were injured and required hospital treatment while the other three sons carried on to Buckie in a hired car.

Oct 22 **Conservatives take Banffshire again** - Mr W. H. K. Baker, Rothiemay, Conservative, was elected MP for Banffshire to succeed Sir Wm. W.S. Duthie.

A fair fine for a 14 year old loon - A lad of 14 was fined 30/- for riding a bicycle during the hours of darkness without a light front or rear or a red reflector. (Something of this order was required in 2001 to teach those who will cycle without lights.)

New? bands mentioned this week - R & B Incorporated; The Checkers from Glasgow.

** **Opening announcement** - N. Ali Draper, 15 East Church Street will open on Friday 23 October. Best quality ladies' knitwear and underwear also household goods at keen prices.

Oct 29 **Good photograph of five local loons on the front page** - Stuart Geddes, Frank Hay, William Smith, Stephen Wojcik and Brian Calder. Members of Buckie Beat group **The Phantoms**. They were 2nd equal in the North East Beat Group competition held at Kemnay last week.

Round Table fireworks display - Buckie and District Round Table were granted permission by the town council to hold a fireworks display on ground off Duguid Street

New owner of Portessie Post Office - Mr Alex S. Coutts has taken over the Post Office and shop at Portessie from Mrs J. M. McIntyre.

Buckpool Boxing Club - Boxing and Weight lifting - training for all sports in the St Andrews Hall Buckie every Thursday at 7.30pm.

Former Headteacher dies - Former Head of Portessie Junior Secondary School, Mr J. Milton, died at Kemnay this week. He was 72. A native of Buckie he was a graduate of Aberdeen University. He was interim Head of an Aberdeen school during WW I before moving to Buckie High where he was a teacher in the Secondary Department and assistant head teacher of the Evening Classes. He was Headteacher at Portessie for 28 years and retired in 1957.

Glowing tribute paid by friend and partner - This edition of the B. A. carries an obituary to a young Buckie man written by someone who was both his partner in business and also his friend. He writes in glowing terms of John Davidson, a native of Buckie, who died in London aged only 40 years of age. He was a son of Mrs Eva Davidson and the late A. W. Davidson of 28 Merson Street. John Davidson was a BSc graduate of Aberdeen University who went to London where together with Richard B. Wallace set up an electronics firm. Mr Wallace describes Davidson as a brilliant scientist but also someone who had a wide range of other talents, an inventor, mathematician, and philosopher, with a keen appreciation of art and modern languages.

The firm was Wallace, Davidson and Partners Ltd, Lymington, Hampshire.

New signing for Buckie Thistle - Buckie signed Tommy Christie, a wing half or inside forward who has been transferred to the club from his home town Huntly.

Nov 5 **Sudden death of John L. McNaughton - Town Clerk** - Mr John L. McNaughton, who gave a life-service to the burgh died in the Commercial Hotel while attending an evening meeting of the Rotary Club. He held an MA degree from Aberdeen University with an Honours in English. He later took a Law degree at Edinburgh University becoming a solicitor like his late father J. L. McNaughton, Sen. J. L. McNaughton, elder, became the first town clerk when Buckie became a burgh in 1888 and in 1923 Mr McNaughton Junior, , who had served as Depute town clerk took over the post from his father

Buckie Rovers are to play Lochgelly Albert in the 1st round of the Scottish Junior cup at Victoria Park on Sat 7 November. Kick off 2.15 Admission 1/6 boys and OAP's 9d.

North East Dances (the first time these organisers had advertised a dance (s) for a long time) are to hold a dance in the Longmore Hall, Keith on Friday 9 November. Music by Johnny and the Copycats. Admission 4/6. Buses from Buckie and Huntly.

New? Bands - Kris Royan and the Questions: Johnny Mike and the Shades.

Development on the Toll Bar road - A big new garage, filling station along with a manager's house is to be built by Messrs Cordiners Ltd, Aberdeen on the Toll Bar road just outside the burgh of Buckie.

New town clerk to be full-time - His salary will be in the range of between £2200 and £2250 per annum.

Portrait gifted to the town - A portrait of George Gordon of Buckie, a member of a famous family prominently connected with the history of the town has been handed over to the custody of the town council.

The portrait which was in the possession of the late John L. McNaughton, Buckie Town Clerk for 41 years hung on the wall of his office on Cluny Square and his brother, W.R.D. McNaughton said that his brother's wish was that it should go to the town of Buckie on his death.

The council agreed to accept the portrait and to hang it in the council chamber. An inscribed plate at the foot of the painting states that the painter was 'Alexander' and the date is given as 1745.

Picture of J.L. McNaughton - Dean of guild Wm. Masson suggested that a photograph of Mr J. L. McNaughton be obtained, framed and hung in the council chamber also. This was approved by the members of the council.

Victoria Bridge is a death trap - These were the words of Councillor a. J. Murray who urged the Roads Department of Banff County Council to take speedy action to provide a £6,000 footbridge. Five accidents had been recorded at or near the bridge, he said, since 1958 with a child only recently being knocked down.

Change of ownership of shop on St Paul's Street- John and Sinclair Longmore are to take over the General Stores at 16 St Paul's Street from Mrs Bowie on 24 November.

Shops change hands in Portknockie - Miss Mary Anderson, General Merchant, Falconer Terrace has retired and sold her shop to Mrs Kate Taylor, 12 Geddes Avenue.

Annual Ball - Buckie and District Dairymen's Association are to hold their annual ball in the St Andrew's hall on Friday 4 December. Tickets cost 15. Each and can be had from the following- James Grant, Easter Bogs; R. J. Cameron, Slackend; James Newlands, Bauds; Douglas Newlands, Sunnybank, Findochty; Bert Harper, Mill of

Rathven; Ian Thomson, Glassaugh, George Young, Auchentae and Robert Middleton, St Andrews Hotel.

Royal Observer Corps - More recruits are wanted in all parts of Banffshire.

Nov 19 **New? Bands this week** - Applejacks ; Dave Berry; Wayne Fontana; Lulu and the Luvvers. These are all billed as coming attractions to the area.

Kris Ryan and the questions will be playing in the Two Red Shoes in Elgin along with the Alexander Sutherland Sextet. The Rockin berries and Malcolm Clarke and the Cresters will be in Cullen Town Hall while no less than three groups will be appearing in the Fishermen's Hall on Friday - the Barry Deacon 5; Mark Dayton and the Honours and also the Rebel sounds.

Country Dance Rally - The band playing at this annual event in the Fishermen's Hall on Wednesday 25 November will be Ian Powrie and his Broadcasting Band. A demonstration will be given by two of Forres Top Town Dancers.

Trouser suits - Teenagers of 1965 will be following in the footsteps of their older sisters. Trouser suits were the order of the day in many "Junior "spring collections from British manufacturers seen in London recently.

Nov 26 **Boat launch** - An 80 foot long fishing boat christened the Shemara was launched from the shipyard of Messrs Jones, Buckie, and this week. The Shemara is one of the largest fishing boats of its type to be built by Jones and was to the order of Skipper James Pirie of Peterhead and his brother Gordon.

She is powered by a 240hp Kelvin diesel engine. As she sailed under her own steam round to the harbour her sheer size dwarfed the majority of the other fishing boats tied up there.

At the launch a spokesman for Messrs Jones said how their firm was facing a dilemma and may be forced to increase repair rates because of the fast rising prices while their bread and butter came essentially from servicing the fishing fleet.

The Dairymen's Ball has been cancelled. Why one has to ask? Perhaps the high price of a ticket at 15/- meant that too few tickets were sold to make the event a viable proposition.

You'll pay more to get your hair cut - let it grow longer The following barbers have announced a rise in the price of a haircut - H. A. G. Watt, W. Forbes and C. J. M. Cole. The new price, starting on term day, 28 November, will be 3/6. The charge for OAP's will remain the same.

Opening announcement - The Sunset Lounge the name of the new cocktail bar at Strathlene Hotel will open on Saturday 28 November at 12 noon.

Fochabers in the early years of the 20th century - In the Northern Scot Christmas magazine for 1964 Phyllis Whitson has an article written in a nostalgic vein in which she tells of her memories of Fochabers early in the present century.

Dec 3 **Van smash claims life of Buckie man - Harry** Alexander a TV and Radio Engineer of 2 Carnie Place, Buckpool, was killed near the farm of Gateside, Alves when the van in which he was a passenger skidded on black ice and struck a telegraph pole. He was a native of Banff but came to Buckie to work with George S. Barclay, Radio, TV and Cycle Agent of East Church Street and continued to work there when the firm was taken over by Hunter and Pirie in 1959. He was on his way to Inverness to install a television set in a fishing boat in Inverness in the firm's van when the accident happened.

He is survived by his wife and five children whose ages range from one to seven, 2 boys and three girls.

The driver of the van was David Hoffman, 18 years old apprentice electrician of 17 Crown Street, Portgordon who was taken to Dr Gray's Hospital in Elgin suffering from minor injuries.

Free dance - Buckpool Boxing Social Club are running a free dance in the St Andrew's Hall on Saturday 5th December from 8.30 until 11.45pm. Music by Bill Geddes's Band. Bring membership card.

Win for Buckie High School - In a friendly match with Fraserburgh Academy a football team from Buckie High School won by the only goal of the game. The Buckie team was - McVean, M. Cowie and Green; Geddes, Legge and G. A. Cowie; McDonald, Slater, Taylor, J. Cowie and Boyd.

Dec 10 **Local boat ran aground** - The ten man crew of the 75 foot long fishing boat, Silver Reward were all saved when their vessel ran aground on Tuesday night on Priest Island a short distance off Ullapool. Many of the crew, including the skipper was called Thain.

Death of former burgh official - Rome Tocher a burgh official for 33 years died at his home 30 Mill crescent on Thursday last at the age of 69. A native of Spey Bay he came to Buckie when he was 16 and formerly worked with Singer Sewing machines before becoming the Burgh Collector in 1928. He later became Depute Burgh Chamberlain in 1940 when Alistair D. Mackay left on war service. In 1946 he was appointed joint Chamberlain and Burgh Collector. He was a founder member of Buckie Welfare Society and when they took over Buckie Thistle at the end of the war he was appointed first team manager. He was also an enthusiastic bridge player. He was a leading light in the establishment of Buckie and District Ambulance Service and continued to take an interest up until recently. His wife died four years ago and he is survived by 2 married daughters.

The dance band scene - Brian Epstein's newest discovery "The Rusticks" are to play in the Fishermen's Hall in company with three other groups - The Leapords, The London Deacons and The Wild Cats. Buses from Macduff, Huntly and Keith.

Dec 17 **Corporal Stuart Smith with a toucan** - A photograph in this edition shows Buckie soldier, Corporal Stuart Smith, 24, who is Purchasing Clerk with his regiment meantime stationed in British Guiana getting friendly with a toucan bird. (In 2001 Stuart was a committee member of Buckie Fishing Heritage Museum and very much involved in cataloguing of all manner of literature.)

Dec 24 **A presence at the International Boat Show** - Messrs Jones Shipyard are to again have a boat on show at this year's Boat show, held in London. This will be the latest version of their now well-known Spey class motor sailer yachts. - The Spey 35 which is being designed by G. L. Watson and Co. of Glasgow. The yacht has accommodation for 6.

Highland League football - Buckie Thistle were held to a draw of five goals apiece by Peterhead in an away fixture last Saturday. The team was - Innes, Noble and Laing; Christie, Fraser and Simpson; J. Cowie, Gowie, Davidson, L. Cowie and Young.

Dec 31 **Tragic death of Buckie Merchant Navy cadet** - Michael J Ewen, 24 Netherha Road died in a hospital in Glasgow following an accident on board ship. He was involved in the loading of the ship with cargo when a hatch cover fell on him. He was 18 and an apprentice deck officer having been in the Merchant Navy for two years.

A new band or a change of name - The group booked to play at a dance in the Fishermen's Hall on Friday 1st January is the 'Patter Merchants'. The dance, which will run from 8.30 until 1 am with admission 4/-, has been organised by Buckie Thistle F.C.

Dancing at the 'drome at Lossie - Sunday night dancing is to commence in the Fulmar Club on Sunday 10 January by kind permission of the Commanding Officer. These will continue each Sunday from 8p.m. until midnight through until Sunday April 4th. All popular groups will be engaged to play. Admission 2/-. Free transport at midnight to Elgin.

New bands? - In the Two Red Shoes - Johnny Peters and the JP's and in Cullen Town Hall - Stepping Stones.

Saturday night dances to commence in Cullen Town Hall - Starting on Saturday 2 January dances will take place each Saturday from 8 until 11.30. Admission 5/-. Buses home to Buckie and Macduff.

Church Officer wanted for West Church - Alex Hendry, Session Clerk, 11 Land Street.

A 50/50 dance will take place in the St Andrew's hall on Saturday 9 January. Admission 2/6. Buckie Boxing club. Music by the Easybeats.

President steps down - Mrs Jessie Garden, President of the Buckie Ladies Lifeboat Guild since its inception retired recently. She received a handbag from the Guild at a dinner held in the Commercial hall on Boxing Day in appreciation of her services. This was handed over by Mrs T. Burnett her successor in office. Mrs Garden was created Honorary President.

Rovers' player signs for the Thistle - Leslie Cowie, 21, Buckie Rovers' player signed for Buckie Thistle after a number of successful trials. He is a baker in Portgordon and is a son of W. J. Cowie a pre-war Rovers and Thistle player.