

1967

Jan 5 **New boat for the Phimisters** - The 75' long Comet III was launched last Thursday from the shipyard of Messrs Herd & McKenzie for three Findochty brothers, Robert, James and Alexander Phimister. The new boat is to be skippered by Robert.

This is the third vessel to carry the same name and has been built to replace the last Comet, which sank in fog off Wick nearly two years before. The new vessel is powered by a massive **320 hp Mercedes Benz diesel engine and is equipped with a trawl winch by Jensen of Skagen, Denmark.** The Comet III is equipped with radiotelephone, radar and echo sounder by Kelvin Hughes. This is the second vessel of similar construction built by H & M the last one being Green Pastures II.

The three Phimister brothers are all skippers; James has the Buckie fishing boat, Capella while Alex is the skipper of the Aberdeen trawler, Millwood.

Road accident claims the life of Fochabers' man - Fochabers' businessman, Bobby Masson, who carried on an electrical firm and shop in the village lost his life on Saturday when the van he was driving went off the Keith to Aberdeen road at Westerton corner a short distance west of Huntly

Attractions at the Two Red Shoes - Dancers will be able to hear Julie Grant, star of the Hit Parade and cabaret when she sings as guest vocalist in Elgin on Wednesday 18, Friday 20 and Saturday 21st January. Coming shortly will be another celebrated vocalist, Donna Douglas.

Come Up the Enzie Braes to Keith- The Washington DC's are to be playing in the Longmore plus the new way out sound of the **New Jacobeats**. Plus some lovely singing lassies,

Winter Sales -

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

Andrew Begg- Family Bootmaker, 16 High Street.

F. Ritchie, 72-74a East Church Street - Outfitter, Men, Women and children, Household Goods.

John Sandison, Draper, 22 East Church Street.

Wm. Mustard, Shoes and Fancy Goods, 24 Castle Street, Cullen

Stevensons, Launderers, Dyers, Cluny Square, Buckie. Sale prices.

James Mackay, Draper etc, etc, 5 East Church Street.

George Sutherland, Shoemaker, 21 West Church Street. Clearance Sale.

T. M. Jack, Little Wonder, Ladies and Girls 37 East Church Street.

Ladies Shop, West Church Street.

Robertson's, (Fordyce) High Street and West Church Street.

Robertson's Drapers, Cullen.

C. I. Shearer, 6-8 East Church Street.

Charity football match - Buckie Veterans versus Welfare - Score - 3-2

Vet's team- Emile Wojcik, Andy Morrison, George Scott, Jimmy Thain, Jimmy Rae, George Innes, Ian Hector, Eric Cormack, George Stewart, George Tough and Alex Stewart. George Stewart had two and Alex Stewart one.

Jan 12 **Keith** - They're Fab, They're Gear, They're Kinky and They're Here - **Tomorrow's People** - those hip swivelling Misses from Television, plus **Neil Christian and the Crusaders, plus the 'T' Set.**

Malcolm Slater - former football player with Buckie Thistle, Glasgow Celtic, Arradoul and Inverness Caley moved from Southend United to Leyton Orient for a fee of £6,000.

Rovers' team for Saturday - Dod Walker, A. Legge, Ron Taylor, Dod Bruce, Ian Cowie, Spencer Lyon, Tommy Cruickshank, Doddie Robertson, Murray, Main, J. Geddes. Reserves - Reynolds and Flett.

In for the Thistle - Raymond Boyd and Malcolm Cowie two High School pupils.

New column - "So We Heard" by Peter Dick

Jan 19 **In the Longmore Hall, Keith** - '**Phase five**' with a Go-Go competition

Moray Fish Supply expand - Following further expansion of their factory Moray Fish Supply have more vacancies for women to peel and select prawns for scampi.

The first Portessie Methodist Church - The Methodist Church opened in Portessie in 1865 was mentioned in connection with the death of Miss Jane McIntosh, oldest daughter of former shipbuilder, W. R. McIntosh. The McIntosh family had been associated with Methodism since that time. She had two other sisters.

Get rid of school prize-giving - The Banffshire Branch of the EIS called for the abolishment of school prize-giving saying that it was no longer relevant.

Joint church service - The South Church and All Saint, Episcopal Church congregation held another joint evening service on Sunday. This took place in the South Church.

Computers! What's that? - Mr G.R. McKenzie, Rector, Buckie High School spoke on 'Computers' at the weekly meeting of Buckie Rotary Club.

Jan 26 **Jones launch a boat** - The 65' long fishing boat Onward was launched from the Buckie shipyard of Messrs Jones on Wednesday for two Northern Ireland owners. The new vessel is powered by a 200hp Gardner engine and was launched complete. Once in the water it sailed round to the harbour under its own power. The Onward is the second fishing boat to be built by Jones to have aluminium masts fitted.

Jumble Sale - Buckie Rovers F.C. will hold a Jumble Sale in the Catholic Institute on 3rd February. Jumble will be collected if the names are given to the players or committee.

In the Longmore Hall, Keith - **The Magic Lanterns**

A note read - Up, up and up go the Mini skirts and so do Britain's fashion exports.

Poem on page 7 - This is dedicated to Cullen F.C. who were denied the use of the Square to hold a Gala. Victor Watson comes in for criticism.

From the Rovers to the Thistle - Ian Cowie, centre half with Buckie Rovers, signed for Buckie Thistle. His younger brother, Malcolm (18) signed for Buckie the previous week. Raymond Boyd who played a couple of trial games also put pen to paper for the Jags.

A win for the Thistle - Buckie beat Rothes by four goals to one to end a long barren period but they were still bottom of the league table with only 6 points from 18 games played. They won two and drew two.

Feb 2 **It's a date, I'll see on Friday** in the Longmore Hall, Keith. Modern Dancing Enterprises have another new group booked to play. **The Rebel Sounds are to be accompanied by Chatz and Skat Katz.**

Feb 9 **The end of the line** - Albert J. Esslemont, Stationmaster at Cullen retired on Saturday evening after spending 48 years working on the railway. A native of Keith he started his career at Buckpool

The end of an era - The retirement of the stationmaster coincided with the closure of Cullen as a manned station. As from Monday 13 February 1967 the diesel train will take on the form of a rail bus with the station assuming the status merely of a shelter.

This Friday in the Longmore Hall - **The Facelles plus the Circle.**

In the Two Red Shoes dancers can hear the TV Dynamic Personality, Miss Donna Douglas who is appearing as guest vocalist.

An outstanding attraction - At their dance in the Fishermen's Hall on Saturday 11 February, Buckie Thistle F.C. are to stage a '**Mini Skirt**' competition. "Lets Be Brief"

It's not how many inches above the knee.

It's how many inches below the waist..

Music by the 'T' Set plus the Malcolm Brothers. Admittance 5/- Usual transport.

Buckpool (Buckie) Golf Club Dinner Dance and Prize-Giving Friday 17 February.

Dress Optional. Bill Geddes and his band. With the Easybeats.
Tickets 18/6

Seen as a good post - There were 47 applicants for the vacant position as Caretaker of Buckie Town House. A two bed-roomed house goes with the job.

'Ruf' take over as president - George Stewart, the former Buckie Thistle, Dundee, St Mirren and Accrington Stanley football player, became the new president of Buckie and District Welfare Association. Fochabers Rockets were admitted to the league while the following have indicated that they are to play again. - Portsoy, Cullen, Portknockie, Buckie British Legion, and Buckpool Celtic. Teams that had played the previous season had still to say they were to play included - Arradoul, Findochty, Buckpool United, Keith, Hamilton United and Portgordon. In the event they all played again apart from Arradoul while Buckpool Athletic put in a team.

A 16 year old factory worker from Huntly won the 'Mini Skirt' competition. She was wearing a skirt that only measured 9" from the waist to the hem. She was presented with a sash and a dress length. Of what size we weren't told.

Feb 23 **Put your hands out Alex. How big?** Alex Thomson, formerly of Thomson's Shipyard, is pictured on page one of this edition holding a 25lb salmon caught on the opening day of fishing on the River Spey.

Strathlene Hotel - Supper Dance every Saturday - 10/- inclusive - Dancing to **The Trio.**

Buckie and District (London) Society held their first Dinner last Saturday in the London Caledonian Club when 60 members and guests were present.

Buckie Rovers team for Saturday is - Thain, Wilson and Taylor, Bruce, Legge and Lyon, Cruickshank, P. Murray, Main, Robertson and J. Geddes. Reserves Reynolds, Flett and M. Geddes.

Mar 2 **Buckie's population keeps falling** - Buckie Town Council were given the information at their meeting on Monday that the estimated population of Buckie

at June 30 1966 was 7503 compared to 7644 the previous year - a fall of 141 - and 7666 in 1964.

Nae M/D/E dance in Keith this week bit I'll see you in Cullen. Fa's playing ? A Group fae Manchester ca'ad **The Style**. They will also be playing up at the Craig afore they gang hame.

The Thistle are hae'in a red oot - Given their release are Tommy Christie, John Kelman and Dennis Slater.

Dennis wints awa- Dennis Murray who formerly played for Huntly and who has been scoring regularly for Rothies has sought his release.

Former Council Treasurer dies - George Smith a former partner in the electrical firm Walker and Smith died in an Aberdeen hospital on Sunday aged 55. A native of Aberdeen he came to Buckie after the war and went into partnership with George Walker. He later left to go back to his trade as an electrician on board ocean-going vessels. During his time spent in Buckie he was a town councillor, bailie and honorary treasurer. He leaves a wife, son and daughter.

Mar 9 **Death of Provost of Findochty** - The death took place in Spynie Hospital, Elgin on Tuesday of William 'Weem' Taylor, Provost of Findochty and head of one of the best known and most progressive road haulage firms in the north east - Taylors' Transport (Buckie) Ltd. The firm was formerly known as David Taylor and Sons. He was 72 and leaves a wife and three sons.

Mar 16 **Opening announcement** - Grand Opening of the General Drapery Store, 51-53 West Church Street.

Arradoul Garage. The garage, which was built first by Edward Hillocks, was up for sale.

Caretaker of the Town House - Harry Gilbertson, 26 Bryson Crescent, was appointed caretaker of the Town House.

Buckie Rovers beat New Elgin by two goals to nil in the final of the Nicholson Cup. This was the **sixth time in succession they had won this trophy**.

Mar 23 **Cleaner wanted** - The West Church are looking for a cleaner. It was hoped that they would have more success than they had when looking for a Church Officer.

Want a bargain? Scotch Whisky, all brands, 51/11 for 48/6 at the SCWS Ltd.

Well-known photographer dies - The death took place this week at this home in East Church Street of Ali Mohamed. A native of Pakistan he came to Buckie 30 years before and set up in business as a photographer later adding a drapery department. He later moved into the shop on East Church Street formerly occupied by Clarks', Photographers.

Mar 30 **Death of former High School dux** - A young Buckie mother, Mrs Jean Allison, nee Pearson, 31, died this week in Aberdeen of a blood disorder only months after giving birth to her first child. She was dux of Buckie High School in 1954, some years earlier she had been dux of the Primary Department. She graduated from Aberdeen University in 1958 with a Honours degree in Geology and went to work in South Africa where she met and married Ron Allison a South African civil engineer five years ago. They later returned to this country. She developed a blood disorder shortly after giving birth to their daughter Linsey, who is meantime being looked after by her grandparents Mr and Mrs Pearson, St Peter's Road, Buckie.

A Coffee Morning (a rare event) is to be held in the North Church Hall on Saturday 1 April by Buckie Students Charities.

Star Speakers - The two pupils of Buckie High School who took top prizes in the annual speech contest sponsored by Buckie Toastmaster's Club were Freda Morrison, Findochty, a sixth year pupil who carried off the premier award and John R. Mair, Portknockie, 5th year who was awarded the second prize. (Freda Morrison to become a well known voice on radio with her programme, a gardening programme called, 'The Putting Shed'.)

Easter Princess - Chosen as Easter Princess at a Buckie Thistle F.C. dance held in the Fishermen's Hall on Saturday night was Miss Joan Coull, 17 Wallace Avenue, Buckie. Joan is an employee of the local lamp factory. The two runner-ups were Elizabeth Brockie, 33 Samson Avenue and Elsie Murray, 16, of 8 Baron Street.

No lights on his bike - A 14-year-old boy was fined £1 for riding a bicycle without either a front or rear light. He was fined a further £1 for having an inefficient braking system.

April 6 **Death of organist and choirmaster** - Simon Flett, organist and choirmaster of Buckie North Church for many years and also conductor of the famous Buckie Fishermen's Choir took ill and died suddenly in Penecuik on Saturday the day after arriving there to spend a three week holiday with his son. Simon who was a fisherman was 60. Music was his life, writing a number of tunes including a new setting to the old air 'Strathlene'. He leaves a wife, one son and one daughter.

New enterprise at Cairnfield - A fish farm is to be set up within the grounds of Cairnfield House by the laird, Mr Gordon and two others. It is planned to construct a number of tanks where 2,500,000 salmon, brown and rainbow trout will be raised each year. (A write up is given on page one.)

Boat launch - The first boat to be launched in Buckie in 1967 took to the water last Wednesday from the shipyard of George Thomson and Son. This was a 59 foot long Danish type vessel, christened, '**Ashville**'. She has been designed for seine net or trawling and was built for A Grimbsy company. The Caledonian Motor Boats (Peterhead) Ltd. The Ashville is to be powered by a 133 hp Paxman diesel engine and will be fitted with all the latest navigational and fishing aids when she is completed in about five week's time.

April 13 **Death of High School teacher** - The death took place on Monday of Mr James Smith known to generations of pupils at Buckie High as Jimmy, a Maths teacher at Buckie High School for 40 years. He was in the school as usual earlier in the day before taking ill and having to return to his home at Avonbank, Chancellor Road, Portessie. He was an MA graduate of Aberdeen University and came to Buckie High in 1927. He was 64 and aimed to retire next year. He was a JP and a prominent figure in the Methodist Church in Portessie where he was treasurer for many years. A bachelor he is survived by a brother, Pirie Smith, and a sister Mrs Grant who lives in Huntly.

See you at the Craig Public hall on Friday - The M/D/E have booked the '**Beatroute**' to play.

Buckie High School F.P. Association - About thirty former pupils of the school attended the first ever social event, a supper Dance, in the Marine Hotel last Friday.

Mr George McKenzie, Rector, was one of the guests.

Ian Bruce, President, said that the social marked the inauguration of the association and established its existence as a live body and not merely a topic

for conversation as it had been in the past. He hoped that it would attract a growing support from former pupils of the school.

Apr 20 **Over heard at the police station** - " I've come to report a missing husband. He wears thick glasses - he's myopic." "Height?" " Oh, about five feet two - nearly bald - walks with a stoop. Ach!. Never mind"

Loons still wirna intae langers - Not according to Ritchie's advert which showed a boy very smartly turned out in short breeks, a hacking jacket collar and tie.

Teams in the Buckie Welfare League in 1967 - Portgordon, Buckpool United, Buckie British Legion, Portknockie, Keith, Buckpool Athletic, Cullen, Findochty, Portsoy and Hamilton United.

Buckie Rovers' team - Reynolds, Smith and Walker; Bruce, Legge and Lyon; M. Geddes, J. Geddes, Main, Reid, Cruickshank.

Apr 27 **A £50,000 Swimming Pool Project for Buckie?** A recommendation by their Swimming Pool Committee that an application be made to Banff Education Authorities for the provision of an indoor pool in Buckie was accepted by Buckie Town Council on Tuesday.

New Buckie Showroom - Cyril Lord Carpets in the Ideal Homewares Building at 25 West Church Street.

Buckie people didn't vote - The adult population were described as apathetic with only 1000 votes being cast.

The successful candidates were Adam Gowie, Dr Peter Reid, James Lawson and Albert Doran.. Jimmy Lawson was making his return after a number of years. Unsuccessful were Alex McIntosh a councillor in the last council and Peter Jappy who had stood before.

The following railway stations were unmanned from Monday 24 April - Cullen, Cornhill, Findochty, Garmouth, Glenbarry, Longmorn, Portessie, Portgordon, Portknockie, Spey Bay, Tillynaught and Urquhart.

People joining at these stations can get tickets from the guard but if travelling beyond Elgin and Aberdeen will have to purchase tickets there.

Thistle end season with a win - Buckie Thistle won their last game of season 1966/67 by beating Forres Mechanics by one goal to nil at Victoria Park.

The Thistle team was - Jappy, Paterson, Malcolm Cowie, Leslie Cowie, Ian Cowie, and Geddes; Lyon, Boyd, Maceachen, Robbie Cowie and Innes. Sub. J. Geddes.

May 11 **Douglas becomes Provost of Buckie** - Bailie Edward Douglas, Building Contractor, was elected Buckie's new Provost on Friday evening succeeding Provost Albert Doran. Senior Bailie - W. A. Thomson, Junior Bailie - Jack Cole, Police Judge - Adam Gowie, Dean of Guild - Peter Murray.

Over 25's dance - Buckie Gala and Amenities Association are to hold a dance especially for the over 25's in the Fishermen's Hall on 12 May. Music to be played by Bill Geddes. Admittance 4/-

Miss Buckie S NP chosen - Miss Beryl McKenzie 23 Samson Avenue was chosen Buckie's Miss SNP at a dance held in the Fishermen's Hall. Beryl a student radiographer at Aberdeen royal Infirmary she will go forward to Miss SNP Banffshire contest which will be held in Dufftown. On Friday June 2.

May 18 **Manager to cross the 'Pond'** . Mr W. R. Gordon who has been manager of the Herd & McKenzie shipyard for the past 7 years is to leave to take up a new post in the United States.

Swimming Club - Fab Teenager's dance in the Town House on Friday 19 May. Music by Les Revenants Group. Admittance 2/6.

May 25 **Lifeboat built by Herd & McKenzie shipyard** - A £37,000 Oakley self-righting lifeboat built by 'Herdies' for the RNLI left Buckie this week after completing trials. The lifeboat is to be stationed at Clacton.

Two new dance groups booked by M/D/E - Hadyock's Rockhouse and Queen are to be playing in the Two Red Shoes, Elgin over the next week.

June 1 **The Legion Shield** - A new trophy was presented to George Stewart, president of Buckie and District Welfare League by Mr W. Jappy on behalf of the Buckie British Legion.

A rise in the fare - Fishermen who work on the west coast and travel home to Buckie for the weekend will have to pay an extra five shillings on the return fare. Mrs Nellie Mayne a partner in the Buckie bus firm made application to the Traffic Commissioners to be allowed to up the return fare from 30/- to 35/- In her application she said how 17 years before they had charged £2 but in the face of intensive competition had to reduce this to 30/- but now found that last year they had incurred a loss of £97 on the journeys. If they were allowed to increase the fare to the figure stated they would be able to make a modest profit of £37. The Commissioners agreed to the rise saying how they failed to see how they could make a profit at the fare being asked.

Opening announcement - Peter Jappy, 47 Bryson Crescent, Craigbo is to start up in business as a Joiner.

Moray Dance Enterprises - Playing in the Longmore Hall, Keith this week are, **The Drifters**.

Buckie Sea Cadets- A photograph on page 10 shows Commander A. Cameron, Scottish Area officer of the Sea Cadets inspecting the guard of honour at the annual inspection of the Buckie Sea Cadets.

June 8 **Opening announcement** - Wm. Cranna, 37 Bryson Crescent, Craigbo, is to commence in business as a Blacksmith at Baron Street.

M/D/E - In the Longmore Hall, Keith this week will be **The Playboys** an 8 piece Irish Show Band.
Cost of admission = 6/-

Footbridge at Victoria Bridge - The footbridge that was built over the Buckie Burn at the Victoria Bridge was opened last week. A photograph of the new bridge is shown on page 7.

Buckie Rovers in action - Most probably the first ever picture to be taken by the B. A. showing Buckie Rovers in action is found in this edition. The picture shows Dod Walker, their keeper, rising to clutch the ball off a high cross. The Rovers were playing Burghead and were wearing their traditional white strip.

Rovers come second - After winning the Morayshire Junior League for the past two seasons the Rovers were bested by New Elgin on this occasion who were ahead of them by some points in the league.

A playing field approved - A playing field to cost £8.100 for Portknockie has been approved.

M/D/E - have booked **Ashley Kaye** to play in the Longmore Hall this week plus **The Shireens**, two wildly exciting Go-Go girls. Admittance 6/6

Buses as usual from Elgin, Buckie via the coast, Huntly, Aberlour, Craigellachie and Dufftown.

Miss Teen Look 1967 - This was the title won by 15 year old Miss Audrey Mayne, 5 Barhill Road in a beauty competition held at a dance ran by Buckie Amateur Swimming Club in the St Andrew's Hall, She was presented with a necklace.

Barbecue at Strathlene - A photograph taken at Strathlene during a barbecue ran by the Swimming Club shows organiser, James Miller, Mrs Geddes, Robert Street and Barbara Bowie Anton Street.

Rovers tame the League Champs - The Rovers beat the League Champions, New Elgin, at McKessack Park, Rothies, by four goals to nil to take the Morayshire Junior cup. This was the only trophy they had never won.

Can the Thistle sign Alex Wilson ? Alex Wilson who went south from Buckie Rovers to sign for Portsmouth as a 15-year-old has been released from the Fratton Park club after 17 seasons. Alex made 350 first team appearances for the club and during his time was capped for Scotland at right back in an international match against Finland in 1954. The papers were saying that if he returned north he might be persuaded to play for Buckie.

June 22 **Old Boys go on a bus trip** - It took four buses to carry the 150 old men who went on their annual bus trip on Tuesday.

M/D/E - have booked the **Copycats and the Quantrells** to play in the Longmore Hall this week.

On Friday 30 June dancers in the Longmore can hear and dance to chart toppers, the **Alan Price Set** (Simon Smith and his amazing dancing bear) This has to be the greatest show yet to hit Keith.

Over in the Two Red Shoes music will be supplied by the **Copycats and The Tiffany Shells**.

June 29 **'Old Bill' passes on** - The death took place this week of Wm. J. McLean, farmer of Mill of Rathven at the age of 85. His wife died 20 years before. He is survived by two sons and four daughters.

Postal coding - Every address in Aberdeen, the north east, and part of Shetland will now have a postal code. Please use it always as it helps the Post Office to sort letters by machine at high speed and thus reduces cost. In time the coding system will be extended to cover the whole country but this is likely to take a few years.

Clever bairns - The duxes of Portessie School were - Jessie Farquhar and Linzie Bremner, Primary and Barbara E. Clark, Secondary.

Alexander Rose was dux of the Secondary Department of Portknockie School while Brenda Mair came first in the Primary.

Jack Farquhar was dux of the Secondary Department of St Peter's while Sheila Davidson was dux of the Primary. Hillary Morrison was dux of the Secondary Department of Findochty School with Eva Humphrey dux of the Primary.

Dux of Buckie High School was Robert Cameron.

July 6 **Air Ministry base to close** - The Air Ministry Mooring and Salvage base at Buckie Harbour established twenty years ago is to be closed at the end of July A photograph in this edition shows the Seamoor leaving on Wednesday for her new base at Greenock.

M/D/E have the **Honey Band** a nine-piece line up booked to play in the Longmore Hall, Keith this Friday. They have also booked **The Pink Floyd** to play at the Two Red Shoes.

Shepherd Queen - Miss Mandy McKell, 21 Hill Street, Portsoy, who works in Portgordon was chosen as the North British Sheep Dog Trials Association, 'Shepherd Queen' at a marquee dance held at Tannachy farm, Portgordon on Friday of last week.

Buckie Gala Queen - Mrs Maureen Davidson, 30 Land Street, was chosen as this year's Gala Queen by Gillian Kelman and Jimmy Spankie of Grampian T.V. Her attendants were Christine Scott and Jean McIntosh.

July 13 **New bands of the scene** - Bands to play at a junior dance and beat group challenge contest in the Town House hall on 21st July are - **The Notion, Les Revenants and The Friction.** The dance is being run by the Gala Committee.

Advert - Ideal Homewares , 25 West Church Street.

Overheard - "Well, I must admit I often put my wife on a pedestal, it's the only way she can reach up to clean the top of the windows".

During the Gala Week - As part of the activities taking place during the Buckie Gala Week a swimming display will take place at Strathlene Swimming Pool.

Official Piper - Charles Smith formerly of Badrockleys and a member of a well known local piping family has been invited to become the official piper of the Buckie and District (London) Society.

Buckie Thistle have signed - Dennis Simpson, a goalkeeper and Spencer Lyon, wing half. The latter played a few times for Buckie at the end of last season. Both Lyon and Simpson were playing in the Morayshire Junior League last season, Simpson with New Elgin and Lyon with the Rovers. Also signed are Jimmy Innes, Leslie Cowie, Robbie Cowie, Gordon Geddes, Ian Cowie, Alex Simpson, Raymond Boyd and Derek Walker.

Beach Cottage, near the Gollachy Burn, at one time used as an isolation place for people with infectious diseases, has been demolished and the two families rehoused. The material will be pushed over on to the beach.

July 22 **Sudden death of former teacher** - Former teacher, Mr John T. Stephen died at his home, Edenholme, Cliff Terrace, on Saturday. He was 79. He served with the 6th Gordon Highlanders from 1914 before being commissioned in the 4th Gordon Highlanders. He was wounded and taken prisoner in 1918. He came to Buckie Secondary School in 1919 as P T of Maths and remained there for 34 years before retiring in 1953 when he was also Deputy Head. He is survived by his wife a son who also teaches Maths in Aberdeen and a married daughter.

Opening announcement - Donald Harrold - 1 Burnbank, Fochabers, Plasterer.

Shoemaker to close - Jimmy Brander, an Elgin man who had a little shoe-repairing business off Land Street for a number of years has a notice in this edition stating that he is to close down on 29th July and asks that all those who may have boots or shoes to collect to do so before that date.

M/D/E - Dancers in the Longmore Hall, Keith will be dancing to the music of **The Slater Street Few plus The Rising Sun.** If the Two Red Shoes on Thursday be your choice the groups playing there are **Pink Floyd and the Copycats.** Admission is 8/6

Died of his injuries - Twenty one year old John Garsyth died in Aberdeen Royal Infirmary on Saturday from the injuries he sustained after plunging 40 feet into the bed of the Buckie Burn from the parapet of the bridge above the day before.

He was the oldest of foster children brought up by Mrs Mary McPherson and was recently discharged from the 1st Gordon Highlanders.

July 27 **Swimmers brave the cold** - A picture on the front page shows an intrepid group of swimmers diving into the Strathlene Swimming Pool, part of the exhibition during the Gala Week.

Buckie Gala Week drawings - amounted to £500 - It was said that expenses would be heavier than the previous year. It later transpired that a profit of £400 had been made which was distributed to a large number of organisations in the town.

M/D/E - Paul and Barry Ryan are to be in the Two Red Shoes on August 3rd. **Also present will be the Copycats** and the southern **Sound Machine**. Appearing in Buckie on August 14th during a Monday Nite Special will be **Union Blues Soul Band**.

Exhibition drew the crowds - Well over 300 people visited Exhibition Buckie 67 during the four days of the Buckie and District Round Table sponsored venture, which was held in the Fishermen's Hall last week.

Cullen F.C. Gala Queen- Chosen at a dance in the Town Hall on Friday was Mrs Marie Menzies, Grangelea, Seafield Lane. Attendants chosen were Miss Morag Milne, 7 Binview, a local hairdresser and Mrs Anne Mair, Seafield Street. A total number of 350 dancers were present.

Aug 3 Cullen's first Gala is a huge success so said the headline on the front page with a big following creed. Though also on the front page the report on Peter Fair was minuscule in comparison with only four short paragraphs. There was one picture on page 4.

M/D/E - have booked **Malcolm Clark and The Cresters plus the Union Blues** a soul band for the Longmore Hall, Keith, this Friday.

Disc jockey surrounded - A picture on page 7 shows Radio Scotland disc jockey, Stuart Hendry, well surrounded by a group of females, after his cabaret show in the Fishermen's Show in the Fishermen's Hall as part of the Buckie Gala Week

Aug 10 **Summer Fair Queen** - A picture on the front page shows High School pupil, 16 year old Miss Christine Scott, Land Street who was chosen as Summer Fair Queen at a dance in the Fishermen's Hall ran in connection with a Summer Fair organised by the Banffshire Liberal Association. Her two attendants were - 15 year old Audrey Mayne and 14 year old Frances Byers. The event raised £250 for Liberal funds.

Cullen Gala , ran by the football club, grossed the sum of £1200. It is expected that expenses will amount to half this figure.

M/D/ E - Playing in the Longmore Hall this week is the group - **The Throb**.

Thistle team for trial game against the 'Vale - Dennis Simpson, Alex Farquhar and Malcolm Cowie; Leslie Cowie, Ian Cowie and Gordon Geddes; Spencer Lyon, Raymond Boyd, Robbie Cowie, Alex Simpson and Jimmy Innes. Derek Walker, Billy Lovie and Paterson were listed as reserves.

Aug 17 **M/D/E** booked to play at Nairn - **The Small Faces**.

Cullen Flower Show a success - A high standard of entries at Cullen.

Aug 24 **Start made to Buckie's first self- service store** - A start was made this week on East Church Street to clear the ground where a self-service store is to be built for the Co-op at a cost of £40,000

Boat launch - The 70 foot long MFV **Conquest** took to the water this week from the Buckie shipyard of George Thomson and Son. It has been built for Dennis Reid, 4 James Street, Buckpool, skipper and part owner of the Buckie fishing boat, Prolific. His partners in the venture are - John Bowie and George Murray, both Buckie and David Mair, Findochty. The new boat will be powered by a 200hp Gardner diesel engine and will be equipped with all the latest navigational and fish-finding equipment.

M/D/ E have booked **Mamma's Little Children** to play in the Longmore Hall, Keith this Friday.

Aug 31 **Highest roll ever** - The number of pupils attending Buckie High School (primary and secondary departments combined) is 1330. A year ago the figure was 1239 and recorded then as the highest figure in the school's history. There are now 718 pupils in the Secondary Department.

Sept 7 **Boat launch** - The 70 foot long MFV Helena was launched today, Thursday, from the shipyard of Herd & McKenzie. It was built for James S. Smith, Portessie who is presently the skipper of the local fishing boat, Embrace. His two partners in the venture are James C. Wilson, Portessie and George H. Cormack, Buckie. The new vessel will be powered by a 200 hp Gardner diesel; engine. She has been designed both for seine net and also trawl fishing.

All day closing on Wednesday - Sixteen Buckie traders took the decision to shut up shop all day on a Wednesday.

Honour for Legionnaire - Mr David Grant, 51 Mill Crescent, Buckie has been made a Life Member of British Legion, Scotland in recognition of his services to the movement. He is the first to be so honoured by the Buckie Branch. He was presented with a diploma, gold badge and life membership card by bank chairman, Dr J. F. Cameron.

Mr Grant joined the British Legion in Keith in 1946 after war service and was a prime mover in having the Buckie Branch restarted when he was appointed vice chairman.

M/D/ E - The group booked to play in the Longmore Hall this Friday is **Life 'N Soul**, heat winners of Opportunity Knocks, also **the Beatroute**. Miss Sheena Duff makes a welcome return to 'The Shoes' on Friday 8th and Saturday 9th September.

Congregations to unite - The congregations of Cullen and Deskford churches are to be linked under Cullen minister, Rev John T. Guthrie on October 1.

New minister - The new minister of Buckie Methodist Church is to be Rev John E. Hawdon

Overheard at the optician's - "After examining your eyes, sir, I'm afraid it will be necessary for you to have a pair of spectacles for long distances" "Na, na min! I niver gings farar fae hame than Elgin on a Buckie holiday."

Advert - Automart - Used Car Centre - 33-37 West Church Street, Buckie.

Sept 14 **Photographs of boats wanted** - A notice on the front page read how photographs of old drifters were wanted for a Lowestoft Project.

Former provost to resign on health grounds - Councillor Dr Peter Reid is to resign from Buckie Town Council on health grounds. He was provost of the burgh for six years.

M/D/ E have booked **The Tony Merrick Scene** to play at their dance in the Longmore Hall, Keith on September 15.

Scotland's No 1 Group - The Beatstalkers are to play in the Town Hall, Macduff on the same night.

Sept 21 **'Desert Rats'** A picture on the front page of this edition shows Robert Souter, manager of Buckie Playhouse in conversation with three ex 'Desert Rats' - Messrs Peter Bruce, T. Reid and R. Coombe,, each of whom served in North Africa during the Second World War. They were guests of the manager at the showing of the film 'Tobruk' (A full report is given on the same page)

Boat launch- A new 71' motor trawler built for Edmund McCullough, Annalong, Co. Down, N.I. was launched from Messrs Jones, Buckie, and Shipyard on Tuesday. The wife of the owner christened her Crystal Sea. She was launched complete in every detail and is powered by a 320hp Bergius - Kelvin diesel engine, and after being launched went for a trial run in the Firth. It is expected that she will sail to her home port by the end of the week

End of the road for Young the bakers - For sale - house, shop, baker and stores at 43-45 West Church Street.

Nominated for a place - John Smith, 39 Rannas Place, Portessie, Right Back of Buckie Rovers has been nominated by Morayshire Junior F .A. for a place in the Scottish Junior trials.

Sept 28 **Death of Councillor Jimmy Lawson** - The death took place on Wednesday in Dr Grays Hospital , Elgin, of Councillor Jimmy Lawson. He had not been in good health for some time. Jimmy who was 67 entered Buckie Town Council first in 1951, and served as Dean of Guild for two terms. After retiring from the council a few years back when his wife was ill he made a return only this year. Members of the council acted as pallbearers at his funeral. His wife died six years ago and two sons survive him.

Offered the gift of a house - Arthur Bell and Sons, Whisky Distillers, have offered Buckie Town Council, Arradoul House as a gift. They thought that it could be converted into a Old Folk's Home.

Co-opted on to the council - Peter Jappy who has twice stood for the council was co-opted on to the council to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Councillor J. Lawson.

Buckie to have an ice plant - On Monday night the council gave the green light to a proposal to build a £55,000 ice plant.

Champions for a second year - Portgordon F.C. won the Buckie & District Welfare League for the second year running. A photograph of the winning team is shown on page 10 though the reproduction is extremely poor.

Oct 5

Oct 12 **Headline - 8 Men Snatched to Safety after boat Runs Aground** - While trying to enter the mouth of Buckie Harbour the local fishing boat , Briar Rose, went aground on the notorious reef of rocks, the West Mucks on Tuesday night. The skipper, Jo Humphrey and seven members of his crew were taken off safely.

An attempt to refloat the 67' seine net fishing boat began on Wednesday morning with the fishing boat Prolific which has been lying idle in the harbour being involved.

No Thanks - Alex McIntosh a local bus driver and former member of the town council turned down the invitation to rejoin Buckie Town Council to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Councillor Dr Peter Reid. He thanked the council for the offer but felt that he had to turn it down on personal reasons.

Interesting - Carpenters/Boatbuilders urgently required by Jones, Buckie, Shipyard.

Do you wint tae build a hoose ? The town council has sites at Millbank Terrace and Highfield Road for sale. Apply to the Town Clerk.

Findochty F.C. photograph - The team that won trophies in this season's Welfare League is shown in a photograph on page 11.

Oct 19 **Drifter attracts attention** - A photograph on the front page shows the former drifter, William Wilson, now used for salvage work. She arrived in Buckie Harbour this week to take part in the salvage operations for the Briar Rose. As was expected she attracted a lot of attention. The William Wilson is believed to be the only steam drifter now left in Scotland.

Gone - The wreck of the Briar Rose has disappeared off the West Mucks where she has been perched since running aground last week. On Sunday night she slipped off the rocks and sank into deep water half a mile off shore.

Oct 26 **New town councillor** - A retired schoolmaster, Mr James C. McGrouther was this week co-opted on to Buckie Town Council to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Councillor Dr Peter Reid. He was a headmaster of a school in Glasgow but some time ago he retired to Buckie where he had spent part of his youth and when his father was Head Postmaster from 1917 till 1922.

My old boss dies - Mr George Packman Sen. Glentor, West Cathcart Street, Buckie with whom I served my apprenticeship as a plasterer from March 1945 till March 1950 died suddenly at his home on Sunday. He was 68.

Geordie started a plastering business forty years before and gradually built up the firm until he was taking on plaster work from Nairn to Banff. About 10 years ago with a decline in the amount of solid plastering being done he expanded into building work not only in Banffshire but also in the neighbouring counties of Moray and Aberdeenshire with bungalows being his speciality.

During The Great War he served first with the Gordon Highlanders, later the Black Watch with whom he was awarded the MM.

During the past war he was in the Home Guard besides being an Air Raid Warden. He was an elder of the North Church, a founder member of the British Legion and a member of the Buckie Welfare Society. He leaves a wife, Janet, two sons and two daughters.

Slaughterhouse Project - The members of the town council were discussing the pros and cons associated with an extension being made to the existing slaughterhouse and the tie up with a private firm. It could bring new industry to Buckie, was one comment. One councillor was not too happy about the financial implications. (A full report is given on the front page.)

Any welks ? - A. Nicol, 9 Low Street is in the market for welks with large or small quantities wanted. Best prices paid.

Headline - Banffshire seeks stay of execution for rail closures.

Welfare Society hand outs - The Welfare Society has nearly £500 to share out with 30 local organisations likely to derive some benefit.

***** **Drug Addiction - The need for more facts. The number of known narcotic addicts in Britain trebled in the five years 1961-1966. Heroin addicts increased seven fold in the same period. (A full report is given on page 10) *******

Rovers team for Saturday - Jappy, Smith, Green; Mitchell, Legge, Robertson; Murray, J. Slater, Billy Flett, Reid, J. Geddes. Reserves - M. Geddes, D. Slater, Gibb.

Nov 2 Moray **Dancing Enterprises (M/D/E) ran by Albert Bonicci, Elgin** have booked **Heraldic Decoration plus Garland Blue** to play at a dance in the Fishermen's Hall, Buckie on 10 November.

Carnival Queen - Miss Patricia McIntyre, 15, 3 Bede Road, Rathven was chosen as the Buckie Thistle Carnival Queen at a Teenager's Dance held in the Town House recently. Her attendants

were - Helen Murray, 14, of Portessie and fifteen years old Morag Cowie of 11 Commerce Street. The judges were Miss Jean Eckersley and Mr Peter Smith, Commercial Hotel. .

Hardly believable in 1967 - Three men were fined £1 each at Banff Sheriff Court this week for trespassing on land unlawfully in search of game. They were caught coming from there and in possession of a **rabbit**. This was forfeited.

And again at Banff - Four men were fined £8 each for poaching in the Cullen Burn. When caught they had in their possession six sea trout and four landing nets.

Extension to the car park- the car park at Strathlene House Hotel is to be extended to provide parking for 30 cars. This was approved by the town council.

Nov 9 **Player of the Year** - Andrew Coull 21-year-old plasterer who plays at wing half for Buckpool United has been nominated "Player of the Year" by Buckie & District Welfare Football Association. Andrew is the only son of Mrs Sheila Coull, 49 Barfield Road.

Policeman - Sportsman of the Year - 1967 - Buckie born policeman, Constable James Clark, meantime stationed at Macduff is north east Counties Constabulary Sportsman of the Year 1967. He was awarded the Robert Mitchell Trophy for most points gathered in different sports including golf and badminton. James is a Scottish Police Football Internationalist and formerly played football for Buckie Thistle

A Pub for Mosstodloch - The first ever pub for Mosstodloch is to be opened by Robert B Burnett, a pig breeder who is to lose much of his land for new housing. He applied for and has been granted a provisional public house license. Once opened the premises will contain a public bar, cocktail bar, toilets and storage space. There will also be ample parking space.

Nov 16 **the South and West Church to lose their minister** - Rev. R.R. Hunt is to move to Dundee. He moved the following week.

M/D/ E - have booked **Sir Percy and the Riot Squad plus Live Wires** to play at their dance at Keith on November 17. They will also have **Freddie Mack and his Road Show** in 'The Shoes' Elgin

For their new venue in the Fife Lodge Hotel, Banff on Saturday first **Sir Percy and the Riot Squad** will again be performing.

Nov 23 **M/D/E** have booked **The Delroy Williams Band** for the Longmore Hall, Keith this Friday. At Banff on Saturday they will have **The Brown Heart Federation**.

Country-Dance Rally - A crowd of over 200 were present in the Fishermen's Hall on Friday of last week for the annual Country-Dance Rally. Music was provided by **Dugald Jenkins and the Heather Dance Band**.

Findochty F.C make merry - A photograph on page 9 shows the team enjoying themselves at their annual 'do' being held in the Strathlene Hotel.

Nov 30 **Arradoul House** - Arthur Bell and Sons, Distillers. Perth who own Inchgower Distillery, Buckie and who recently offered Arradoul House to Buckie Town Council may now offer it to Banff County Council. It is thought that it might become an Old Folks' Home.

M/D/E - have booked a new band to play in the Town Hall, Cullen. Their name is , **Six Good Reasons**.

Dec 7 **Charlie Hepburn dies** - **Charles** Hepburn a senior member of the Post Office for many years until he retired eight years ago died in Woodend Hospital, Aberdeen on Saturday. He was 69.

He began in the Post Office in 1912 at the age of 14 and when he retired was an assistant inspector of Postmen, a post he had held for many years.

He took a wide interest in all forms of local sport. He lived at Tighsheena, Elsley Place and is survived by his wife, two daughters and a son.

Banffshire Liberal Association invites you to come dancing at their dance in the St Andrews Hotel on 9th December. Music to be played by **Evelyn Paul's Band**. Dancing to suit all ages promised. Admission 4/-

M/D/E invites you to a dance in the Fife Lodge Hotel, Banff where The Foundations will play the music. Admission 5/-. Take this advert and take a guest in free.

Buckie Thistle release two - **Ian** Cowie a brother of Malcolm Cowie asked for his release and this was granted. Ian is now a student at the Technical College in Aberdeen. Alex Farquhar who returned to the Thistle at the start of the season but who has not been appearing I the side in recent weeks was also given his release.

Long journey for nothing - a lesson learnt the hard way. Cullen F.C. went all the way to Drumtocher near Dumbarton, a distance of 200 miles to play a challenge match only to find that their opponents, who had issued the challenge, failed to turn up.

Bill Cook, secretary, said that even if the opponents had turned up he wouldn't have allowed his players to play on a pitch covered with gravel and pieces of broken glass which could only too easily have led to injury.

The game was arranged through a fixture list found in an English soccer magazine - Charles Buchan's Football Monthly.

The 400-mile round trip cost Cullen F.C. £35 while the players were 25/- out of pocket through buying meals.

Dec 14 **M/D/E** - invites you to the Longmore Hall, Keith where The Cash Boutique will be chosen. The Cash Boutique Girl will be here in Keith handing out free nylons.

The winner of the Keith competition and the Runner/Up of the Keith contest will go forward to the Grand Final in Nairn on February 22.

Remember that there are vouchers for prizes at all the competitions with the top prize to be a fabulous Courtelle far coat.

Beat for the scene, Last Chapel and the Power Set.

Advert - For all your parties get Grant's Diploma Ice Cream - Easter Bogs - Clochan 225.

Dec 21 **Boat launch** - On Tuesday a 63-foot seine net fishing boat, Seafire (to be registered in Ullapool) was launched from the shipyard of Messrs Herd & McKenzie for four Nairn men and the Lochinver Fish Selling Coy. Ltd. The new vessel will be powered by a 180hp Caterpillar diesel engine. She took to the water almost complete and will be ready to sail to the west coast next week.

M/D/E invite you to their dance in the Fishermen's Hall, Buckie on 22 December. The Middle Earth will play music **and Garland Blues**. Beat group **Circle** will be playing in 'The Shoes' on Christmas Night.

Buckie Thistle is to run dances over the festive season. Among the groups who are to play are - The Notion, The Trak and The Friction. Also appearing on the same bill will be Hazel Strathdee and Sandy (duet) Scottish Dance Music. On Hogmanay there will be an over 25 dance in the Fishermen's Hall when the Renegades will play.

Cullen F.C. is to run dances in the Town Hall on 22 December, 23 December and Monday 25 December. The following bands will play - Billy Steele Combo, Duncan Watson's Band. The Deveronaires.

Buckpool Boxing and Sports Club are to run their usual free dance in the St Andrews Hall on Christmas night from 9.30 until 1 a.m. The Astoria band will play.

Advert and staff photograph - shows W. J. Taylor, Family and Shipping Butcher, 18 East Church Street.

Extension opened at Buckpool Golf Club - A £3,500 extension to Buckpool Golf Club was declared open by I. G. Shaw, vice president and former captain. Included in the new extension is a large new lounge with improved bar facilities, additional locker room accommodation for men and women while the old lounge has been converted into a rest room for boys.

Buckie Rovers team for Saturday - Jappy, Smith and McGoldrick; Mitchell, Legge and Robertson; Murray, J. Slater, W. Flett, Reid and J. Geddes. Sub. D. Slater.

Dec 28 **'Jags' Football Queen** - Miss Pat McIntyre a 15 year old 4th year schoolgirl of 3 Bede Road, Rathven was chosen Buckie Thistle Football Queen from about 12 finalists.

Deveronvale 8 Buckie Thistle 1 Fordyce had a double hat trick for the 'Vale, all his goals being scored in a 30 minute spell. The Buckie team was - Simpson, M. Cowie and Innes; Mackie, L. Cowie and Geddes; Lovie, Lyon, Murray, Boyd and Walker. Sub Paterson.