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Jan 4 Little of interest to note.

Jan 11 **Buckie Town Clerk to move** - George M. Sinclair who came to Buckie from Bo'ness as Town Clerk on the death of John L. McNaughton has been appointed Depute Town Clerk of Ayr and will take up his new post in April.

Local airman gains an award - Sgt. Technician Wm. John Brockie, only son of Mrs Helen Brockie, 15 Burns Square, Buckie, presently stationed at RAF Lyneham, Wilts, has been awarded Air Officer Commanding in Chiefs Commendation in the New Year's Honour's List. Sergeant Brockie was educated at Enzie Public School and was serving his time as a blacksmith at Broadley when he was called up for National Service. He chose to sign on as a regular.

He is a married man with two of a family, a son and a daughter. His wife is a Buckie girl, formerly Nola Ritchie, whose parents Mr and Mrs Andrew Ritchie, stay at 8 Well Road.

M/D/ E invite you to the dance in the new venue Fife Lodge Hotel, Banff this Saturday evening from 8p.m. till 12, when music will be played by the **Swinging Six Dance Band**. "This is the place for dancing and intimacy!"
Playing in the Longmore Hall, Keith on Friday first will be , **The Illusion plus the 'T' Set**.

Sunday evening dancing will be starting in the Fife Lodge Hotel on 21st January with music provided by **The Beatstalkers plus the New Jackobeats**.

Buckie and District Welfare Football League - 8 clubs have indicated their intention of competing in the Buckie & District Welfare League this coming season. The teams are - Fochabers, Portgordon, Keith, Buckie British Legion, Findochty, Cullen and Portsoy.

The committee took the decision to restrict teams to the area from Fochabers to Portsoy and inland to Keith.

George Stewart, the former Buckie Thistle, Dundee and St Mirren etc. player decided that he had no wish to continue as President. The new President elected was James A. Smith, Fish Merchant.

Jan 18 **Headline - House rents rocket up! Over 1000 tenants face a rise of 50p.c.**

His last delivery - Willie Fraser who had completed 31 years as a postman retired on Friday. He was awarded the Imperial Service Medal this being handed over by Mr R. H. Docherty, Head Postmaster, Banff.

Mr Fraser served in Burma during the war with General Wingate's famous Chindits.

M/D/E - Playing at the dance in the Longmore Hall, Keith on Friday will be **Lemon Soul** and **The Beatstalkers** Admission 7/-

Bill Geddes will provide the music at the dance in the Cullen Town Hall being ran by the Football Club on Saturday 20 January. Admission 4/-

Fochabers By-Pass - A by-pass road will not be built at Fochabers until the 1980's. this decision by the Scottish Development Board was passed on to Moray and Nairn Road's Department Committee. (Should this perhaps have read 2080's? They were still arguing the pros and cons of a by-pass to the north or south of the village in 2002)

No football - For the second week running icy weather caused wide-spread cancellation of football. Buckie versus Elgin city was one of the games off.

Youth Movements Flourish - The town is now witnessing an ever increasing number of young girls

wishing to join the Guides or the Brownies.

To cope with this a new Guide Company and Brownie Pack has just been formed. The new Guide Company held its first meeting in St Peter's R. C. School when there was a good attendance.

In charge is Mrs Mary Ritchie assisted by Miss Kathryn Drummond. Earlier in the week an additional Brownie Pack was formed at the Guide Hut on Newlands Lane under the leadership of Miss Ann Taylor.

There are now three Guide Companies and five Brownie Packs functioning in the burgh.

Bad accident at the Toll Bar junction - In the report of the accident mention was made of the fact that the Toll Bar cottage which stood on the west side of the junction on the road to Buckie had been demolished recently. This was said to have been done to improve visibility. The authorities were still waiting permission to demolish the much bigger building on the opposite side of the road which was formerly the Inchgower Inn and a stopping place for the mail coach up until the coming of the coast railway in 1886.

M/D/ E - ask why not come to the Longmore Hall, Keith this Friday where music for dancing will be provided by **The Phase 5**.

Ali Mohammed's Studio to let - The Photographic Studio which belonged to the late Mr Mohammed on East Church Street is to let. In the advert all the fittings were described and also that there was living accommodation with a toilet, wash basin and kitchen.

Feb 1 **Freeze of Swimming Pool Schemes** - By a majority decision Buckie Town Council are to call for a freeze on the swimming pool schemes which planned to have those built at Keith, Buckie and Banff until the country was in a healthier economic position. The letter to be addressed to Banffshire Education Committee.

M/D/ E - have booked **The Children** to play at their dance this week in the Longmore Hall.

Nae sma watter - From the sweat off my brow and others like me George Packman, Senior, Master Plasterer, was able to leave the sum of £30,449.

Feb 8 **Railway may become a road** - A suggestion was made that the Railway Bridge over the River Spey at Garmouth might be used as a road once the railway closes in May. There was room for a roadway measuring 10 feet wide that could be used for one way traffic.

M/D/ E - invite you to their dance in the Longmore Hall, Keith on Friday 9th February when the zany **Woodruff Operation plus the 'T' Set** will be providing the music. On Sunday in the Fife Lodge Hotel, Banff, **The Methode** will provide the music.

Feb 15 **M/D/ E** - ask why don't you come up to the Longmore Hall this week where **Skipin' Ropin' Bangles plus Methode** will be providing the music.

Nationalists to contest Banffshire Seat at the next election - This information was given out by John West, Buckie, chairman of the county SNP Association at a meeting held in Portsoy.

Nae need noo for soor milk - Milk that will keep fresh for weeks is being launched on the Scottish Market by the Scottish Milk Marketing Board. Long Life Milk and its companion Long Life is the result of intensive dairy research and a major new development in the Scottish dairy industry.

Feb 22 **Buckie boat runs aground - crew safe** - Six members of the crew of the Buckie fishing boat, Mistletoe, which ran aground at Spey Bay in the early hours of yesterday

(Wednesday) were snatched to safety by the Buckie lifeboat in a tense sea drama enacted less than 200 yards from the coast. (Full report is given on page 1.)

The Mistletoe ran aground on a bank of sand and shingle at the mouth of the River Spey while returning from the fishing grounds. The skipper is Wm. J. Smith, 12 Bryson, Craigbo.

May fight Moray and Nairn for the Liberals - Buckie headmaster and town councillor, Mr Albert Doran is considering the invitation to fight Moray and Nairn for the Liberal Party in the forthcoming election.

M/D/E - have **The Society plus the New Jacobites** booked to playing the Longmore Hall, Keith this Friday. In the Fife Lodge Hotel, Banff on Sunday **The Children** will play.

Feb 29 **We want the swimming pool** - With it being said that there was to be only the one swimming pool built in the county at the present time, members of the town council on a vote of 6-3 decided to write the Education Committee of Banff County Council asking that Buckie be given priority.

M/D/E - in the Longmore Hall, Keith on Friday **The School plus the 'T' Set** will play. On Sunday in the Fife Lodge Hotel dancers can hear and dance to **Mr Marigold Attraction**.

Picture of the fishing boat Mistletoe - page 7. This shows the boat high on dry on the sands at the mouth of the Spey where it was something of an attraction. It was pulled off at high tide on Sunday morning after a deep trench was bulldozed out to sea for some distance before two local boats, Arcturus and Lead Us which had been engaged on salvage work succeeded in pulling the Mistletoe off. The ill-fated vessel was then towed to Buckie and put on the slipway.

Buckie Methodist Church marks their 96 anniversary.

Thistle's new signings - Charlie McCandie, a forward, a native of Keith, who played formerly for Rothes and Huntly and centres half, Dennis Mackie who also played for Huntly. Mackie had already played a number of games for Buckie.

Mar 7 **Death of first school Dux** - The death took place in an Aberdeen hospital of Balfour Downie who was Dux of Buckie Secondary School, now Buckie High in 1905 and whose name is the first on the Dux Boards hung on the wall of the school. Balfour Downie was a son of George Downie, Fishcurer, Buckpool and left the school to take an M A degree at Aberdeen University. He was later headmaster of Campbeltown High School for 30 years. During the Great War he served as an officer with the Gordon Highlanders.

Extension to existing slaughterhouse - Permission in principle has been granted for an extension to the existing slaughterhouse at Buckpool. Mr A. M. Wilson, Planning Officer, stated that he had no objection to this development situated in a zone for industrial purposes in Buckie. The proposals were advertised in the Press and no objections had been forthcoming. **(See page 1 March 7 1968.)**

Business to close - A. R. Wilson, Shoemaker, Portgordon is giving notice that he will be closing down on Saturday 30 March.

Also to close - Alex and Clara Hay of the Ladies Shop, West Church Street will be closing down shortly but will be holding a 'Closing Down Sale' before this date.

SCWS Supermarket opens today Thursday 7 March 1968 Some prices - eating apples 4 for 1/6 sugar per 2lb bag 1/4 in the butcher department - oven ready fowls 5/3 each.

Boat launch - An inspection launch built for the Solomon Islands was launched from the shipyard of George Thomson and Son last Wednesday. The new vessel constructed of teak with a nylon-sheathed hull for special protection in Tropical water has been fitted with a 110 hp Gardner diesel engine. She has been named **Wainoni** although there was no naming ceremony. After trial a local crew will sail her to the port of London where she will be shipped out to the Solomons.

Mar 14 **New Town Clerk appointed** - John A. Riddle a native of Fochabers, meantime senior legal assistant with Ross and Cromarty is to become Buckie Town Clerk to succeed George Sinclair who is moving to Ayr. The starting salary is £2,400 rising to £3,750.

M/D/E - Two new names on the dance scene this week at both Keith and Banff. The Tangerine Machine will play in the Longmore Hall on Friday and The Rhubarb in the Fife Lodge Hotel on Sunday. On Sunday buses as usual will run from Buckie, Keith and Huntly leaving each venue at 7.30 p.m.

Now a little more common - Buckie Ladies Circle will hold a coffee morning in the North Church Hall on Saturday morning in aid of Children's Playing Field. Coffee and tea together with morning rolls will be served from 10am till 12 noon. There will be a Sales Table. Tickets cost 2/-

First house opened on the Miltonfields estate - The first Multicon house on Miltonfields is to be opened on March 15 1968. The multicon house type was first developed by Weir of Coatbridge in 1925 and 184 are to be built in Buckie for the town council. At a cost of £522.200 Councillor Hogg of Aberdeen will open the first house

Buckie Amateur Swimming Club reformed under new leadership - President - Charles Shearer; Vice President - Rev Ainslie Walton; Secretary - Mrs J. Innes; Treasurer - Ian Forbes.

Accident claims life of Buckie teenager - John Sutherland, 13, son of local doctor, John W. Sutherland, Drummoyne, West Church Street, died in Dr Gray's Hospital, Elgin early on Friday morning after being seriously injured in a car accident on the A98 road four miles from Buckie. There were five teenagers in the car, all pupils of Buckie High School, when it left the road at a corner near the farm of the Holl 1/4 mile east of the Tynet Crossroads. The driver was 17 year old John Taylor, 16 West Church Street. David Taylor, 16, his brother, like the driver escaped injury but their sister, Anne, 15, and Trevor Wilson, Queen Street, sustained minor injuries. The five young people are all musicians and members of Buckie High School Orchestra were returning home after attending music practice in Elgin.

M/D/ E advises that the groups playing in the Longmore Hall this Friday will be The Motion plus The Banana Hinge.

George Mair's band will play at the dance being run by Cullen F.C. in the Town Hall, Cullen on Saturday 23 March. Admittance 4/- from 9 p.m. until 11.45 p.m.

Boat launch - A 76-foot long wooden seiner/trawler, **Ajax**, was launched from the shipyard of Messrs Herd & McKenzie on Saturday. The £60,000 vessel took to the water almost complete and is fitted with a six cylinder 380 hp Caterpillar diesel engine. The Ajax has been fitted with all the latest navigational equipment and fishing aids and gear, including a combined seine/trawl hydraulic driven winch. Research facilities have also been provided aboard for an Industrial Development Unit of the White Fish Authority. Skipper Wm. Campbell is an advisory member. The Ajax is the fourth fishing vessel to be built by H & M for Skipper Campbell since 1954 and the 7th for members of the Campbell family since 1934.

The Argosy 1934, Arnhem 1947, Alliance 1949, Acorn 1954, Argosy 1958 and Ajax in 1962. The first Ajax was recently bought by Skipper Joe Humphrey and renamed the Orion.

Mar 28 **'Charities Queen' - Miss** Linda Ross, 15, of 1 McIntosh Avenue, Craigbo, was chosen as Charities Queen at a Student Dance held in the Portessie Public Hall Linda is a pupil at Buckie High School

Apr 4 **Steamplate Union** - the name of a group booked to play at a dance to be held in the Town Hall, Findochty.

April 11 **Thirty three of the multicom houses on Miltonfields have now been allocated.** This means that there are still 154 to go. Information given to the Press is that they are becoming available at a rate of 6 houses per week.

M/D/E - have booked the following groups to play in the Longmore Hall, Keith On Friday 12 April music will be played by **Mr Dear Watson**, formerly called The Copycats

The following week there will be three groups playing - **The Rogues, the New Jacobs and The Zoo.**

Then on the Friday 26 April dancers can hear **The Searchers** play.

He's gan oot - A dispenish sale will take place at the farm of Path-head, Clochan on Saturday 13 April, farmer, G. A. Johnston.

Notice closure of the coast railway - On Monday May 6 the Aberdeen to Elgin via Buckie railway line will be closed. The Dufftown line will also close at the same time. **It didn't close on the Monday with trains running until Saturday 11th May.**

April 18 **Boat launches - A** 70' twin screw motor stern trawler was launched from the shipyard of Messrs Jones on Saturday. Built at a cost of £60,000 for North Shields owners the new vessel, christened **Conduan** has a number of innovations.

She has been built to a revolutionary and ultra modern design by G. L. Watson and Coy. Naval architects and incorporates many new features in her construction with a great deal of attention being paid to the provision of improved working conditions on deck for the crew.

The keel was laid a year ago after the vessel was successfully tested in a tank at John Brown's Shipyard on the Clyde.

The Conduan has all the latest navigational equipment, R/T communications and fishing aids.

She is the first fishing boat to be built with two engines, both of these being 156 Gardner diesel type with variable pitch propellers while a third engine, also a Gardner, has been installed for driving the combined seine and trawl winch. The electrical power is in the region of 10kw.

The Conduan has been built for Allan Morse and his brother Norman who already run a fleet of three fishing boats, one of which, the Conmoran was built by Jones 10 years ago.

The Conduan was launched complete and once in the water sailed off under her own steam. She will be used for both seine and trawl.

Police Judge Thomas Lang is not to stand for the new council on health grounds.

M/D/ E - extend an invitation to all dancers to their dance in the Longmore Hall, Keith on 26 April when the biggest name band yet, **The Searchers** plus **The Sinners** will be playing.

Decimal coinage - The *first decimal coins will be issued on Tuesday April 23 1968. They are the ten penny coin written 10p, which can be used exactly like a 2/- coin and the five new penny (5p) coin which can be used like a shilling.*

Miss SNP (Buckie) chosen at a dance last Friday in the Fishermen's Hall is Miss Caroline Innes, 6 Bryson Crescent. Portessie, a 17 year old bank clerkess in Findochty.

The Easter Princess chosen at a dance in Cullen was Miss Mabel Legge, Hillhead, Portknockie. She is 19 years of age and a clerkess/typist.

Apr 25 **Children's New Play Park** - Work on the Buckie and District Round Table project, a children's play ground at Tarbuckie will start as soon as planning permission is given. It is planned to have junior and senior swings, a seesaw, a junglegym, a shute, log-pile, a whirling platform, climbing ladders, concrete pipe layout, sand pit and horizontal bars with the possibility of a paddling pool at a later date.

Boys Brigade 20th anniversary - 1st Buckie Boys Brigade was formed in 1948 by James R. Duncan former PT of Science at Buckie High School, He returned on Friday night for the 20th anniversary. A cake baked by David Fowler a former member of the BB's to commemorate the special occasion was cut by Mrs Duncan wife of the inspecting officer.

John Lawtie rousing out - A dispenish sale is to take place at Allolath, Clochan, on Saturday 27 April. He went to Allolath from Hornes Croft near Inchgower. (I min getherin' tatties there on weet clarty ground with the dreel opened up wi a ploo. It was too sticky for the tattie digger tae werk.)

Measles Vaccination for 4-7 year olds will start next month.

May 2 **The Coast Railway** - The front page carries an article about the local stretch of the railway prior to its planned closure on Monday 6th May.

Coffee Morning - These are becoming a lot more common than previously. The local Tory Party members held one in the Commercial Hall last Saturday and this Saturday it is the turn of the Girl Guides. Tickets are priced the same at 2/-

M/D/ E has booked **The Inhibition** to play this Friday in the Longmore Hall, Keith. If you have this advert in your possession a friend can in for free. On Sunday **Mr Marigold Attraction** will be playing in Banff.

Football Queen - Chosen as Football Queen at a dance ran by Cullen F.C. was Miss Patricia Birnie, Garronhaugh, Bridge of Marnoch. Patricia is 18 years old and a nurse at Chalmers Hospital, Banff.

Decimal Coinage - A picture on page 10 shows the two decimal coins now in circulation.

Local bobby Football Internationalist - James Clark, a native of Buckie who's home was on Seaview Road, has been selected to play for the Scottish Police team.

Buckie Rovers officials - At their annual general meeting George Stewart (not Ruf) was re-elected President, Vice President, Eric Lewis, Secretary/Treasurer, Norman Taylor. Committee - J. Cowie, J. Mitchell (trainer), Mrs N. Taylor, Mrs G. Stewart, Mrs R. Reid, Mrs E. Lewis, Mrs J. Cowie and Mrs M. Thomson.

May 9 **Closure of the Coast railway** - Instead of the last train along the line being on Monday 6 the closure was delayed until Saturday night to give the line which had been open for 80 years a decent funeral. The last trains going in either direction was packed with crowds of people making a sentimental journey. The train itself took longer than normal to make the journey with the driver and guard being photographed at every station all along the way. The last train left Buckie Station at 850p.m. There are two photographs on the front page of this edition. One shows Alex Geddes (Buckie) a railway worker, Fred Bremner, Guard, Lhanbryde and James McPherson. Elgin, driver.

The other was taken at Findochty station and shows Dean of Guild J. Greig, collecting the daily paper off the first train in the morning from Aberdeen from Robert Man, Newmill who was the Guard on the train.

Huge crowds gathered at every station, especially Cullen and Buckie to wave the train good bye with people standing at other vantage points to witness the end of an era.

M/D/ E - have booked to play at Banff this week, **The Sterling Showband** and at the Two Red Shoes **Floribunda Rose**.

Do you remember? A person writing to the B. A. asked readers if they remember the plate which used to hang between Gibson the Chemist on West Church Street and the D.E. Shoe Shop next door which read -

They come as a boon and a blessing to men,

The Pickwick, the Owl

And the Waverley pen.

(Looking back from March 2002 I

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School crossing patrol - Banffshire Education Committee agreed to site a school crossing patrol at the east end of the Victoria Bridge.

Mr G. C. McKenzie, Rector of Buckie High School said that while there had been no serious accidents yet there had been a number of near things. Since the bridge had been improved traffic now crossed at a faster speed than formerly.

May 16 **M/D/E** have booked **The Sweet Soc** to play in the Longmore Hall, Keith on Friday 24 May.

Swimming Pools - The Scottish Secretary of State, Mr William Ross has asked Banffshire Education Authorities to postpone their proposals to construct indoor swimming pools at Buckie, Banff and Keith until 1970.

Spike's column - A Sentimental Journey on the Last Train from Buckie

New town councillor - Buckie's newest town councillor, Mr Sammy Cowie, Watchmaker took his seat at a special meeting of the council held on Friday evening.

Award for Lifeboat Coxswain - Buckie lifeboat coxswain, George A. Jappy was awarded the RNLi Bronze Medal for the part he played in the rescue of six men off the fishing boat Mistletoe that ran aground at the mouth of the Spey.

M/D/ E - have booked the following group to play in the Longmore Hall, Keith, this Friday - **Dave and Dee-Dees Playground plus the Sweet Soc**
In the Two Red Shoes on Wednesday 22 May - The Allan James Duo

The Inchgower Inn - A photograph in this edition on page shows the sad end of the former Inchgower Inn at the Toll Bar Junction on the A98 as it was being pulled down. The Toll Bar Cottage was demolished in December 1967. A second picture shows the junction minus both structures with a note saying how motorists would welcome their removal as it would greatly improve visibility and lead to fewer accidents. (Perhaps they were right on that score but there is no doubt that they were both features and I was one who was sad to see their removal.)

Jobs went with the closure of the railways - Sixteen rail workers lost their jobs at Buckie with the closure of the station and railway line. All told 77 people were made redundant in Banffshire

Buckie Rovers played four matches in 8 days.

Buckie Thistle was going through the mill - They were beaten by eight clear goals by Peterhead on Saturday.

May 30 **Maritime Museum?** A small committee has been set up by Buckie Town Council to look into the possibility of establishing a Maritime Museum in Buckie. Recently a group in Cullen was set up to consider the same object. Those involved are Douglas Summers, Alex Gardiner and James Findlay. Co. Alex J. Murray suggested the idea. Co. Doran said that the idea had been raised before but the difficulty had been of finding suitable accommodation. It was agreed that they should offer to meet with the Cullen trio.

M/D/E - have arranged for the American leading soul singer **Nepenthe** to sing at their dance in the Longmore Hall, Keith, on Friday of this week. Also appearing will be the two groups - the **'T' Set and Pieces of Mind**. Next week **Wayne Fondland** will appear with the groups **Opposition** and also the **'T' Set**.

Boat launch - the 50' seiner/trawler, Janeen took to the water from the shipyard of Herd & McKenzie on Saturday for two Buckie men, Joseph Smith, Kingsmead, West Cathcart Street and George S. Jappy, 6 Hay Street. The Janeen has been fitted with a 210 Caterpillar diesel engine and has been designed for stern working. She was launched complete.

Buckie Thistle finishes season in the black - This was said by the treasurer at the annual meeting of the club. The president, Mr Pat Donald said however that he was disappointed at the lack of support given to the team both from the public and by local business men in particular.

June 6 **M/D/ E** have the following group and singer booked for the Longmore Hall, Keith tomorrow. **Wayne Fontana plus Sun Spot**. Next week, 14 June **the Sponge** will be appearing.

Sunday dancing in Banff - There was no mention in this week's advert about a dance in Banff nor did this appear over the next month, if not longer.

Push for Buckie to have the first indoor swimming pool - The campaign to have the first indoor swimming pool sited in Buckie as opposed to Keith or Banff gained additional support from the members of Buckie High School Primary Department, PTA.

Buckie Thistle's new signings - Stewart Masson, Portsoy and Bruce Masson, Buckie British Legion. Both lads are 17 years old and have been playing in the Welfare League this year. They have also signed George Hay, former Rovers' player who had several outings with Buckie but who was playing with Rothes in the Highland League last season.

In addition the following players have been re-signed - Dennis Simpson, Jimmy Innes, Spencer Lyon, Dennis Mackie, Billy Lovie, Gordon Geddes and Derek Walker.

June 13 **M/D/ E** have three groups playing at Keith this Friday - **The Sponge (Manchester), The Royal Teens (Aberdeen) and Skid Row (Elgin)**. Next week, 21 June dancers will have the music played by **Hi Steppin' Damson Jam plus Negatives**.

June 20 **New minister inducted** - Buckie South Church's new minister, Rev George W. Duncan, a former bank teller was ordained and inducted at a special service in the church last Wednesday.

Opening announcement - A. Cameron Murray, 29 West Church Street, next to the Playhouse, Carpets and Floor Coverings.

The following shops to open half day on Wednesday during July and August - Baby Boutique, East Church Street. John A. Cormack, Draper, West Church Street. W. G. Davidson, Electrician, West Church Street. E. Duncan, Draper, East Church Street. T. M. Jack (Little Wonder) East Church Street. H.

Leslie, Draper, Rathburn Street, Ianstown. James Mackay, East Church Street. D. G. McGregor, Jeweller, High Street. F. Ritchie, Draper and Household Goods, East Church Street. C. Robertson, Cycle Agent, East Church Street. John Sandison, Draper, East Church Street. C. I. Shearer, Draper, East Church Street. SCWS Drapery and Hardware, East Church Street. The Sports Shop, W. Reid, High Street. Walker and Smith, Electrician, West Church Street.

Boat launch - a 70' seiner/trawler was launched from the shipyard of Messrs George Thomson and Son on Wednesday for two Port Seton fishing brothers., Thomas and Archibald Johnston. The new vessel, christened, **Starella** is to be powered by a 320hp Kelvin diesel engine.

June 20 **Successful season** - Buckie Rovers won the Morayshire Junior League and also collected four other trophies.

M/D/E - are to have **The Fox** playing at their dance in the Longmore Hall, Keith tomorrow. (Winston G is now with this group.) plus the 'T' Set.

Clever bairns - The Duxes of Findochty School are Wm. A. Innes, Secondary Department and Alan Simpson, Primary.

First county swimming pool to be built at Keith. This was the decision reached by the Banffshire Education Committee after a discussion lasting an hour. Many people in Buckie were displeased including the Rector of Buckie High School who was of the opinion that the whole committee should have discussed the matter.

July 4 **Joint Duxes at Buckie High School** - Two pupils came first in the prize list of the Secondary Department of Buckie High School - Isobel Stewart and Janice Shearer

Boat launch - A 65 foot motor fishing boat was launched from the shipyard of Messrs Herd & McKenzie last Saturday. Christened **New Dawn** she has been built for 3 Dunure, Ayrshire, brothers, Alex, John and Robert Munro. Of a wooden construct the New Dawn can be adapted for ring net, seine net or trawl. She has been fitted with a 320hp Kelvin diesel engine and her equipment includes a new type of Norwegian hydraulic winch. The New Dawn is the second boat which Herd & McKenzie have built for the brothers, the **Fair Morn** was launched in September 1966.

Portknockie Duxes - George Milne is Dux of the Secondary Department, being awarded a watch which is given each year to the Dux of the school. He also received a special prize for 10 years perfect attendance. There were joint Duxes in the Primary Department - M. Carstairs and B. Stephen. They also shared the Anderson Bruce Prize.

A story - With the price of clothes rocketing to astronomical heights and many people suffering from unemployment a Portgordon woman last week answered a knock at her door. "Ony rags the day, missus? queried her caller. "Aye", she replied, "I'll tak twa bags".

Top of the school at Portessie - L. Cummins was Dux of the Secondary Department while E. R. Bruce and D. Bruce were Joint Duxes of the Primary Department.

July 11 **Cullen Gala Queen** - Miss Elma Innes, 4 Campbell Street, Cullen a 15 year old schoolgirl was chosen as Cullen Gala Queen. Her attendants are Miss Morag Milne, 21, 7 Binview Road and Miss Eleanor Cowie, Blantyre Farm.

M/DE - have My Dear Watson plus the Negatives playing at their dance in the Longmore Hall, Keith this Friday. Next week, 19 July, they have booked to play The Mindbenders (Chart Toppers) plus The Phase V.

Pastor leaves - Miss Thatcher (note not the hand bag swinging ex Prime Minister, Mrs Thatcher) has left the Assembly of God, the church on Newlands Lane where she has been since it was opened. Thanks were extended to both her and the Trustees for their services over the years. There will be no services convened in the church in the meantime but will re-open at the end of the holiday season under the leadership of Pastor and Mrs D. Tate.

Findochty business sold - Mr and Mrs G. F. Smith have sold their grocery business at 27 Commercial Street, Findochty to Mr and Mrs J. D. Newlands.

New signing for The Thistle - Buckie Thistle have signed Conrad Bremner, 24 year old centre forward or half back who has been with Keith F. C. for two seasons.

July 18 **They winna ken far we are** - Members of Buckie Town Council on Monday evening were critical of the size of the sign which had been erected at the Toll Bar junction on the A98 pointing towards Buckie. When representations were made to the Roads Department of Banff County Council for a larger sign this was turned down. As one member said you would be past the road end before you would see the sign a poor replacement for the large 6 feet high sign which was found on the gable ends of the now demolished former Inchgower Inn.

Cullen Maritime Exhibition - A photograph on page one shows Major James Findlay, Peter Anson Douglas Summers and Alex Gardiner at opening of the Maritime Exhibition in the Cullen Town Hall. These men were responsible for the event and had advertised for the public to hand in items associated with the fishing industry etc. which it was felt would be of interest too many people. Two of the major attractions area dog -buoy and a four-foot long model, and an exact replica, of the Aberdeen trawler, Ben Lui which was built by Leslie Nicol of Buckie. The making of the model entailed 3000 hours of work. The black, tar-coated dog-buoy was used by fishermen in earlier days as floats for their nets but disappeared from use over forty years ago.

Buckie Thistle dances - Fund-raising dances by the Thistle committee will be held in the Fishermen's Hall on Saturday 20th and Monday 22nd July. **The Steam Plate Union** will play on the Saturday with **the Method** (Aberdeen) on Monday.

Buckie Gala and Amenities Committee are to hold an 'Over 25s dance in the Fishermen's Hall on Friday 19th July when **Bill Geddes** and his band will play. The dance will run from 9p.m until 1 a.m. with tickets costing 5/-.

Cullen F.C. are to hold a dance in the Town Hall, Cullen, on Saturday 20 July when music will be played by **The Countryboys**. The dance will run from 9.30 p.m. until **11.55 p.m.**

Note that for a long time Saturday dances had always stopped at 11.30 p.m. with as yet no permission being given to continue into Sunday morning but it has been seen how the closing time has steadily become later.

The football club is also going to hold a 'Peter Fair' on Wednesday 24 July when the **Deveronaires** will play.

Pin Up Girl - Thirteen year old Miss Ethel Murray, 22 Great Western Road, Buckie, was chosen as 'Pin Up Girl' at a dance ran by TS Buccaneer, the local Sea Cadet Unit at dance in the Town House. The dance marked the start of the unit's Gala Week programme. Other events will be a Baby Show, an air-sea rescue demonstration involving Buckie Lifeboat, a helicopter from RNAS Lossiemouth and divers from the air station. Afternoon teas will be served in the North Church hall on Friday while on Saturday there will be a mile of pennies on East and West Cathcart Street and a barbecue on Cluny Square on Saturday evening.

Boat launch - A 65 foot long wooden motor trawler, christened the **Ilene** was launched this week from the shipyard of Messrs Jones for Mr Ian Smith. The Ilene which took to the water almost complete has been fitted with a 200hp Gardner engine and all the latest navigational aids and fishing equipment. The Ilene was developed by Jones from the very successful '**Onward**' a 63' fishing boat with a larger beam than was previously built on vessels of this size and which was launched by the firm for Northern Ireland owners in 1967. Skipper Smith, 14 Cooper Street, Buckpool, was formerly skipper of the Buckie fishing boat, **Rising Sea**, which has now been sold to a Sandend owner.

Canvas Queen - Miss Jean McIntosh, 2 Alnath Place, Buckpool, was chosen Canvas Queen at a marquee dance held at Linkbraeheads, near Portsoy, on Friday. Her attendants were - Miss Patricia Birnie, Marnoch and Miss Valerie Cole, Cluny Square, Buckie.

An odd sign - Seen in the Buckie shop - 'Baby Boutique' " We have an unrivalled selection of baby's booties - they'll last a life time "

July 25 **No more please** - The organisers of the Maritime Exhibition in Cullen have had to ask that no more exhibits be handed in as they lack the room but they do appreciate the offers. What they would like to do is to prepare a list of all the features and where they are located since it is the intention to make a complete recording of everything of a maritime interest that is available in the area for future use if the idea of a establishing a maritime museum develops.

Portgordon bakery to close - Esslemont Bakers, 9 Gordon Street, Portgordon are giving up business after 31 years on health grounds. They recently had to reluctantly withdraw the van round.

M/D/ E- it was noted that Modern Dancing Enterprises had not advertised a dance in the Longmore Hall, Keith for the past two weeks. This was seen as odd since it had been a permanent fixture for a long time.

Fireman retires - George 'Pommy' Green BEM was given a presentation when he retired this week after 31 years service with Buckie part-time Fire Brigade. For a number of the past years he has been officer in charge, a post that will now be filled by 37 year old George McKay, foreman mechanic at the Central Garage, who presided at the ceremony. Mr McKay has been with the Fire Brigade for nine years and leading fireman for the past three.

Thistle re-signs Alex Simpson who played at centre forward last season and who had been expected to move elsewhere.

Aug 1 **Still nae M/D/ E dances in Keith.**

Do you fancy a job ? - Applications are invited for the post of Road Crossing Patrol - man or woman- at Victoria Bridge. Hours 3½ approximately per day. Wage 5/3 per hour. Applications should be sent to the Director of Education, Earlsmount, Keith.

Peter Fair - a tongue in cheek report by Spike was the only written evidence that Peter Fair had taken place in 1968.

A business announcement - Do It Yourself - P. G. Drummond, 39 East Church Street. - Hardboard, Plywood, Contiboard, Weyrock, Blockboard, Asbestos cut to size if required. Tiles for ceiling, floor or wall. These can be fixed if the customer desires this.

Peter Fair - A solitary on page 9 marks the passing of the age-old market. There was no other report apart from that telling of how two Cullen men had been fined for a fracas at the fair.

Aug 8 **New Slaughterhouse** - The plans for a new slaughterhouse, costing £120,000 put forward by Aberdeen and Northern Marts Ltd, Aberdeen were approved by the town council on Monday evening. When the new building is completed a guarantee was given that it would give employment for at least 25 people.

Cullen's Gala pays off - Cullen's Gala week was blest with lovely sunny weather, which did much to help gross a figure of well over £1,500.

A wee poem on the front page, written by J. Hay is full of praise for different people who were much involved with the Gala.

There are a number of photographs of the Gala in this edition

M/D/ E was back in this edition with an advert for a dance in Cullen and one in Keith.

The **Royal Teens** will play in Cullen and **My Dear Watson** in the Longmore Hall.

Portknockie put one over Rothes - Portknockie played the Highland League team in a friendly match and won by two goals to one. The Portknockie team was - A. Hay, E. Addison, A. Flett; J. Humphrey, A. Laing and W. Weir; W. McDonald, G. Milne, W. Shepherd, L. Mair and A. Smith.

Aug 15 **New Slaughterhouse** will be the centre for three counties and capable of dealing with 100 cattle units per day compared with 20 at present.

Buckie was not the first site to be considered by Aberdeen and Northern Marts, Ltd. Aberdeen. The company wanted to site the slaughterhouse in Keith but the town council came out against the proposal. A spokesman for the firm said, " We wanted to build in Keith first and foremost but the council didn't want us there. They were very cold about the whole proposal. On the other hand Buckie welcomed the new slaughterhouse which will provide labour for 25 when completed."

**** **Enzie WRI do well** - It was the Enzie WRI's day at Keith Show winning two trophies and an outstanding individual exhibit. **The report is given on the front page.**

M/D/E - have the beat group **-Sunny Mayfield Meditation** plus the New Jacobites playing at their dance in the Longmore Hall, Keith while at Cullen they have booked **Malcolm Clark and the Crester plus The Friction and The Trak**

Aberdeen building firm goes down - The Aberdeen Building and Civil Engineering firm, Clark and Chapman who have contracts in the local area, including a lot of distillery work, with an office in Rothes, have gone into voluntary liquidation leading to 140 men losing their jobs. Clark and Chapman have been in existence for 57 years.

Buckie Thistle began the new season as they left off on the receiving end of a fairly major defeat. They went down by five goals to one in a match against the Clach.

The Thistle team was - D. Simpson, Stewart and J. Leask, Mackie, Cowie and Lyon; Grant, Lovie, Murray, A. Simpson and Innes. Sub. Geddes.

A Paper Boy Scrap - A challenge six aside football match between the paper boys employed by J. Pozzi, High Street and Messrs Milne, East Church Street, ended in an overwhelming victory for the Pozzi lads by 12 clear goals.

Portgordon F.C. are Champions - Portgordon won the Buckie and District Welfare League with 28 points from the 16 games played. Buckpool came last with only four points.

Aug 22 **Sweet Peas - best yet** - There were 20 vases of sweet peas at Cullen Flower Show with all specimens of a high quality. The general opinion was that this was the best display ever seen at Cullen.

M/D/E - Come dancing at 'the Shoes' Elgin every Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Wednesday - 9-12; Friday - 9-1a.m and Saturday 9- 12. Note the closing time on Saturday, up to midnight now.

Resident band - Jim Martin Band plus Malcolm Clark and the Cresters on Friday 23 August.

Buckie Rovers (League Champions) were beaten by six goals to three by Burghead Thistle in the first game of the new season. The complaint was that there were six players missing either on holiday or some other reason.

Buckie Thistle rings the changes. After the heavy defeat the previous week, Buckie Thistle made several changes for Saturday's game and beat Huntly by four goals to two. They had four trialists from the Welfare League - Michael Fraser in goal and Colvin Cowie at outside left, both Keith Dynamos players and George Grant and Robert Hindle of Portgordon.

Dennis Murray, (Buckie) formerly with Huntly and Rothes scored twice.

Aug 29 **M/D/E** have booked **The Albert Fish** to play in the Longmore Hall this Friday and **The Mint Tulip** the following week.

Assembly of God, Newlands Lane - The church will re-open for worship as from Saturday 31st August. Pastor David H. Tate.

For Sale - houses at 1 Baron Lane and 16 Baron Street and shops at 15 and 17 Baron Street. Apply R. Grant, East Street. Fochabers.

Were you in the 'Qually' class in 1928/29 at Buckie ? A photograph on page 5 shows the Qualifying Class at Buckie Secondary School of 1928/29. The pupils are all named. Unfortunately the quality of the reproduction is poor.

Sept 5 **Unemployment in Banffshire** was the highest for five years. The figures within the brackets shows what it was the previous year. Buckie area - 153 (165); Keith area - 181 (122); Banff area - 198 (210) As can be seen unlike both Keith and Banff Buckie shows a slight improvement .

Another tanking for the Thistle - Peterhead 8 Buckie Thistle 1

Sept 12 **Tory Leader pays visit to the north east** - Ted Heath the leader of the Tory Party and the Opposition spoke to a crowd of 800 at a meeting in Keith on Tuesday. After staying over night at the Cullen Bay Hotel he paid a visit to Buckie and the shipyard of Messrs Herd & McKenzie where he also met representatives from the other two shipyards of George Thomson and Son and also Messrs Jones. (He shook hands with my step mother -in-law while on a walk about in the town and I believe she didn't wash her hand for a week, being a rank Tory she was so thrilled.) He left later in the morning for Baxter's at Fochabers.

New meeting place - Portknockie Town Council met on Tuesday night for the first time in the hall at 16 Church Street recently purchased for use of the community. Photographs of all the provosts and town clerks since the village became a burgh are to be hung in the council chambers.

M/D/E - have booked **The Elizabethans** to play at a dance in the Town Hall, Cullen on Friday 20 September. There will be no dances in the Longmore Hall, Keith during the month of September.

Miss Frances W. Kynoch, Firlands, Fochabers and formerly of Strathlene died at Ballater at the age of 92. She was the only daughter of Mr and Mrs George Kynoch Isla Bank, Keith. After her schooling she made her home at Strathlene with her uncle W. G. Bryson where she was to remain up until the early 1930s when the house and estate of Strathlene were sold to Buckie Town council. During the Great War - 1914-1918 she opened and administered a Red Cross hospital in the church hall At Portessie. She acted as Commandant, assisted by a trained nursing sister and Red Cross nurses. Besides being involved with the Red Cross she was also closely associated with the Girl Guides.

Sept 19 **Buckie marine engineer now church minister** - Former engineer at a Buckie Shipyard, Rev. Wm. Cowie was ordained and been inducted to his first charge at Leslie Baptist Church, Fife on Saturday.

Cullen F.C is to run a dance in the Town Hall on Saturday 21st September when the **Chordettes Band** will supply the music.

Advance made on telephone dialling system - STD comes to Buckie on Wednesday 18th September at 1.30 p.m. From this time onward one just has to dial the code of the area you require followed by the individual number you want. Automatic equipment will connect you in a few minutes. (In 2002 this was seconds anywhere in the world.) Full instructions are given on the advert.

M/D/E " For the singer with the way-way-out revealing dresses meet **Dawn Barrie** in the Two Red Shoes this week. Is she really Shirley Bassey's successor?" In the Cullen Town Hall on 27th September M/D/E have booked **Cherry Blossom Clinic** to play.

Christies' Nurseries Fochabers - Over 1800 people attended an Open Day held at Messrs Christies' Nurseries in Fochabers on Sunday when the sum of £200 was raised for local charities.

Buckie Sea Cadets - A photograph on page 10 shows Captain W. .D. S White, Captain of the Sea Cadets Corps inspecting the members of TSS Buccaneer at their Headquarters on Low Street, Buckie.

Buckie Thistle signed Colvin Cowie the former Keith Dynamo player who played a number of trials.

Buckie Rovers' team for Saturday - Brian Ross (Forres), Taylor and McGoldrick; Smith, Slater and Mair; Cruickshank, Flett, Murray, Mitchell and Geddes. Sub - Green.

Sept 26 **A droll proposal** - *Buckie Town Council are to investigate the possibility of converting the Town House hall into a council chamber and committee room because existing facilities, according to the Burgh Surveyor, John Murray, are 'filthy'. (Surely to clean it up wouldn't have been a mammoth task.) This was decided on Monday - a full conversion of the hall, including lowering the ceiling, was estimated to cost around £4,000. Mr Murray also said that the Town House hall was inadequate from the point of view of dances with the toilet facilities completely useless. It is accepted that even in 2002 that the toilet provision is still poor but one is left wondering how everyone managed during the war years, 1939 to 1945 when huge crowds attended the Welfare dances. Thank goodness common sense prevailed with a nonsensical suggestion being sunk without trace.)*

M/D/E - have booked Up Town the Go Go Band to play at their dance in the Town Hall, Cullen on 4th October. Admittance 6/6.

Opening announcement - Burnside Decorators, 2 Reidhaven Street, Ianstown, from 30th April.

For Sale - House and shop at 15 and 17 Reidhaven Street, Iainstown and a further house and shop at 2 and 4 Gordon Street, Buckie. Apply to Smith and Wilson, Solicitors.

- Oct 3 **Buckie Thistle new president appointed** - Frank Farquharson, an official with the Hydro Board, has been appointed President of Buckie Thistle in succession to Patty Donald. Mr Farquharson put forward a suggestion that the club should run weekly Bingo sessions in the Fishermen's Hall on Saturday evenings to raise funds. This was accepted.

A Disclaimer notice - Buckie Thistle F.C. "We want to make it clear that the presently constituted Buckie Thistle F.C. has no connection, whatsoever with Buckie Thistle Sports Club." F. Farquharson, President, R. Smith, Secretary.

M/D/E - have booked **New Mo-Jo Band** to play at their dance in Cullen on 4 Oct. **They are also to run a dance in Two Red Shoes on Monday starting at 00.01 a.m. and continuing through until 2.30 a.m. Midnight Beat Scene.**

Buckie Thistle - Pat Donald stepped down as President of Buckie Thistle with Vice President Frank Farquharson stepping up. The new Vice President is Richard Grant, Fochabers.

Shock for the Rovers who were beaten at home by Forres Thistle to the tune of eight goals to nil in a league match.

- Oct 10 **Convent House** - The first convent house to be established in Buckie was officially opened on Saturday by Right Rev Bishop Michael Foylan, RC Bishop of Aberdeen. Formerly the private dwelling house of Ruthin, at the corner of West Street and West Church Street, the new convent is a branch house of Greyfriars Convent, Elgin and will be occupied by Sisters of Mercy from that convent. At the present time four sisters are meantime in residence. (The convent was later used as a manse for the minister of Rathven and Enzie churches before again reverting back to a private home.)

M/D/ E - have booked **The Clansmen** to play in Cullen on Friday 11 October. And in the Two Red Shoes, Elgin 14 October a dance will take place on Monday morning. Doors will open at 11.00p.m on Sunday night while the dance will start at one minute past midnight and continue through until 2.30 a.m. The bands that will play will be the **New Mo-Jo Band plus Hi Steppin' Damson Jam.**

Nairn St Ninian, the newcomers to the North Regional (North Section) Junior League are to make their first visit to Buckie on Saturday when they play Buckie Rovers at Victoria Park. They lost by the only goal of the game scored by Peter Mitchell.

- Oct 17 **Coffee Morning at Clochan** - This event organised by Miss Margaret Guthrie, Headmistress of Enzie Special School assisted by parents of children raised the sum of £85 for school funds,

Advert - Spence, 12 Station Road, and Findochty - Girls and Boys ankle and $\frac{3}{4}$ stockings. Ladies, Girls, Men, Boys, shoes and slippers.

M/D/E Cullen Town Hall on 25 October dance to music by **Day in the Life of J. Smith**

A notice said that there were to be no dances in the Longmore Hall, Keith during September as it happened no dances ran by M/D/E took place there again in 1968.

Gas Federation - The Buckie Branch of the Women's Gas Federation celebrated its 8th birthday at the monthly meeting held in the West Church Street gas showrooms.

Computer Programmer - A Buckie man, Samuel Cowie, of 3 Barfield Road. who is a Computer Programmer with the Ministry of Education and Science in Darlington recently got married to a girl from the Isle of Wight. As a computer programmer in 1968 he must have been one of a very rare breed .

Findochty-born actress - Miss Nettie Morrison a native of Findochty made a rare and flying visit to her hometown at the weekend when accompanied by her husband , Bruce Whitelaw she came north to attend a wedding of a relative in the Rathven Church. She has been kept busy and recently starred in the successful show - ' Song of Glasgow' (Frieda Morrison who is regularly heard on the radio in 2002 and likely to be a relative of Nettie Morrison was bridesmaid at the wedding.)

Advert - The Workbox - 12a Cluny Terrace Buckie. Handicraft Materials for all ages.

Oct 24 **A new task for net makers** - After working round the clock for several days last week the employees of a Buckie net factory completed the first order in connection with a brand new type of work to come to Buckie - the assembly of nylon mats for use on artificial ski slopes.

The mats measure 150 feet long by 24 feet wide and were made in the net factory of Messrs Wm. Marshall and Coy on garden Lane. Mr John Davidson , manager, said that this could lead to a new industry for Buckie.

Boat launch - The 65' wooden motor trawler, Sea Harvester, built by Messrs Herd & McKenzie for Thomas H. Maginnis and Francis M. Chambers both of Kilkeel in Northern Ireland was launched on Tuesday. The new boat was launched complete with her engine and all equipment installed. It is thought that she would be ready to sail for her home port by the end of the week.

Council of Churches to be set up in Banffshire though not after much discussion.

Buckie Thistle F.C Entertainment's Committee is to run dances every Saturday night in the Fishermen's Hall.

On 26 October the band booked to play in My Dear Watson . The dance will run from 9 until 11.45 p.m. Admission 6/-. A free bus will run from Keith while a second bus will run to Cullen after the dance.

The following Saturday dancers can hear the music of The New Clansmen . Also to take place will be heat one of the search for Buckie Thistle F.C. Queen.

M/D/E - are to run a dance in the Cullen town Hall on Friday 1st November. The band booked to play is **The South Sea Bubble** Free bus from Keith and Buckie also to Macduff and Banff after the dance.

Portknockie Harbour - A photograph on page 8 shows Lady Seafield laying the memorial stone at Portknockie Harbour on April 25th 1890. The photograph , which was given to Provost Mrs Helen J Geddes by Lt Col G. B. Kynoch Keith, is with his permission to be hung in the new council chambers on Church Street. (The reproduction could be better.)

New signing - Buckie Thistle have added a new player to their ranks. He is Len Clark, 20, a centre half who played with Aberdeen junior side, Balgownie.

Rovers give trialists a run - On Saturday three players who were all with Portgordon in the Welfare League last season were in the Rovers' team on Saturday. They were Alan Shewan, Danny Cowie and John Green. They all acquitted themselves well helping the Rovers to a four to one victory of RNAS Fulmar. Shewan scored one of the goals.

When the regiments were raised - An article written by Wm. Moffatt of Findochty. Ex sergeant in the Canadian Army. He was questioning why there should be such an outcry about saving the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders

when they were a much younger regiment than some of the others. **(Good information)** The following week Harry Wallace , an ex Argyll came back with his answer as to why the regiment should be saved.

Oct 31 **Move on!** Buckie Town Council has become concerned about the length of time some motorists and others choose to park on the main streets, which is causing considerable congestion. In an effort to alleviate the problem they intend to introduce limited waiting time on East and West Church Streets from the Post Office to Pringle Street and on High Street from Cluny Square to Cathcart Street.

Buckpool Harbour nae mair! Buckie Town Council has made an application for a change of use of the subjects from a former harbour to a tip for builder's rubble and non-toxious waste. Later earth spoil will cover over the dumped material before being levelled and top dressing applied.

You'll still hae your hall - Buckie Town Council decided on Monday night by a vote of 7-4 not to give any further consideration to a proposal to provide a new council chamber by converting the **little used** upstairs hall in the Town House West building on Cluny Place.

Were you there? A photograph on page 11 shows a group of bairns at a party in the Buckpool Hall taken during their celebrations on VE Day. The picture, unfortunately, is not too clear.

Nov 7 **The Onion Room Society** - a body founded in the burgh a year ago by Anthony Cochrane, Balgownie, Cliff Terrace, with the object of providing premises where boys aged between 7 and 13 can pursue their individual hobbies undisturbed has so far been unable to find permanent premises. At the Society's AGM held in the Commercial hall last Wednesday a number of empty buildings were considered with a view to examination as to their suitability.
Rev. J. E. Hawdon, minister of the Methodist Church was appointed chairman with other appointments made as follows - Joint secretaries - Mrs E. Geddes and Miss M. I. Davidson. Treasurer, D. Lamont. Committee - Messrs A. Cowie, P. Bruce, R. Palmer, Mrs J. Reid and Miss M. Campbell.

No more petrol - The proprietors of the Lennox Bar in Portgordon, Mr and Mrs S. Morrison, who have sold petrol from pumps there for a long time can no longer do so due to new petrol regulations and are giving notice to this effect.

M/D/E have the following groups playing at their dance in Cullen Town Hall on Friday 8 November - **Mr Fantasy plus The Trak.**

The Rockin Preacher is the name of the group booked to play at the dance in the Fishermen's Hall on Saturday 16 November run by Buckie Thistle F.C.

Advert - Pozzi, Newsagent and Bookseller, High Street (Props. Mr and Mrs G. Cowie.)

Getting ready for Christmas - James Mackay 5 East Church Street had a full-page advert showing toys by Triang in this edition. He had full-page adverts showing different brands of toys over the next few weeks in the run up to Christmas.

Death at Hairy Corner - This is the name of the new serial being written by Spike with chapter one being found in this edition on page 8.

Portgordon F.C. The officials appointed for season 1969/70 are - President - J. Rigby, Secretary - G. Cowie and Treasurer - R. Walker.

Buckie Rovers lost to Forres Thistle for the third time this season when they played the Morayshire club in the final of the Robertson Cup under the lights at Boroughbriggs, Elgin on Wednesday evening. The Rovers were forced to play with ten men for 75 minutes after Dennis Slater was sent off mid way through the first half.

Ross, Cowie and Green; Flett, Slater and Mitchell; Cruickshank, W. Flett, Murray, McGoldrick and Shewan, Sub. Geddes.

Boat launch - The Monadliath, a 60 foot long wooden vessel designed primarily for ring net, though it can also be used for trawling, was launched on Saturday from the shipyard of Messrs Herd & McKenzie. The Monadliath has been built for two Avoch fishermen, cousins Alistair and John Jack and is fitted with a 200hp Gardner engine. She has also been fitted with a belt-driven ring net winch and a hydraulic trawl winch.

Nov 14 **the Technicolour Dream** is the name of the group who is to play at a dance in the Fishermen's Hall on 23 November ran by B. T. F. C. Entertainment's Committee.

You are to be asked for 15/- for a ticket for the **Dinner and Dance** being ran by Portgordon F.C. in the Village Hall on Saturday 23 November, Dance only 4/-

Buckie Thistle F.C. 1908/1909 - A photograph on page 12 shows all the Thistle players, first team and reserves who played during the season 1908/1909. The players are all named. The team won that season - the Banffshire Cup, Banffshire League and the Aberdeen Charity Cup.

Nov 21 **My Dear Watson** the popular north east beat group from Buckie have landed a £45,000 dollar contract to have their records released in America. The Albert Bonici (Elgin) the group's manager says it is the biggest break they have ever had and could lead to an American tour.

The contract was clinched on the strength of their latest record, "Stop, Stop, There I'll Be" which succeeded in impressing the Americas of the group's potential.

The groups who are all aged 21 are - Rob Lawson, Ian Lyon, Johnny Stewart and Billy Cameron. My Dear Watson who were known as Johnny and the Copycats up until a year ago are meantime making a tour of Army camps and clubs in Germany.

Nov 28 **Probable new use for disused 'drome-** Buckie Town council are to seek a meeting with the North of Scotland Hydro Electric Board to press for the former war-time airfield at Dallachy near Spey Bay as the site for the proposed new atomic power station.

Councillor Alex Murray who first raised the matter said "It is always the squeaky bearings that get most oil" adding, " we have to got to be publicising this area if we are to get industry, we must keep shouting".

Coffee mornings in 1968 are gradually being seen as a successful way of raising money with High School pupils recently raising £71 and the Scouts £57.

Buckie Welfare Society has just made their annual share out of money. This was started three years ago and this year thirty organisations have benefited gaining sums from £50 in the case of the Girl Guides to £5 to the Tufty Club. Since the Welfare Society are not now in the business of raising money the money being distributed comes from the interest on money in the bank and amounting this year to £480.

M/D/E - In the Town Hall Cullen on 29 November music for dancing will be played by **The Playground** and the following Friday by **The Peppermint Kreem**.

Advert - Try **The Coasters** for a wedding, concert, social evening and Hoot 'N Anne

New matron at Seafield Hospital - Miss Alexina McKinnon has been appointed as the new matron to succeed Miss Smith who is retiring.

Goodbye to the Army uniform - Lt-Col Angus W. Macdonald MC, Glenyra, East Church Street says goodbye to his army uniform today after 25 years. He is retiring after five years as Commandant of the Army Cadet Force in the north east. In 1940 he enlisted as a gunner in the Royal Artillery, being commissioned in 1943. He was demobbed in 1946. In 1950 he joined the Territorial Army becoming Company Commander of the 5/6 Battalion Gordon Highlanders. They later amalgamated with the 4/7th Gordon Highlanders into the 3rd Battalion when he became Commander of the Banffshire Company.

Away from the Army Angus Macdonald is a freelance journalist who writes many parts of the Banffshire Advertiser.

Dec 5 **M/D/E** - The group booked to play at their dance in the Cullen Town Hall this Friday is **Vanity Fare**. Their latest release "(I remember) Summer's Morning" is very popular. Admission 9/- or by advance booking 7/6.

At Baxter's Fochabers a replica built and opened - To mark their centenary year the Fochabers food manufacturing firm of Messrs W. A. Baxter have built an exact replica of the humble Baxter's shop which stood in the village and from which the firm has mushroomed to its present day size.

The original roof tiles and windows of the old shop also interior fittings have been incorporated in the replica.

It took six months to construct the replica, which was opened on Thursday by the firm's 91 year old president, W.A. Baxter, son of the founder and father of the present Managing Director Gordon Baxter.

No more half crowns - or 'half dollars' will be struck after the end of this year and those in circulation will be withdrawn throughout 1969.

Country Dance Rally - A crowd of 130 dancers from 14 branches attended the annual Country Dance Rally held by the Banffshire branch of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society in the Fishermen's Hall. The dancers came from Grantown, Forres, Elgin, Aberdeen, Keith, Huntly, Turriff, Aberchirder, Banff, Macduff, Glenlivet, Cullen and Buckie. Mr John Grant, Buckie gave the vote of thanks.

Defeat for the Rovers in the 'Scottish' - Arbroath Victoria 9 Buckie Rovers 2 in the 2nd Round of the Scottish Junior Cup.

Dec 12 **Buckie's allocation** from this year's Aberdeen University Student's Charities Campaign amounted to £120.

Lord Cochrane of Cults - Well-known Buckie man, Anthony Cochrane (46) Balgownie, Cliff Terrace, the eldest son of Lord Cochrane of Cults, Fife has just succeeded to the family title on the death of his father at Hyeres, France, at the age of 85.

Councillor resigns - Councillor Samuel Cowie, resigned from Buckie Town Council on business and health grounds. A Jeweller and Watchmaker, he joined the council 7 months before.

Dec 19 **Woman becomes Provost** - Mrs Margaret M. Thomson has been elected Findochty's first woman Provost to succeed Provost J. Sinclair Cowie who resigned last week on health grounds.

A native of Lewis and a former officer in the WRNS and later the WRAF she has been a member of the town council for ten years, seven as bailie.

She came to Findochty 12 years ago with her husband after he had retired from a post in the north of England with the Prudential Insurance Company.

To remain 'open -plan' The Weir Housing Scheme at Miltonfields is to remain 'Open Plan' as it was designed to be. (In the late 1990's and into the new century this went by the board as Moray Council erected strong and proper fences everywhere.)

Cullen F.C. Christmas Dances - On Saturday 21 December music for dancing will be played by **Davy Barron and the Baronettes** while on 24 December, Christmas Eve the band booked to play is **The Renegades**.

Buckie Thistle F.C. Entertainment's Committee is to run two dances in the Fishermen's Hall. On Saturday 21 December music for dancing will be played by **The Charge of the Lite Brigade** while on Christmas night the same band will play but will be supported by **The Trak**, the local giants.

Advert - James E. Green, Dispensing Chemist, 7 East Church Street.

Dec 26 **Photograph of the new lady Provost of Findochty** - A photograph on the front page shows Provost Margaret M. Thomson.

Long serving teacher retires - Miss Edith Margaret Nichol a teacher in the Secondary Department of Findochty School for almost 36 years until she retired last summer was this week presented with a TV set from the community of Findochty in recognition of her services.

A native of the Enzie Miss Nichol is a daughter of the late Mr Nathan Nichol, a former headmaster of both Enzie and Portgordon Schools.

Miss Nichol was appointed teacher of Maths and Science at Findochty in 1932 and spent all her time there apart for a period of less than a year when she taught at a Girl's School in Weymouth.

Dance in the Town Hall, Cullen - The football club is to hold a dance in the Town Hall on Saturday 28th December. **The Klondyke Band** will provide the music for dancing.

Thistle lose their last game of the year - The Vale took the two points with a narrow one goal victory over their Banffshire rivals in this annual tie played on this occasion at Victoria Park.

The Thistle team was - Dennis Simpson, Ronnie Stewart, James Leask; James Innes, Len Clark Con Bremner; Derek Walker, Billy Lovie, Alex Simpson, Spencer Lyon and Gordon Geddes. Sub. George Hay.

