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Jan 2 **Boat launch** - A 45' inter-island cruiser built for the British Solomon Islands by George Thomson and Son in Buckie has been shipped out from London to Honaria, capital of the island. The cruiser a repeat order of a similar vessel sent out to the Solomon Islands last March is built of teak on an oak keel with nylon sheeting fitted to part of her hull - from the keel to the water line as a special precaution in tropical waters. The new vessel was given no name and was transported from Buckie to London by road transport.

Come dancing in Cullen - There will be a dance in the Town Hall tomorrow, Friday beginning at 9 p.m. and continuing through until 1 a.m. Music is to be provided by **The Cresters**. Admission 7/6.

Buckie Thistle F.C. Ent. Com. Are running a dance in the Fishermen's Hall on Saturday 4 January. Music for dancing to be played by The Phantoms plus The Soul Purpose. A free bus will run to Portgordon and Cullen after the dance.

Buckie Thistle Queen - Miss Sandra Murray, 8 Baron Street, Buckie was chosen as Buckie Thistle Queen. Her attendants were Miss Joy Munro, Kintail, West Church Street and Miss Brenda Hillocks, 81 Main Street.

HEY KIN EE MIN

(The following poem was found in the Peter Dick column)

I kin min' on McGarth's aul' shoppie,
An skippin' quines, I held the roapie;
An' Comic Cuts, I've still a coapie,
Hey, kin ee min'?

I min', though nae the lad tae blaw,
Fin ghosties haunted the Auld Ha',
An scared the breeks aff Dodie A'
I min on't fine.

I min' the day, damp, kin' o' drizzle,
Fin Falkirk chaetit Buckie Thistle,
The ref's pea stuck hauf up his fussle,
Bit that's lang syne.

Gane is the team, strong an' swack,
Tickie, Toshie, Smacker, Mac,
Aft through the nicht, I ca's them back,
That's fin I min'.

Nae fitba on Setterday - Buckie Thistle and the Rovers had an idle day on Saturday when heavy snow blanketed the pitches and force games to be put off.

Jan 9 **Death of former Provost** - The death took place at his home Kimbrace, East Church Street, on Friday of former Provost and Freeman of the town, Dr Peter Reid. (He was a widower with both his sons being killed during WWII) **A full report is given on page one.**

No M/D/E/ adverts for dances for the second week running. Dances are still taking place in the Town Hall, Cullen so perhaps they have changed the format of their advert.

WIS THERE ONYTHIN' BETTER THAN THAT

(The poem was found in the Peter Dick column)

Fin ye skailed frae the skweel,
Far ye weren'a much eese,

An' ye cleared the back dykes wi' a loup,
 An yer mither hid spreadit in jeely a piece,
 Forbye it wis only the doup;
 An' ye hose intae that till ye brummled yer lugs
 Sine ye'd fess oot yer temmit an that ,
 An doon naeth the piles ye'd haud on for the rugs,
 Wis there onythin' better than that?

Sine ye'd scowf ben the hairber tae speer for a fry,
 An a mannike, eft o' the mizzen,
 Wad say, "Sclim aboard loonie an gin ye are fly;
 Ye cwid wile for yersel' half a dizzen".
 Ye'd chop-shise the best heerin' (they're nae a' the same)
 On some darra, glisterin an' fat,
 Prood as a bubbly-jock ye wid cerry them hame,
 Wid there onythin' better than that?.

Efter tae ye'd meet Jackie an' Beelie, yer chums,
 Frae the sheddie ye'd yank oot yer girds,
 Nae batherin' muckle o' spellin' or sums,
 Or yer hame-work - the meanin' o' words.
 Or the teacherie, like she'd been dippit in sterch,
 Aye spittin' her spite like a cat;
 Wi her cleekie weel yokit ye'd send doon the Merch,
 Wis there onythin' better than that?

Baith me an my girdie are roostin; awa;
 The teacherie answered her bell,
 Jack's hair and Beelie's are thin an' like sna;
 I'm nae that weel happit masel'
 But as I yeuk back on this Hogmanay,
 I hae lauched a lot mair than I've grat,
 Wi' ma han' on ma hert, I can stan' here an' say,
 "Is there onythin' better than that ?"

Cauld Tae.

Jan 16 **1968 Statistics** - (The figures for 1967 given for comparison are included within the brackets.)

150 people died in the Buckie district in 1968 (171)
 Of those 47 were over 70, 40 over 80 and 6 over 90. 8 children died under 10 - five boys and three girls.

There were 241 births (240) Of all the births 176 were born in Seafield Hospital, 61 in Aberdeen, 3 in other hospitals and **one at home**.

Of the new babies there 122 girls and 119 boys.

During 1968 there were 88 marriages (84)

Dances and groups - On Friday 17 January in the Cullen Town Hall music for dancing will be provided by **G. B. Memorial plus The Trak**. The following week the **Charge of the Lite Brigade** will play again helped by **The Trak**.

Saturday night in the Fishermen's Hall - On the 18th **G.B. Memorial** will play while on the following week dancers can hear the group **Impart**.

British Legion Dinner Dance - This will take place in The St Andrew's Hotel on 7th February with music by Bill Geddes. Tickets cost 16/-

Thank you - Miss A. Smith who recently retired as matron of Seafield Hospital had a note in the local paper thanking all that had contributed to the handsome presentation.

Dances and groups booked to play - In the Cullen Town Hall on 31 January The **Rogues** will play while on Saturday 1st February Buckie Thistle F.C. Entertainment's Committee have booked the **Archimedes Principle**.

Boat launch - The 75 foot long seinenetter/trawler, christened The Orcades was launched this week from the shipyard of George Thomson and Son. She will be powered by a 320hp Kelvin engine and will be fitted out with all the latest navigational and fishing equipment.

The Orcades has been built for John Cowie 13 Castle Street, Findochty (skipper of the local fishing boat, Kathleen Anne) his own son, Allan, Provost Reid Crescent, Buckie, who is to skipper The Orcades, and Messrs Richard Irvin & Sons Ltd.

Thomson's have meantime a 73' seiner/trawler under construction at their yard for Macduff owners while the keel of a 62' seiner/trawler, also for Macduff is being laid this week.

A crowd! It became known that 600 people attended a dance in the Town Hall, Cullen, where a 300 maximum crowd laid down by the council operates.

The seating capacity is 280 and 300 for dancing. At a meeting this week Keith Martin, Burgh Surveyor said these figures were calculated on the basis of giving five square feet for dancers and 6 square feet people at a concert. Regarding fire escapes, he said that there were sufficient to cope with a crowd of 500.

Jan 30 **No parking restrictions meantime** - After an appeal by traders the town council has decided to postpone the parking restrictions that had been proposed for the main shopping areas.

Outside traders can use the Fishermen's Hall - The council stuck to their guns to allow traders to use the Fishermen's Hall despite claims by town traders that they were at a disadvantage as the outside traders took trade away without paying any rates. Council members stated that traders were using other halls in the town. The outside traders would be charged £25 per day for the use of the Fishermen's Hall.

Dances and groups - In the Cullen Town Hall on Friday 7 February The **Toy Shop and the Trak** will play. Admission 6/6.

Playing at the 'Saturdayniter' in the Fishermen's Hall will be **KHJ Rules**. The dance will run from 9-12 with admission costing 6/-

Invitation to join the council - Mrs A.G. Brown was this week invited to join Buckie Town Council

A second Supermarket in Buckie - Lipton's Ultra Modern Supermarket is to open on Tuesday 4 February at 17 High Street The new shop, which cost £30,000 stands next door to the former 40 year old branch shop and occupies two empty shops one formerly occupied by Easiphit, a shoe shop and the other by a furniture shop belonging to Robertson's (Fordyce.)

In Lipton's new supermarket everything is self-service with trolleys supplied to carry one's messages around.

Feb 6 **Yer nae getting ' oor grun** - This was more or less the answer given by the Board of the North Church to Buckie Town Council when they refused to allow the council to tarmac the ground on Cluny Square adjoining the wet wall of the church to provide additional car-parking space.

A Morning Tea (well it maks a difference from a Coffee Morning) was held in the Catholic Institute, Buckpool on Saturday morning raised £18 for the funds of the 1st Buckie Brownie Pack.

Advert - A.G. Robertson. Ladies Outfitter and Linen Specialist. West Church Street. (A.G. Robertson took over the former 'Ladies Shop' which belonged to Clara Hay.

Burns Night at Buckie High - The annual Burns Night, which has been held for many years by the Buckie High School Literary and Debating Society, was a great success as always.

Feb 13 **Mair grun- Cullen** Town Council decided this week to apply for an extension to the burgh boundary to take in the Links, which was gifted, to them by Lord Reidhaven in 1967. Behind the move is the need to carry out certain works to protect the Links from erosion by the sea.

Boy Scout number grows - At a meeting it was reported that the number of Scouts and Cub Scouts in Buckie had increased over the past year. There were now 45 Scouts and 44 Cub Scouts and increase of 11 in both cases.

Dances and groups - The beat group, **Power Vane** is to play in the Town Hall, Cullen on Friday 14 February
The BTFCEC (Buckie Thistle F.C. Entertainment's Committee) are to have the 'T' Set playing at their dance in the Fishermen's Hall on Saturday 15 February. The dances on a Saturday now continue through until midnight.

Advert - Houses built to order, four apartments £3,500 - J. H. Smith, Building Contractor, 24 Bryson Crescent, and Craigbo.

Boat launch - The **Green Valley**, a 76' seinetter/trawler costing £65,000 was launched last Wednesday from the shipyard of Messrs Herd & McKenzie Ltd for Hayden Chambers of Annalong, County Down, Northern Ireland. The Green Valley has been fitted with all the latest navigational equipment and fishing aids, including a new type of Danish seine and trawl winch. She is powered by a **425hp** Caterpillar diesel engine. (This is the most powerful engine yet to be fitted in any fishing boat of a comparable size built in Buckie.)
The Green Valley is the fifth fishing boat to be built for the Chambers family since 1955. The first was Green Pastures (1955), Green Hill (1956), Green Isle (1959), Green Pastures II (1965)

Heavy snow puts paid to football games - Both the Thistle and the Rovers were idle on Saturday when Kingsmills, Inverness was unplayable as was Victoria Park

Welfare League extend their boundary - Although it had only been passed a month before at the AGM that the Buckie Welfare League would only accept teams from Fochabers to Portsoy, they now went back on this when they agreed to accept Ladysbridge. Their ground is only five miles beyond Portsoy and Fochabers, who would have the furthest to travel lodged no complaint. A Banff team, which also made application to join, was turned down.
Buckpool United are not to field a team this coming season but Arradoul have agreed to rejoin. The clubs, which have entered, are - Fochabers, Portgordon, Arradoul, Buckie British Legion, Findochty, Portknockie, Cullen, Keith, Portsoy and Ladysbridge.
The cups that will be played for are - County Cup, Brown Cup, Duncan Cup, Lyon Cup, Legion Shield and St Valery Trophy.

Buckpool Golf Club gets new trophy - A new trophy to be known as the Buckpool Shield has been presented to the Buckpool Golf Club for annual competition by the new secretary - Mr E. Summerbell.

Feb 20 **Now Headmaster** - Jim Findlay, Cullen, who has been Deputy Head of Buckie High School Primary Department has been appointed Headmaster of the school.

Dances and groups - Playing at the dance in the Cullen Town Hall on Friday 21st February will be **the New Statesmen Irish Showband**. Admittance 7/6.
Another new group **Marjorine** have been booked by the Thistle Entertainment's Committee to play at their dance in the Fishermen's Hall on Saturday 22 February Admission 6/-

A partnership - The Rovers and the Thistle are running a joint sweepstake.

Brrrrrrrrrr, its cauld - The temperatures have been very low over the last week resulting in the water in the east basin of the Buckie harbour being frozen. A photograph showing this is found on page 5.

Come on teem yer pooches - Miss Jean Eckersley District Commissioner of the Girl Guides has lodged an appeal for funds to renovate the Guide Hut on Newlands Lane.

We a wint tae be nurses - 60 local girls aged from 11 to 14 enrolled in the recently formed Buckie Junior Red Cross Cadet Unit.

The SNP choose their mannie - Mr Hamish Watt, the well-known Banffshire farmer was chosen by the Buckie Branch of the SNP at their meeting on Monday evening as their nominee for adoption as parliamentary candidate for Banffshire at the next General Election.

Local office bearers - President - Thomas Lang, Vice President - F. Langnes, Secretary - Roy Shepherd, Treasurer, G. McKenzie, Findochty, Membership Secretary - Mrs Dorothy Slater.

Colour TV's - 75,000 colour TV licences were taken out in 1968. The number increased by an average of 8,000 a month in the last quarter.

Nae fitba again - ower muckle snaw

Feb 27

Portgordon man shot and dies , Buckie man charged - 22 year old draughtsman Barry Robert Gordon whose parents, Mr and Mrs George Gordon live at 31 Crown Terrace, Portgordon was shot dead in Aberdeen on Saturday. 21 year old Joseph Murray Barrie (a Buckie man) has been charged with the death of Barry Gordon after he discharged a loaded rifle in his direction and struck him with a bullet. Mr Gordon was married in September 1967 to Irene Coull a staff nurse at the City Hospital in Aberdeen. They were both in the same class at Buckie High School Mr Gordon was on the Planning Department of Aberdeen County Council for several years.

Cullen F.C. to run a dance - Paddy McGarr and his Gallowgate Showband are to play in the Town Hall, Cullen on Monday 3 March. From 10-1 a.m. Admission 5/-

The Fishermen's Hall instead of the Town Hall - Because the Farmers Ball is being held in the Town Hall this Friday the organisers have switched to the Fishermen's Hall, Buckie for one week.

Dancers can listen to three bands - **Charge of the Lite Brigade; The Probe and The Grey Wooly Affair**

Next week in the Town Hall **The Colour Supplement** will play.

Player of the Year - Fans of Buckie Thistle are to be asked to nominate their 'Player of the Year' with the winner being presented with a cup given by Mr Ian Johnston, Banffshire Advertiser. The award will be made annually.

That'll learn you to put lights on your bike - A fifteen year old boy was fined £1 for riding his bicycle on Mill Crescent after the hours of darkness without lights on his bicycle.

Rebirth of the RNLI - After being inactive for a number of years the Buckie Branch committee of the RNLI was re-constituted at a meeting, which took place in the Town House last Thursday night.

Mar 6

Another old feature goes - the old coach house and stables which stood on Shanks Lane behind the council offices were demolished this week to make room for the new

car park which is to be constructed. Part of the old building still had the original cobbled stones. A picture in this edition shows the building being knocked down.

Another new dance group - The **Krisis** are to play in the Fishermen's Hall this Saturday

Mar 13 **Presentation to Buckie bus driver** - After 22 year's service with Messrs W. Alexander and Sons, Alex McIntosh, bus driver, has left to become an Insurance Agent with the Royal Liver Assurance Society, Alex 'Mackie' as he is best known joined Alexander's in 1947 after serving as a sergeant with the RASC and spent 7 years in Elgin before moving to Buckie where he spent a further 15.

Dances and bands - The Royal Teen plus the Trak will supply the music at the dance in the Cullen Town Hall on Friday 14 March. On Friday 21st March music will be provided by **The Willow Pattern**.

PTA BHS Primary Department held a Coffee Morning in the school and raised £98.

Stables and coach house - The recent photograph in the paper which showed the stables on Shanks Lane being demolished prompted a Mrs A. Milton Ha, 8 Yardie, to write to say that they had belonged to Alexander Milton, Agent for the Great North of Scotland Railway Company. She added that the Milton family was now widespread but whenever they returned on holiday they always paid a nostalgic visit to the stables.

Mar 20 **Death of owner of Cullen Bay Hotel** - Wm. Simpson, proprietor of Cullen Bay Hotel died this week aged 68. His mother had the hotel built on the site of Farskane House on the outskirts of the burgh in 1924 at a time when Cullen was 'dry'.

Dance and group - The band booked to play by the Thistle Entertainment's Committee in the Fishermen's Hall this Saturday is the Irish Show band - **The Freedom Fighters**.

Miss SNP - Miss Maureen Watt 15 of Blair of Tynet, a pupil at Elgin Academy was chosen as Miss SNP at a dance held in Buckie. Her attendants were Miss Brenda Hillocks, 16 of 81 Main Street and Miss Roselyn 17 of 7 Commercial Street. Findochty.

Strathlene Bathing Pool - Buckie Town Council are to make a number of improvements to Strathlene open-air bathing pool in preparation for the approaching summer season.

Buckie Thistle Player of the Year - James Innes, captain, was the first winner of the new award - Buckie Thistle Player of the Year.

Buckie British Legion F.C. office bearers - President - Wm. Jappy; Secretary/Treasurer - Nannie Jappy; Team Manager - James Leslie; Committee - Charles Laing, Eric Cormack, Murray Findlay and Wm. Murray. Team captain - Eric Cormack vice Murray Findlay.

Cup win for the Rovers - Buckie Rovers won the Matthew Cup for the 6th time in 8 seasons. The team was - Ross, Smith, McGoldrick; Mitchell, Green and Slater; B. Flett, Cowie, Murray, Wm. Flett, and Geddes. Sub. Robertson.

Mar 27 **Dances and groups** - Playing in the Cullen Town Hall this Friday will be **Lucky Charms**.

Wanted - an attendant to take full charge at Strathlene Bathing Poll during the season. - May until September.

Houses for sale and built to order at Highfield - G. Packman and Sons, East Church Street. We also build to order on your own site and all our houses carry National House Building Registration Council 10 year guarantee.

Now building bungalows at Banff - Robertson Ltd (Fordyce) Aberlour, Keith, Banff, Buckie and Portsoy. Four apartment bungalows **£4,650 with no extras.**

Where are they? The casket and scroll presented to Dr Peter Reid when the Freedom of Buckie was conferred upon him in 1960 has been handed back to Buckie Town Council. It was agreed that the two articles be meantime put in a place of safe keeping until arrangements can be made for them to be suitably displayed.

Death of Master Mason - Mr Alexander 'Sandy' Milne, head of the old and well known firm of Buckie Building Contractors founded by his grandfather died in Seafield Hospital at the age of 59. He had been ill for a long time. (It is said that Sandy's grandfather began the present firm but there is good reason to believe that the same family of Milne was master masons a long time before that and was responsible for the building of the RC Church at Preshome.)

He took over the business in 1955 on the death of his father. His wife, daughter Margaret and brother John, a bank accountant in Aberdeen survive him. John was a Thistle star of the pre-war years.

Apr 3 **Dances and groups** - The organisation which has been running dances in the area for a long time, presumably Modern Dancing Enterprises, though this name has not been used for a long time are again running dances in Cullen Town Hall on Friday April 4 and the 11th. Music on the 4th will be played by **The Power Vane with The Trak** and the following week **Mr Fantasy will play supported again by The Trak.**

Buckie Thistle dances in the Fishermen's Hall - On Saturday 5th April, My **Dear Watson**, back from another successful tour overseas, will provide the music for dancing. On Saturday 12 April **The Albert Fish** will play.

Advert - Doug Rodgers, 4 Gordon Street, all types of ITV's and Hoovers serviced.

Move for Buckie High Schoolteacher - Mr J. S. McLean, PT English at Buckie High School is to leave at summer to become Rector of Stromness Academy in Orkney.

***** **The population of Buckie at June 30 1968 was 7594, an increase of just over 90 on the previous year's figure.**

I am three - a photograph in this edition shows three year old Miss Pauline Legge, 19 Milton Drive cutting her birthday cake. Although the reproduction is not too clear she looks remarkably like her daughter, Laurie Fraser, in 2002.

Apr 10 **Last call** - Provost Mrs Helen J. Geddes who is emigrating to Canada in June presided over her last meeting of Portknockie Town Council on Tuesday and at the close of business tributes to her services to the burgh were paid by various speakers.

Clochlan loon now a pilot - John Johnston, youngest son of Mr and Mrs W. F. Johnston, Schoolhouse, Clochan has graduated as a pilot at the RAF station at Leeming near Northallerton Yorkshire after training on jet Provost aircraft. Pilot Officer Johnston was educated at Buckie High School and later attended Jordanhill College in Glasgow where he obtained a Diploma in Physical Education before teaching for two years at Esk Valley College, Dalkeith. He joined the RAF in 1967. He is married with one daughter. His father is headmaster of Portgordon School.

Councillor resigns - Councillor George Wilson resigned from Buckie Town Council after serving for seven years. A solicitor and former burgh prosecutor he was also for a time Honorary Treasurer.

Saturday night dance in the Fishermen's Hall - Music to be played by the **Heavy and Light Machine.**

New Police Inspector at Buckie - Sergeant Lachlan A. Stuart, Huntly, has been appointed as the new Police Inspector at Buckie.

Apr 17 **Cullen F.C are holding a dance** in the Town Hall on Saturday 19 April from 9.30 till 11.45 p.m. **Jean Stewart's Band will play.** Admission 5/-

Boat launch - A 35 ' long Spey class motor/sailer yacht built by Messrs Jones was launched from their shipyard on Monday. Jones have become specialists in the construction of this type of vessel. Christened Spey Gometra she has been built for Argyllshire farmer, Harry Baird of Balmakill, Clachan, near Tarbert.

British Legion hall - The new hall built at the British Legion headquarters on High Street will be officially opened on Saturday afternoon

Apr 24 **Songs of praise** - The Songs of Praise programme which was recorded in Buckie North Church on Monday night will be shown on BBC 1 on Sunday evening April 27 at 6.45 p.m.

The programme features a combined choir drawn from churches throughout the area under John Fraser, organist and choirmaster of the North Church.

Increase to town boundary - Permission was granted to Cullen Town Council by Sheriff Principal T. P. McDonald to extend the boundaries by 80 acres. This includes the Links with the 18-hole golf course. Cullen now covers an area of 330 acres, up from 250.

Abbeyfield Society - A meeting by the Steering Committee of the Abbeyfield Society will be held in the Town House hall on Wednesday 7 May to consider the establishment of an Abbeyfield House in Buckie and the formation of a local committee to run it. Frank Armstrong, County Clerk, will chair the meeting.

An increase in those out of work - The unemployment figures for Banffshire show an increase, which is contrary to the National trend.

**** **New Legion hall opened** - The large hall which has been built to the rear of their premises on High Street for the British Legion was opened on Saturday afternoon by Henry Littlejohn, Aberdeen, British Legion area secretary of Aberdeen, Banff and Kincardine.

May 1 **Dances and groups** - a dance will take place in the Town Hall, Cullen on the 2nd May. Music for dancing will be played by **The Elizabethans**. On Friday of next week dancers in Cullen will have the opportunity to hear and dance to St **Louis Union**.

Buckie electrician cleared of murder - It took the jury only 20 minutes to clear Joseph Barrie, 21 of 74 Hardgate, Aberdeen of shooting 22 year old Barrie R. Gordon, a Draughtsman and native of Portgordon. The two were friends and Gordon's death by shooting was described as a reckless act.

New caretaker of the Town House - John A. Calder, 64 Milton Drive has been appointed the new caretaker of the Town House. He took up his duty on Tuesday. Mr Calder took over from Mr H. Gilbertson who had to give up the post due to ill health.

Thistle's season ends on a sad note - Buckie Thistle who lost by seven goals to one in the first game of the season were beaten by seven clear goals in the last. They finished the season second bottom of the Highland League with 13 points from the 30 games played. They won 6 and lost 23.

The team for the last game was - D. Simpson, Stuart and Low; Bremner, Clark and Geddes; McDonald, Grant, Murray, Lyon and Cowie. Sub. Milne. Low, Fochabers and Wm. McDonald, Portknockie were both trialists.

May 8 **Owner of the Banffshire Advertiser dies** - Ian M. Johnston, owner of W. F. Johnston and Sons died in Seafield Hospital early last Thursday morning aged 44.

He was working as usual the previous evening but took ill at his home 34 Yuill Avenue in the early hours of the morning and was rushed to the hospital but died shortly after admission.

An enthusiastic member of Buckie Round Table and will be remembered in the name of the children's play park, formerly the Commercial Park, which was named the Ian Johnston park in his memory.

Boat launch - The 77 foot long seiner/ trawler, Horizon which cost £70,000 to build was launched from the shipyard of Messrs Herd and McKenzie Ltd on Saturday. It has been built for Lossiemouth skipper, John W. C. Thomson and partners and is the 6th boat to be built by Herd and McKenzie Ltd for members of the Thomson family. The others being - Olive Leaf, Morning Star, Kiloran, Caledonia and a second Olive Leaf. Mr Thomson is presently skipper of the Caledonia.

When the new vessel is completed in about two month's time it will be fitted out with all the latest electronic aids and her equipment includes a Danish hydraulic seine and trawl winch and hydraulic power block. She will be powered by a 400-hp Caterpillar diesel engine.

Dances in Barclay's Garage, Portsoy - Friday and Saturday 9 and 10 May. On the 9th music will be played by **The Tangerine Machine** and on the 10th by the **Billy Steele Combo**.

Dance in the Fishermen's Hall on Saturday 10th May - Music for dancing by **The Summer Set**. On Saturday 25 May **the Toledo Show Band** (Irish) in the style of **The Freedom Fighters** will be playing

This was the last Saturday Night dances ran by the Entertainment's Committee at this time

Third cap for Buckie bobby and footballer - PC James Clark, a native of Buckie whose parents live on Seaview Road was capped for the third time for the Scottish Police team. PC Clark played for Buckie Thistle when he was younger.

May 15 **Dance in the Town Hall, Cullen** on Friday 23 May. Music will be played by the **Klooks**.

Provost again - Willie Mair, a Clerk of Works with Banff County Council was returned to the Provost's chair at Portknockie. He succeeds Mrs Helen J. Geddes who is bound for Canada. Mr Mair first joined the council in 1949 and was Provost for the first time from 1960 till 1962 when he resigned rather dramatically. He returned to the council two years later.

Chosen for the SNP - Well known Banffshire farmer, Mr Hamish Watt is the County's SNP choice to contest the next election. He is 42.

Longhope Lifeboat Appeal Fund - The Buckie Town Council local appeal f on behalf of the Longhope Disaster Fund closed at £1,262. 7.2

May 22 **Death of former Police Judge and Optician** - Mr Thomas W. Lang died this week at his home, The Bungalow, 81 High Street. Aged 66 he had been in ill health for some time. Mr Lang was a native of Glasgow and came to Buckie in 1931 to set up business as an Optician in a shop next to the Playhouse. He later moved across the road into the shop formerly owned by F.F Angler. He opened a branch shop in Banff around 16 years ago.

He served on Buckie Town Council for 17 years, 16 as a Magistrate. He volunteered for service with the forces in 1939 but was discharged in 1940 when he became Ambulance Officer responsible for the area from Portgordon to Deskford.

During his time he was involved in many organisations including the local Swimming Club and the SNP. He leaves a wife and one son.

No dance in Cullen Town Hall on 30 May - dancers are advised of the big marquee dance being held in the Victoria Park on Friday night when the **Hawthorn**

Accordion Band will place On Saturday music will be supplied by **The Summer Set**.

The Buckie Thistle Entertainment's Committee is running both dances.

Demonstration of gutting machine - Moray Firth coast fishermen from Nairn to Macduff were given a demonstration of the new Shetland gutting machine in Buckie Fishmarket on Saturday.

The hydraulically operated machine, designed by J. Smith of Scalloway, Shetland, which can gut all types of round fish at from 10½ to 17 inches in length at a rate of 30-45 per minute attracted a lot of attention.

Boat launch - A 73' seiner/trawler christened **Alexanders** and costing £60,000 was launched from the shipyard of George Thomson and Son on Saturday. The new vessel has been built for two Macduff fishermen, Skipper Wm. Alexander and his brother Joseph who will be sailing as mate. The **Alexanders** will be completed by the end of the month when she will be fitted with a 330hp Lister Blackstone diesel engine and all the latest fishing gear and navigation equipment. The brothers presently own and operate the Girl Wilma.

Isla St Clair now living at 14 St Peter's Terrace the home of her step father, Mr Albert Doran, took part in last Thursday's BBC radio programme - "Come Gies a Sang", in which she rendered a ballad. The recording was made at her home/ At the end of the month she is to leave for Edinburgh to undertake more intensive study in the field of Folk Music.

May 29 **New town councillor** - Mr Robert McKenzie, 1 Iainstown Terrace was unanimously co-opted on to Buckie Town Council at the Monday meeting.

Young teenagers hop - A special dance for those aged under 15 will take place in the marquee tent in Victoria Park on Saturday 31st May from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. Admittance 2/-

The Gaskin report is given on page 6. This was a study made at government level when future trends were attempted to be forecast. Buckie was included in a growth zone centred in Elgin. No industry was forecast for Cullen.

Kirkin' of the council - The traditional 'Kirkin' of the Town Council took place on Sunday. A break in the traditional pattern was that for the first time this took place in the Sough Church instead of the parish or North Church.

Rovers finished in third place. Burghead Thistle won the North Regional (North Section) Junior League. HMS Fulmar was bottom.

June 5 **Buckie Welfare League** - Half way through the league programme Portsoy are seen to be leading the field with Cullen bottom of the ten teams.

A story of a bottle - Wm. Cowie, skipper of the Ocean Star BF960, of 33 Gordon Street, Buckie threw a bottle over the side with a message in it in the summer of 1911 some 20 to 30 miles SE of Stronsay. For nearly 58 years the bottle drifted about in the North Sea until it turned up in the catch of the seine net fishing boat Monarch about 45 miles north of Fraserburgh, when the bottle, with a note inside, was spied by a crew member before it was tossed over board. Though the bottle was encrusted with barnacles the writing on the paper was readily readable and gave the date as 10 August 1911, the boat's name and also that of the skipper. He gave his position and said a word or two about the weather.

The Ocean Star was blown up during the first World War. The story is given on the front page.

Boat launch - The 65 foot long seiner/trawler, **Sunrise**, costing £45,000 was launched from the shipyard of Messrs Herd & McKenzie, Ltd this week. The new vessel

has been built for Skipper John A. Campbell of Lossiemouth together with partners who include his father and brother.

The **Sunrise** is to be fitted with all the latest navigation aids and fishing equipment including a new type of seine and trawl winch and will be powered by a 230 hp Gardner diesel engine. She will be completed in two months time when she will fish out of Lochinver.

The Sunrise is the fifth fishing boat to be built by Herd and McKenzie for the Campbell family since 1934. The Covesea in 1934, Guide On 1946, Mayflower 1957 and another Covesea in 1965.

Dance in the Cullen Town Hall - This Friday dancers will have the pleasure of dancing to the music played by the fabulous all girl group - **Girl Talk plus The Trak**. Buses from Buckie and Keith also to Macduff after the dance. Admission 6/6

Buckie Youth Club are to run a dance in the Town House on Saturday 7 June from 8.30 until 11.45 p.m. Admittance 2/6. Music supplied by the **Grey Woolly Affair**. Refreshments.

Were they new then? James Mackay, Draper and Outfitter were advertising Ladies Aristoc Tights

Flip -flops - were they new ? Andrew Begg, Shoemaker, High Street had them in blue, red and yellow.

Can we use the pool? Buckie Town Council received a request from George McKenzie, Rector of Buckie High School for permission to hold a school swimming gala in Strathlene Swimming Pool on June 25. This was granted.

In charge - Murray Geddes 44 St Peter's Road was appointed Pool Attendant at Strathlene for the season.

New signing for the Thistle - Albert Taylor of Aberdeen East End - a Junior club - has been signed for next season by Buckie Thistle. He has been playing at centre half for his club but Buckie would intend to play him either at wing half (a new term then) or at inside forward.

Football team formed - British Lighting Industries Ltd electric lamp factory has formed a men's football team under manager John Murray and George Walker, captain and trainer.

Players - J. Brooks, Wm. Campbell, John Murray, James Hay, George Walker, E. Grosle, James Leslie, J. D. Flett, A. Wood, James Murray and James Runcie.

June 12 **Cullen F.C. are running a dance** in the Town Hall on Saturday 14 June when music for dancing will be played by **Bert Duff**.

*** **Clochach Post Office is closed.**

Rovers go out of three cups - Buckie Rovers who have enjoyed a large measure of success since they joined the Morayshire Juniors in season 1961/62 seemed to have come to an end of that golden seam being knocked out of three cups and finishing up third in the league table. Season 1998/1999 must rank as their least successful so far.

The Enterprise - A boat built by boat builders attending a City and Guild course at Buckie Further Education Centre was launched at Strathlene beach on Tuesday afternoon. Pupils of Buckie High School Navigation Department, a 17-foot sailing and pulling dinghy, will use the boat

Work on the project began two years ago under the supervision of Wm. Pirie, a local boat builder now living in Australia who also designed the craft.

The boat is clinker built with mahogany planking and a transom stern. She has been fitted with a 4½-hp outboard motor, the money to build it being raised by a competition

held some time ago to suggest a suitable name for the craft, which was named Enterprise.

Tuesday afternoon the boat was hoisted on to a trailer and transported by road to the beach at Strathlene where the launching ceremony was performed by two year old Helen McKenzie, daughter of the rector, Mr George McKenzie. She was presented with a silver brooch handed over by Freya Gardner, three-year-old daughter of Mr Alex Gardiner, PT Navigation at Buckie High School.

The Enterprise then sailed round to Buckie Harbour where she will be based.

June 19 **Dances and groups at Cullen** - On 20th June music for dancing will be played by **The Rogues** and on the following Friday, 27 June, dancers can hear the **Toy Shop**.

New teachers at Buckie High - Mr Bill Ettles has been appointed as Principal Teacher of English at Buckie to succeed Mr John McLean who is to move to Orkney as Rector of Stromness Academy.

Also moving to Buckie High is Mrs Margaret Arbuckle as P.T. of Physical Education and Mr Joseph Doyle, former Veterinary Surgeon who is to take up a post as a teacher of Biology.

Fishing boat conversion - The Odelia, a 75 foot former MFV which Messrs Herd & McKenzie have been converting into a seine net fishing boat during the past nine months carried out her trials in the Moray Firth on Tuesday.

The vessel has been taken over by three local men, 23 year old skipper, Jan Huldal and his two partners, 20 year old James Bruce of 54 Well Road and Albert Sutherland, 22 Samson Avenue who will both sail with him.

Buckie Thistle committee - Frank Farquharson was re-elected President of Buckie Thistle at their annual general meeting. Dick Grant Fochabers as vice president and Joseph Coull as Treasurer. Pat Donald took over as secretary.

Ten players have been signed to date, they are - D. Simpson, Ronnie Stuart, Con Bremner, **Len** Clark, Gordon Geddes, Colvin Cowie, George Grant, Jacky Jamieson, ex Rothies and George Bruce and Raymond Boyd, both ex Lossiemouth and Albert Taylor.

June 26 **Cullen F.C. are holding a dance in the Town Hall** on Saturday 28 June. Music to be played by **Bill Lawrie**.

British Legion now running dances in their new hall on Saturday nights - On Friday 27 June **the Astoria Band** will play from 8 till 1 a.m. and on Saturday 28 it will be the turn of the **Embassy Band**.

Appointed First President - Mr Alex Ferguson, a former well-known Buckie Boys Brigade officer has been appointed the first president of the new Banffshire BB Battalion. He was for 17 years CO of the 2nd BB Company for five years until he retired several years ago.

July 3 **Clever bairns** - The Dux of Buckie High School this year is Veronica Rattray. Dux of the Secondary Department of Portknockie School is Sheila A. Slater who also received the Town Council Special prize annually awarded to the Dux of the school. Sandra Mair was Dux of the Primary Department. She received the Anderson Bruce Prize.

Cullen F.C dance - Music for their dance on Saturday 5th July is to be played by **Molly Shand's Band**.

Dances and groups in the t Cullen Town Hall - Friday 4th July - **My Dear Watson** and the following Friday - **The Gully Foyle**.

Move for former head of the Lady Cathcart School - Mr David Porter a former headmaster of Lady Cathcart School and for he past three years at Bothriphnie is to move to Findochty Primary School next term.

Buckie High School FPs Mr Ian Bruce, President of Buckie High School Former Pupil's Association has warned that unless there is more local interest and participation shown the Association could be wound up within three months.

July 10 **Buckie Thistle Ladies Committee are to hold a dance in the Town House on Saturday 12 July from 7.30 till 10.30 p.m. Music by the Grey Woolly Affair.**

Dances and Groups - The organisers of the dances which have been taking place in the Town Hall, Cullen for a long time have booked the **Riot Act** to play on Friday 18 July and **The Cresters** on the 25. On this evening the Cresters will be supported by **The Tender Plenty**, four girls plus **The Roosters**.

New Infant Mistress - Mrs Hector Gunn has been appointed the new Infant Mistress at Buckie Primary School in succession to Miss Eva Reid who has retired. Mrs Gunn is moving to Buckie from Boharm.

July 17 **Death of former postman and football stalwart** - The death took place this week of Mr Robert 'Bobby' Paterson, 16 James Street, Buckpool. He was 56.

A former postman up until he was forced to retire through ill health, Bobby was secretary of Buckpool Celtic a very successful team at one time that played in the Buckie Welfare League. He was responsible for bringing big bands such as Jimmy Shand to Buckie on numerous occasions where their presence guarantee large crowds.

Bobby who worked in the building trade pre-war served with the Royal Engineers in Burma where he was badly wounded and later spent a considerable time in hospital. He had suffered ill health for some time and prior to his death was in hospital in Aberdeen.

He is survived by his wife Helen.

Last prize giving at Findochty Secondary School - It was also the last at Findochty for headmaster, Mr Wm. C. Espie who is leaving to take over as headmaster of Banff Primary School

The Dux of the Secondary Department and winner of the Literary, Art and Technical Prizes is William T. Nixon.

The Dux of the Primary Department and winner of the Alistair Olson Memorial Prize is Mary Newlands.

The Gaskin Report - People had widely different views on the report. The Buckie Dean of Guild said if the developments took place as was described in the report people might stay in the area and work in Elgin, which was seen as a growth pole, instead of moving south.

Provost Taylor, Aberlour, said, " I was not in the least bit impressed by Professor Gaskin. I think nothing of his report and I say again I am dead against it. Poor old Banffshire will become a ghost country and can see a mass exodus". (It didn't happen of course. Looking back forty years one can distinguish very little that arose from the report. Provost Taylor couldn't foresee the developments that would accrue from the discovery of oil in the North Sea and how this would provide many jobs and greatly help to stabilise the population in the North East, including the former Banffshire.)

Summer Princess - Fifteen year old Irene Garvock, 4 Kirk Road, Rathven, was voted Summer Princess at a dance sponsored by Buckie Thistle F.C. Ladies Committee, being chosen from 6 finalists.

Buckie couple honoured - Norman and Rita Taylor who have both been associated with Buckie Rovers F.C. for a very long time have been honoured by the North Regional (North Section) Junior F.A. Norman who has been president of the North Section for two years was made an honorary vice president while Rita who has been convenor of the Ladies Committee for many years has been appointed an honorary president.

July 24 Buckie Trades Fair- Many hundreds visited the Trades Fair held in the Fishermen's Hall over the past six days. Local firms taking part were - Wm. Marshall and Co. Net Manufacturer, Hunter and Pirie Electricians, Robertsons Ltd, House Furnishers, Pozzi, Newsagents and The Work Box, Lampshades. Buckie and District Cage Bird Society occupied the stage while the Ladies Circle provided teas and refreshments. The Forestry Commission, one of the large concerns that was present had as their main feature a cross section of the trunk of a 150 year old Scots Fir planted in the Peeps Wood in 1812 and felled in 1963. One of the most popular features was the maritime museum set up at the stand occupied by the town council where pieces of old type fishing gear and equipment were exhibited along with pictures and photographs of old fishing boats belonging to the Buckie area.. A 1904 file of the Banffshire Advertiser proved of absorbing interest to many visitors as did other old documents belonging to the burgh. Other firms and organisations that had stands at the Fair were -British Lighting Industries Ltd, electric lamp factory. North of Scotland Hydro Electric Board and the Scottish Gas Board. The Trade Fair was sponsored by Buckie Town Council and was opened by Provost Edward Douglas.

The New Cathcart Garage proprietors Charles and Pearl Hay will open at 14 West Cathcart Street on Friday 1st August.

The Ian Johnston Park - The new children's playground provided by Buckie Round Table at Tarbuckie is to be named the Ian Johnston Park in memory of member of the Round Table in Buckie, the late Mr Ian Johnston who had taken a keen interest in the project.

The proposal was made at a meeting of Buckie Town Council this week and carried unanimously. It was also agreed that a small cairn would be erected on the site explaining the name of the park.

Mr Johnston a well known photographer was also owner of W.F. Johnston and Sons (Banffshire Advertiser). He was 44 when he died.

Forty year's service comes to an end - Cullen postman, Mr Robert M. McCauley, retired from the Post Office on Friday of last week after giving 40 years service. He received a well-earned presentation.

Church to close - The Assembly of God Church on Newlands Lane. Buckie will close following the evening service next Sunday and its minister, Pastor David Tate and his wife Jenny are leaving Buckie to live in Peterhead.

July 31 Developments at Rock House - Extensive alterations will begin shortly to Rock House, the imposing villa on East Church Street, which was recently purchased by the Shipwrecked Fishermen and Mariners Royal Benevolent Society for the purpose of providing board and lodging accommodation for lonely old people at a modest cost. When the work is completed in 3/4 months time the accommodation will be available primarily but not exclusively for old people with seafaring connections in the Buckie coastal area from Portgordon to Cullen who are not infirm or in need of permanent medical or nursery care.

Cullen Gala Queen chosen - Sixteen year old Muriel Donn of 119 Seatown a clerks in a local solicitor's office was chosen as this year's Gala Queen. The Gala got off to a very wet start on Saturday with it raining all day.

Death of fish selling chief - The death took place in Aberdeen Royal Infirmary on Saturday of James Macrae, 39 Linn Crescent who had been ill for some time. He was 71. He was the second oldest of a family of ten Of Mr and Mrs Macrae Hamilton Path, Buckie. He began working life as a fish salesman and in time rose to own his own fish-selling firm, Macrae, Doggie and MacPherson Ltd. The firm had branches throughout the country.

At the time of his death he was chairman of a large fish-selling concern, Arthur Duthie and Company Ltd Lossiemouth and its associated companies including Gleaner Oils Ltd, Macrae Duggie and MacPherson, Macrae Dickie and Walker Ltd. Aberdeen. He served as chairman on a number of committees and was a member of the town council at one time. He took a great interest in sport, especially football, cricket, bowling and racing. He was Hon President of the Buckie Cricket Club and a former President of Buckie Thistle F.C.

Dances and groups - A dance is advertised to take place in the Longmore Hall, Keith on Friday 1st August when no less than three major attractions. **The Gully Foyle** and **The Rising Sun** will play the music while **Les Oiseaux, two lovely gyrating Go-Go girls, will give an exhibition.**

Dance and Group - A dance will take place in the Town Hall, Cullen, on Friday 8 August when The Power Vane will play for dancing.

Advert - Rodgers, 4 Gordon Street, Second Hand TVs and Washing Machines. We buy and sell.

Fochabers Gala Week was extremely successful perhaps due in part to the brilliant sunshine throughout. The sum of £2,200 was grossed.

Last Church Service - The last service in the Assembly of God Church on Newlands Lane took place on Sunday. The church was opened around 8 years ago having been built by Mr Murray of Upper Dallachy. At this time it is not decided what to do with the building. (It was sold and converted into a dwelling house for Mr and Mrs Wood with Mrs Wood still living there at the turn of the century.)

Two more signings for the Thistle - After taking part in a trial game against Burghead Thistle Ron Cross, who was with Rothes last season, and Jack Forrest, a junior, both signed for Buckie.

*** **Peter Fair** In 1969 the age old fair went past without as much as a paragraph or two and not even a photograph. The only mention that it had taken place was by Spike through Q. Coull.

Aug 7 **A poor start a good finish, as the saying goes** - Though Saturday the first day of the Cullen Gala rained all day for the rest of the week they had good weather and a splendid support from the public which added up to a memorable gala. Gross earnings have been estimated at £1,500.

During the week there was a wide array of events taking place. There was a swimming gala in the harbour during which Portsoy amateur Swimming Club gave a display. There was a fete in the Square with a kipper and sausage barbecue. A 'Scottish Hour' concert took place in the Town Hall with all local artistes taking part. Danny Cooke was compere. There was a closing dance in the Town Hall on Friday night. During the week there was a Fancy Dress competition, Children's Sports and a Baby Show.

Come to the Land of Sunshine A family can travel to Australia for £10, with children up to 19 travelling for free. A mobile office will visit Buckie on August 13 and be sited on Cluny Square from 10 am till 6 p.m. when full information will be given to intending emigrants or anyone interested. The advert itself gives a certain amount of information on the kind of people that Australia is looking for.

Ideal for your holiday - Two and four berth caravanettes for hire. C. P. Hendry, 30 Land Street, Buckpool.

No only furniture but houses too -- Houses for sale at Land Street, Keith. Full particulars from Robertson's Ltd Fordyce.

League Champs - Keith Dynamos F.C. won the Buckie District Welfare League and added the County Cup when they beat Portsoy at Victoria Park by four goals to three.

All go for the letter 'H' - The local garages reported a rush for the 'H' registration with one of their busiest days being Friday with over 50 cars being collected by their owners.

Cordiners who have the garage near the Toll Bar delivered 16 Cortinas, Escorts, Zephyrs and Capris, the biggest single day's output since the garage was opened four years ago. They are Ford agents.

Nearly 20 new cars went out from the Millbank Garage on High Street, which holds an agency for Rootes and Simca vehicles, while customers of the Regency Garage on Marine Place which deals in Vauxhall and Rover, owners took delivery of 15.

Aug 14 **Boer War veteran dies** - The last Boer War veteran in the Buckie area, Mr Andrew Thomson, 5 Scott Terrace, Buckie died in Seafield Hospital this week aged 92. He belonged to the Enzie district but before being called up for the Boer War worked as an engineman at a sawmill in the Black Isle where he returned after the War. When he married he moved to Buckie where he became first of all an engineer on drifters before becoming employed at Jones' Shipyard. For thirty years until he retired 17 years ago he was caretaker of the Masonic Institute now the Town House (west). He was a senior elder of the West Church.

He is survived by two sons and one daughter, his wife Rebecca died two years ago.

(I was a pupil at Buckie High School during the war years 1942-45, a reluctant one, if I may say it, and often used to 'dook' or play truant. One of the places where I hung out was the reading room in the Town House where I enjoyed reading all the papers. Mr Thomson used to come round and chase all the boys, who should have been at school, out but when I heard him coming I put the paper well up over my face and stuck my legs out as far as I could and he passed me by, thinking that I was an adult.)

Buckie singer injured - Isla St Clair, 17, now a student in Edinburgh, was attacked by an unknown man at her digs when she went to answer a knock at the door. She was punched in the face and required some dental treatment, later taking a throat infection. She is meantime home in Buckie recuperating and getting over what was a frightening experience.

Dances and groups - Cullen Town Hall, 15 August - **My Dear Watson plus Grey Woolly Afair** (sic) On Tuesday 19 August **Plus Nine** - nine top line coloured entertainers making up the fantastic **Illusions** plus **Ray and Johney, two dynamic Go-Go Girls**

Friday 22 August - **The Slack.**

Two Red Shoes, Elgin - The first advert for a long time. Aberdeen Students Charities are holding a dance with music played by the nine-piece coloured Group, **Illusion.**

Portgordon won the Brown Cup - Portgordon F.C. won the Brown Cup, the oldest trophy played for in the Welfare League. There is reason to believe that this is the Sunlight Cup, which used to be played for before the Welfare League came into existence. They beat Ladysbridge in a close game at Victoria Park by two goals to one.

Buckie Thistle lose first game on season 1969/70 - Though they put up a good show they lost at home by the odd goal to the strong-going Inverness Caley, who had David Johnston the former Nairn County player, who later went senior, in their side. The Buckie team was - D. Simpson, Stuart and Geddes; Bruce, Clark and Bremner, Boyd, Cross, Abercrombie, Forrest and Cowie.

Aug 21 **Boat launch** - A 60-foot long seiner/trawler, christened **Mizpah** was launched from the shipyard of George Thomson and son on Saturday for three Macduff brothers, all skippers, - James, John and Robert Mitchell. The boat will be ready to sail by the end of the month.

James, presently skipper of the **Golden Bells** is to be the skipper of the new vessel while Robert will take over as skipper of the Golden Bells. John is skipper of **Faithful Again**, all of Macduff.

The Mizpah will be powered by a 320 hp Kelvin engine and will have all the latest fishing gear and navigation aids.

The Mizpah is the 7th vessel to be built by Thomson's for the Mitchell family since 1928.

Opening announcement - George Harvey and Michael Stuart have commenced as Agricultural engineers at 65 Pinefield Industrial Estate, Elgin.

Dances and Pop/Beat Groups - Cullen Town Hall - **Little Jenny with her own guitar and own band** of beat, plus the group that has played with the best The **'T' Set**.

On Friday 29 August dancers can listen and dance to **The Stack**.

On Friday 5 September the great "Cave In" with **Writing on the Wall**.

Death of former town councillor and slipway foreman - John Scott, 8 Blantyre Terrace, Ianstown died at his home on Sunday at the age of 93. He was a native of Lossiemouth came to Buckie 75 years ago. He was a skipper of sail boats and herring drifters before coming ashore and taking a job with Herd and McKenzie Ltd, Shipbuilders, where he became slipway foreman in charge of launching. He was a town councillor and served in this capacity for many years.

Former Buckie Harbourmaster in boat mishap - Captain A. Valentine, former Harbourmaster at Buckie and his three-man crew had to jump for their lives last Wednesday when their fishing vessel sank a mile off Mallaig. Their boat, the 55 foot prawn trawler, **Fair Morn** ran aground on rocks. She was tied with ropes to two other boats but had to be cut adrift when she was in danger of sinking. Captain Valentine a former tanker master returned to tankers five years ago after serving at Buckie for a short time, he later decided to take up fishing and now stays at Balloch near Inverness. Two of the crew comes from Buckie - George H. Smith, Craigho Terrace and James Mair, Well Road.

Buckie Rovers start the new season with a win - They beat Lossiemouth United by four goals to three at Victoria Park.

Sept 4 **Afternoon Tea pays off** - The congregation of the North Church held an Afternoon Tea in the church hall last Saturday in aid of the Piano Fund and raised the sum of £60.

Change of name - British Lighting Industries, the name that the 'lamp factory' has been known as since it opened at Buckie is now known as Thorn Lighting as from Tuesday past.

Marquee dances at Victoria Park - Buckie Thistle Entertainment's Committee are to hold two dances on Friday 5 September and the following day Saturday 6th. On Friday The Mighty "Cave In" - **Writing on the Wall plus Twelfth and on Saturday, Summer Set**.

Student's Dance - Aberdeen Students Charities Campaign - It's the Resurrection in the Two Red Shoes, Elgin, starring the fabulous coloured group **The Lucky Charms**

You can Mk a fortune off rodents - Baxter's of Speyside are offering 5d per LB for rowan berries.

Boat Launch - Because of the rough seas the 78' seiner/trawler Argonaut III built for David Smith of Anstruther, by the shipyard of Messrs Jones was 'launched' on Wednesday she remained on dry land. She did take to the water the following day and carried out her trials prior to leaving for her home port by the end of the week. The Argonaut III, which cost £68,000 is fitted with a 450 hp Caterpillar diesel engine and all the latest navigation aids and fishing equipment including a hydraulic combined seine and trawl winch.

Under Aberdeen control - As an economy measure from next Saturday the Post Office in the Buckie area will come under Aberdeen. The Buckie office was downgraded some time ago when it came under Banff now the Banff office has also been downgraded.

12 Sept - **Dances and Beat Groups** - Appearing in the Cullen Town Hall on Friday 12 September will be the **Copperplate Movement**. The following Friday the **Lucky Charms** will play.

Latest book by Peter Anson - The newest book written by Peter Anson, titled 'Life on The Low Shore' has just been released and costs 15/-. The theme of the book is Peter Anson's memories of 20 years spent among the fisher folk of Macduff.

Drapery business for sale in Buckie - A shop, presently used as a draper's, together with an adjoining dwelling house situated on the main street of Buckie is being advertised for sale.

Son of Rawn - First chapter of a new serial by Spike begins in this edition.

Thistle player moves - George 'Dod' Bruce a former Buckie Rovers' player who was with Lossiemouth last season signed for Elgin City this week.

Sept 18 **Gordon Highlander's reunion** - A gathering of 150 former Gordon Highlanders held a reunion dinner in the Town Hall, Cullen last week.

The West End Garage, Arradoul is now under new management - Motor and tractor repairs.

Chrysanthemum Tea - All Saints Episcopal Church is to hold a Chrysanthemum Tea in the church hall on Saturday 20 September commencing at 2.30 p.m. Sakes Table, Cake and Candy, Bottle Stall. Teas 2/6.

Dance venue and group name - On Friday 26 September **the Variations** will be playing in the Town Hall, Cullen.

First ambulance driver retires - Mr Hamish Wright retired on Monday after 30 years service as an ambulance driver. He was a driver all his working life starting when he left school driving a horse and cart with Wm. Wilson who had a carter's business in the town. Later he drove a steam wagon for 12 years with David Taylor of Findochty. He left there to become a lorry driver with Buckie Town Council and in 1939 when the Buckie and District Ambulance Association was formed he was appointed the first driver. Working from the Buckie depot his area stretched from Cullen to Portgordon and many hundreds of thousands of miles he covered conveying patients to hospitals in Aberdeen and taking them home again in all kinds of weather. He lived to see the service grow to four ambulances and come under the St Andrews Ambulance Association. Joss Donaldson is to be his successor, a driver at the Buckie depot for 16 years.

Advert - A. Brown, Slater and Tiler, 9 Duke Street, Portgordon. Pointing and fireplaces.

Sept 25 **Strong winds sweep though the local area** - Winds almost reaching hurricane force swept through the Buckie area on Sunday night. Cullen, especially the caravan site in particular, seated as it is on top of a hill overlooking the sea being badly hit, through a trail of havoc was seen over a wide area. Four caravans in the caravan site at Cullen were completely destroyed one just after a family had decided to 'abandon ship' and take refuge in their car. Buckie, by comparison, escaped relatively lightly.

All Saint Chrysanthemum Tea raised £120 for church funds.

Advert - A Dinner and Dance will be held in the St Andrew's Hotel on Friday 10 October from 7.30 till 1.30 a.m. Music by Jack Sinclair and his Television Band. (The singer, Dave McIntosh, who used to accompany the band, appears to have disappeared.) Double ticket £2.10- Dress Optional.

The dance is being held in aid of the National Fund for Research into Crippling Diseases (Buckie Committee).

Venue and groups etc. - A dance will take place in the Town Hall, Cullen on Friday 26 September when the beat group, **Aries** (B'Ham) will play. On Friday 3 October **the 'T' Set plus Russ and Johnny** will provide the music etc.

Oct 3 **Death of the Countess of Seafield** - The Countess of Seafield died in a London clinic after a short illness, she was 68.

The Countess was reputed to be the richest woman in Britain next to the Queen and was said to have an income of £100,000 per year. She and her family owned over 300 square miles of land in Banff, Moray and Inverness equivalent to 193,000 acres.

On this land there are 42,000 acres of wood, numerous towns and scores of farms and crofts. Recently she gifted the Square of Grantown on Spey to the people and in 1953 disposed of her superiority of Keith burgh.

In addition to Cullen House the Countess had residences at Castle Grant, Kinveachy Forest, Boat of Garten, London, Paris and the Bahamas. **(A full report is given on page 1.)**

**** **The Wheatley Report - page 6** Among the recommendations put forward are that Banffshire should be divided in three, with part of the old shire being in different districts. The Buckie area to be included with much of Morayshire in the new Moray District. An important recommendation is that the councillors when appointed will be paid. Though the provost of Buckie, Edward Douglas was opposed to this most of the other people whose views were sought were of the opinion that this was a good thing.

Boat launch - A launch took place from the shipyard of Messrs Herd & McKenzie on Saturday, this was the 54' Heathery Brae III which has been built for Skipper Alex 'Zander' Innes of Portknockie and his son. The boat, which cost £33,000, is the first to be built of a new design for this size of fishing craft. The Heathery Brae III will be powered by a 172 hp Gardner engine and will be ready to put to sea in about a month's time.

**** **The biggest defeat ever? - Ross County 11 Buckie Thistle 0** The title to the report on the game read - **"A Black Day Indeed for the Thistle"**
The team was - Simpson, Jamieson and Legge; Taylor, Clark and Forrest; Grant, Boyd, Bremner, Cross and Cheyne.

Boyd was ordered off so that Buckie ended the game with ten men.

Ian Legge and Brian Cheyne were two trialists from Portsoy who had little chance to show their capabilities.

They both played again the following week when Buckie was again beaten at home by five goals to nil at home by Inverness Thistle.

Oct 9 **The Banffshire Advertiser will go up in price by 1 penny, from 4d to 5d from October 23.**

Buckie man lost overboard - Morris Wilson, 35, of 66 Well Road, Buckie fishing vessel, Begonia, was pulled overboard some 15 hours steaming time from Buckie when a rope wound round his leg. The skipper and owner of the Begonia, Mr Svend P. Ruby saw Mr Wilson go overboard but was unable to stop him. Though a search was mounted for some time they were unable to find Mr Wilson and it was presumed that he had drowned.

He leaves a wife, Betty, a daughter of Mr and Mrs Geddes, 4 John Street and also five young children.

Dance venue and groups - The Elizabethans have been booked to play in the Cullen Town Hall on Friday 10 October with the **Power Vane** on Friday 17.

First Chinese restaurant in the area - The Dragon City Chinese Restaurant is now open on High Street, Elgin, opposite the Playhouse.

Hepworths want a youth to train. Hepworths, the gents' outfitters at 17 East Church Street are advertising for a young boy to train as a salesman. Excellent wages and commission.

For sale or rent in Buckie - Licenced grocers business.

The late Countess of Seafield - The Countess of Seafield who died recently was buried in the rose garden in close proximity to Cullen House, her home for a long time

Buckie Rovers - The team to play on Saturday against Sunnybank (Aberdeen) in the 1st round of the North Region (North Section) Junior Cup will be chosen from the following players - Ross, Smith, McGoldrick, Mitchell, Green, Robertson, Newlands, Cowie, Murray, B. Flett, W. Flett, M. Geddes and J. Geddes.

In the previous game against Bishopmill United, last Saturday Billy Flett celebrated his first game for the Rovers with the end of the cricket season by scoring a hat trick.

Oct 16 **Venues and Pop Groups** - Booked to play at a dance in the Town Hall, Cullen on 31st October is **The Herd plus the 'T' Set**. Admission 8/6.

It happened that **The Herd** didn't play as the group had broken up and **The 'T' Set** was left on their own.

Pubs and music - Most of the pubs have arranged for groups and singers to entertain patrons at the weekends. The Anchor Bar and The Crown Bar are both mentioned in this week's edition. In the Crown on Friday The Isla Trio will perform while on Saturday night patrons can enjoy a sing-a-long with Christie Morrison.

Strathlene Hotel is holding a Musical Evening and Hop on Sunday 19 October in aid of Dr Barnardos Children's Christmas Party. Admission free - silver collection.

In the Playhouse this week - Ring of Bright Water starring Bill Travers and Virginia McKenna. Tarzan and the Jungle Boy. The Guns of with Gregory Peck, David Niven and others.

Peter Anson author and painter - A photograph in this edition shows Peter Anson at Buckie Harbour. He was making a farewell visit to all the harbours along the Moray Firth coast from Portgordon to Gardenstown before leaving the area to follow a monastic life on Caldey Island off the Pembrokeshire coast. (This was what the caption said but later Peter Anson, himself, wrote a letter to the B. A. To say that this was incorrect. A précis of the note he sent is printed in a date in November.)

Buckie Welfare Society - Mr Archie Douglas has been appointed the new president of Buckie Welfare Society in succession to the late Mr James Macrae who died recently.

Electrical Association for Women - A local branch has been set up in Buckie following an inaugural meeting held in the Town House. Mrs Flora Shand, Chapelford, Clochan, was appointed the first chairman, vice chairman, Mrs A.G. Brown, Secretary, Mrs F. Arens, Treasurer, Mrs J. Cowie, Press Secretary, Mrs E. Niven. Meetings will take place once per month.

Oct 23 **Sea Cadets** - A photograph on the front page shows the Buckie Sea Cadet unit taken while on a visit to RNAS Lossiemouth.

Dance venue and groups - The Tangerine Machine will play at a dance to be held in the Town Hall, Cullen on Friday 24 October.

New banker takes up post - Mr Tom Kennedy took up his new duties as manager of the Buckie and Cullen offices of the Aberdeen Savings Bank. Mr Kennedy a native of Ellen moved to Buckie from Lerwick where he was very much involved with many organisations. He is also very interested in craftwork and has made a great number of silver articles a number of which are now found in the local Fishing Heritage Museum.

Oct 30 **New Harbour office** - Tenders amounting to £1991.19 for the erection of a new harbour office beside the weighbridge on Commercial Road was approved by Buckie Town Council on Monday evening.

An indoor swimming pool in the Fishermen's Hall?!! By nine votes to two Buckie Town Council agreed on Monday night to ask their Parks and Amenity committee and special Swimming Pool Committee to investigate jointly the possibility of building an indoor swimming pool inside the Fishermen's Hall and also to give consideration to the future of the open-air bathing pool at Strathlene. It was Police Judge Gowie who raised the issue of the Strathlene Pool saying how they were spending a lot of money each year on wages and repairs when only a few people seemed to be interested in it. He did not see any use in continuing with the pool.

Councillor Alex McIntosh however said now that they were proposing to extend the caravan site at Strathlene he thought that they must have an amenity in that area such as the swimming pools.

Councillors Jack Cole and Peter Jappy were the two voices who spoke out against losing the Fishermen's Hall and moved an amendment that no action be taken.

First 'Worboys' John Murray, Burgh Surveyor, told the council that the first 'Worboys' road signs to be erected in Banffshire had been placed on the Cullen-Fochabers road at the approach to the junction with the Toll Bar road leading into Buckie.

Dance venue and group names - Booked to play in Cullen Town Hall on Friday 31st October is the group **The Argus Butterfly**. "For Real Wild Beat Climb Aboard this Group"

On Friday 7 November **The See Saw** (From Brum) will play

Buckie Folk Club meets in the Commercial Hotel on Sundays evenings.

Pub music - The Anchor Bar will have Mark and his Music to entertain patrons on Friday 31st October while on Saturday evening The Famous Ragner and his Electric Accordion will play.

Jimmy Duncan will be playing in the Seafield Inn, Portknockie on Friday 31st October while the following night it will be the turn of Hendry and his Mandoline.

Dances - There will be a dance in Foggieloa on Friday 31st October where the **Twilight Zone** will supply the music for dancing.

There will be a dance in the Town Hall, Portsoy, on Saturday 1st November where **The Power Vane** will be playing. A free bus after the dance will run to Buckie via the coast.

Pop Spectacular - The CSSS Strathspey Branch have arranged for **The Facells** to play in the Royal Hotel, Keith on Sunday 2 November from 8.30 till 11.30pm. Admittance 6/- Buses from Huntly, Aberlour and Dufftown.

Advert - Clydesdale T.V. Rental Specialists, Cluny Square, Buckie. Rent a brand new 192 set from 7/2 weekly or buy your own set from 62/- deposit and 15/- weekly. Fully maintained for three years.

Deputy head - Mr William Bruce, 39, has been appointed first assistant at Buckie Primary School and will take up duty on November 10. A native of Inverallochy, Mr Bruce will be deputy to the headmaster, Mr James Findlay.

Boat launch - A 70' long seiner/trawler christened **Shalimar** was launched from the shipyard of Messrs George Thomson and Son on Saturday. The Shalimar has been built for Dan Y. Sutherland, Skipper of the Hopeman fishing boat, Gardenia, his bother, George and cousin Frank, all of Hopeman. The Shalimar, which cost £50,000 to build, will be ready for the sea by the middle of December.

The new vessel will be powered by a 320 hp Kelvin diesel engine and will have all the latest navigation aids, radio equipment and fishing gear.

Cullen ice cream shop receives a diploma for its ice cream.

Nov 6 **not disinterested but disgusted** - **This** was the gist of a letter sent to the Banffshire Advertiser from an Edinburgh man who regularly takes a caravan holiday at Strathlene each year. He had picked up the quote made by Police Judge Gowie at a meeting of Buckie Town Council where he had said that a lot of money was being wasted on Strathlene bathing pool when very few people were interested in it. The writer of the letter said that he was very much interested in the swimming pool but was disgusted by the state of both the changing rooms and also the pool itself, going on to describe both in rather unsavoury terms. He felt that vandalism couldn't be blamed for everything and suggested that there had been a distinct lack of maintenance.

This weekend in the Crown Bar - On Friday patrons can hear Billy Dey and his music accompanied by the golden voice of Pat McManus from Ireland. On Saturday George Keill guitar/vocalist will perform.

The Lennox Bar in Portgordon is looking for people to entertain at the weekends. (This practice of music in pubs is on the increase though Kate Duncan, Buckie, played the 'Joanna' in the Lennox Pub many years before this.)

Christmas is coming - but surely awfy early. James Mackay, Draper, etc. etc had taken a whole page in the B. A. to tell folk of the different toys he had in stock for Christmas. The following week he again had a whole page but this time it was sketches of different kind of toys.

Buckie Welfare Society hand outs - The practice that came in to force some years back where the Welfare Society took the decision to divide up the interest on the money invested among a great variety of organisations with the burgh. All together the sum of £475 was distributed this year. Nearly 30 organisations received sums ranging from £55 in the case of the Buckie Girl Guide Association which covers - 3 Girl Guide Companies and Five Brownie Packs to £5 to Old Age Pensioners etc, etc.

History has been made - Enzie Church of Scotland made history when the church was the first to appoint a woman elder in the Buckie area. The lady in question is Miss Henrietta H. McGregor of Sonas, Bridge of Tynet.

Miss McGregor is a retired school teacher who was born at Whitefield, Drybridge and who taught in a number of different schools in Banffshire for 40 years and lived in the Keith area for many years before moving to Tynet around 8 years ago. She is a well-known golfer being a member of both Buckpool and Spey Bay clubs. She was recently appointed President of the Banffshire Branch of the Royal Scottish Country-Dance Society.

Buckie Thistle in the doldrums - The latest score is Keith F.C. 8 Buckie Thistle 1. Buckie are meantime bottom of the Highland League.

Team that played Keith was - Samson, Geddes and Taylor; Forrest, Clark and Bremner; Wright, Cross, Abercrombie, Cowie and Shewan.

George Wright who played at outside right is a local schoolboy. He was in the Thistle team again the following week. (In 2002 he was the manager of Buckie Rovers and had been for the past two seasons.)

Nov 13 **Raising funds with a Coffee Morning** - **The** Girl Guides held a Coffee Morning in the North Church Hall on Saturday morning and raised the sum of £16 towards funds.

Dances are becoming more common again - Venues listed in this edition of the B. A. are Aberchirder, Portsoy and Spey Bay? The Billy Steele Combo will play at Foggie, The Snowy Wood in Portsoy and the evergreen Bill Geddes at Spey Bay.

The dances in Cullen Town Hall on a Friday are still continuing - Booked to play of Friday 21st November is the popular all girl group called **Girl Talk** who are making a return to Cullen by special request.

Not so - Recently a photograph in the B. A. showed the author and painter, Mr Peter Anson, at Buckie Harbour. The caption read that he was leaving the area to become a monk on Caldey Island. Mr Anson had read this and wrote a letter to the B. A. from his home on Caldey Island in which he said that he was not trying to become a monk again (as had been said) but had simply returned to the island where he had lived from 1912 to 1926 and where he had learnt to bait mackerel lines and where he began to take an interest in the fishing industry. This had led to his coming to the Moray Firth and especially Macduff where he stayed from 1938 till 1958. He wrote a book about his experiences in the area during this time.

Nov 20 **Rock House**, the former home of Dr John F. Cameron a former Provost of Buckie on East Church is almost ready for first residents who will take up abode in the New Year. The house is being converted into a Home for Shipwrecked Fishermen and Mariners.

The project costing £12,000 has been supported by Buckie Rotary Club but a management committee has been set up to oversee the responsibility of running the home.

Charles Shearer, President of the Rotary Club was appointed chairman of the new committee. James D. Slater, local honorary agent of the Shipwrecked Fishermen and Mariners Royal Benevolent Society was appointed secretary and Ian Forbes, as treasurer.

In addition a number of committee members were also appointed, a number having close association with the local branch of the British Legion, such as David Grant and Bert Samuel.

The Two Red Shoes - Hilda Herd is the resident vocalist with Jim Martin's band.

Buckie Round Table Turf Club are to hold a Grand National Dance in the British Legion hall on 28 November. Music will be supplied by the Sandy Herd Five - Admission 2/-

During the evening six horse races will be run culminating in the Grand National sponsored races. Lucky Race Cards, Winners Prizes, No Limit Tote.

Country Dance Rally - a crowd of 180 dancers from Invergordon to Turriff were present in the Fishermen's Hall on Friday night for the annual Country Dance Rally. Music was provided by the Hawthorn Band from Blairgowrie.

Buckie Thistle 0 Elgin City 7 (H/L) Jackie Jamieson asked for his release and was placed on the transfer list.

Nov 27 **Child Welfare Clinic** - Two sites were being considered - one at Cathcart Grove and the other at Benreay on Seaview Place. The Benreay site with car park was estimated to cost £22,000 with Cathcart Grove £12,000. Though Dr Cameron thought that it would be short-sighted on the part of the county council not to establish a clinic on ground adjoining Benreay it was the Cathcart Grove site that was recommended. (In 2001 after lying vacant for some time the Balloch Trust organisation, which exists to help people who find difficulty in finding a job, moved into the premises from the former lamp factory at Marchmount.. The Child Clinic took up residence in the new Medical Centre at Highfield Road.)

New minister - Rev John Shand was installed as the new rector of Buckie All Saints Episcopal Church on Saturday in succession to Rev Neil Strong who left recently for

Ludlow in Shropshire. Rev Shand is a graduate of Aberdeen University and was originally a schoolteacher.

Findochty District Nurse killed - Miss Annie Roy who has been District Nurse at Findochty for the last 16 years was killed on Saturday when the car she was driving skidded on an icy road surface and plunged down an 8' drop at Placemill on the Forgue/Rothienorman road.

Enzie Church Woman's Guild - raised £156 for Church Funds as a result of an Afternoon Tea with Sales Table and Cake and Candy stall held in the Buckie North Church hall on Saturday past.

Discotheque at the Marine Hotel - Every Sunday Tommy's (Murray) Teens and Twenties Discotheque takes place in the Marine Hotel. Under 16 from until 5.30 p.m. and over 16 from 7.30 till 10.45 p.m.

Venues and groups - A dance will take place in the Cullen Town Hall on Friday 28 November when music for dancing will be played by **Status Quo** "Pictures of Matchstick men etc. etc. Britain's Top Group. The biggest name on the Pop Scene to visit the north-east - plus the mighty **My Dear Watson**. Admission 8/6 From 9 until 1 a.m.

Dec 4 **Venue and groups** - On Friday 5th December dancers can hear and dance to the music of **Mighty Baby** and on the following Friday **The Bohemians**.

Advert - Forbes Gents Hairdressing, Cluny Square, from Saturday 6th December the cost of a haircut will be increased to **5/-**. There will be no increase for either OAP's or Boys.

Gave 42 year's service to nursing - Miss Margaret 'Rita' Henderson, a native of Findochty, retired last Wednesday after spending 42 years in nursing. She was a specialist in midwifery. Miss Henderson did the various parts of her training in Aberdeen, Edinburgh and Manchester. In 1939 she took a diploma as a teacher of midwifery a subject in which she decided to specialise.

Following this she was in charge of maternity units at various centres including Dundee and Glasgow before becoming Matron of Helensburgh Maternity Hospital where she served for four years.

In 1955 she went to South Africa and for 6 ½ years taught African midwives Petermaritzburg, Natal, later moving to Rhodesia and starting the first midwifery school in Salisbury. She returned to Britain in 1966 and the following year joined the nursing staff at Seafield Hospital, Buckie until she retired last Wednesday.

She is meantime writing a text book on midwifery for use in African countries.

In 2002 Miss Henderson was a resident in Linn Coort, a Very Sheltered Housing complex on Linn Avenue.

Strathlene bathing pool - The town council took the decision to keep the bathing pool at Strathlene open for a further year at least.

OAP Dinner and Social - A crowd of 230 old folk attended the annual social and dinner held by Buckie Old People's Welfare Committee in the Fishermen's Hall last Thursday night.

Buckie Ladies Circle raised £20 at a coffee morning held in the North Church hall in aid of The Schools For The Deaf.

Brora Rangers 8 Buckie Thistle 0. Buckie struggled to field a team and were forced to field Welfare League players and two veterans. Willie Allan played while George Tough was on the bench

Dec 11 **Buckie Lyric Opera Company** who five years ago turned their energies and talents to the ever popular world of Pantomime presented the latest in the series - Humpty Dumpty to large audiences in the Fishermen's Hall. Buckie, last week. Apart from a few experienced members who filled the main parts it was a very youthful cast with the majority in their early teens.

Bungalow, built in 1946, for sale at 7 St Peter's Road. Upset price £1,500

Cluny Square will be decorated for the festive season - The town council decided this at their meeting on Monday evening. Police Judge Gowie suggested that in addition to the Christmas tree strings of coloured lights should be hung around the square.. The Burgh Surveyor, John Murray thought that one of the most effective ways of brightening up the town centre would be to floodlight certain buildings and features such as the North Church, All Saints and the War Memorial. In addition coloured lights could be put on the tower of the North Church.

Buckie Sea Cadet unit - A picture on page nine shows the Buckie Sea Cadet unit in their hall on Low Street during their annual inspection. This was carried out by Commander C. W. Whittington Scottish Area office of the Sea Cadet Corps. Thirty boys were on parade under the unit CO Lt Bernard Hill.

Scottish Junior Cup Second Round - Buckie Rovers 1 Dunfermline Jubilee 0. The Rovers' team was - Ross, Smith, McGoldrick, Mitchell, Green, W. Flett, Cruickshank, D. Geddes, |Murray, Cowie, J. Geddes. Sub. Billy Flett.

Boat launch - A 54' Danish type seine net fishing boat was launched from the shipyard of Herd & McKenzie Ltd on Monday but without any ceremony. The new vessel, christened **Pacemaker**, has been built for the Delga Fishing Company It will be completed by the end of the month.

Dec 18 **A new hall for the Army Cadet Force** was opened on East Cathcart Street this week.

No extension to Strathlene Caravan site - The application for an extension to Strathlene Caravan site has been withdrawn. It had been planned to extend on to land across the A942 from the existing park and to convert the former salmon bothy into toilet facilities.

Swimming charges at Strathlene pool to be increased - In an attempt to reduce the financial loss incurred in operating the municipal open air bathing pool at Strathlene, Buckie Town Council are to increase the charges next season, in most cases to double to what they are at present. Last year's charges are given in brackets . Juveniles 1/ (6d), adults 2/- (1/-) Banffshire school parties if accompanied by a person in charge 6d (3d) Season ticket - Juveniles 10/- (7/6), adults 15/- (12/6). Spectators - Juveniles 6d(3d), adults 1/- (6d) Different opinions were expressed on the wisdom of increasing the charges before the vote was taken. Provost Douglas thought that the new charges had been set at a realistic level in this day and age while Police Judge Gowie said that it was something that simply had to be done. Councillor McKenzie was of the opinion that it would have been better to reduce the charges, which would be likely to attract more people to use the pool. Councillor McIntosh said , " I think that the new charges will kill the pool all together and even less revenue than that of £180 last year is likely to be gathered".

A recommendation made was that the pool would open on Sunday afternoons from 1 till 6 p.m. during July as an experiment.

Aberdeen Students Charities Organisation is to hold a dance in the Two Red Shoes, Elgin on Christmas Eve. The dance is described as Carnival Capers and music will be played by the **Strathpeffer Band** plus resident band, Jim Martin. They will also run a dance in the Elgin Town Hall , which is, described as a Rudolph Ball, here the **Facells and Power Vane will play.**

Dance in Buckie on Christmas Eve - A dance will take place in the Fishermen's Hall on Christmas Eve. This will be a three band spectacular - Motown Review, My Dear Watson and They Grey Wooley Affair.

My Dear Watson have signed a new recording contract with Page One Records guaranteeing them a minimum release of two singles and an LP each year.

The deal came after Page One Records had made contact with their agent, Elgin dance promoter, Mr Albert Bonici

The boys, Ian Lyon, Rob Lawson and Bill Cameron, all 22 year old, from the Buckie area should have their first record released in March.

The group's music is being written for them by their former singer John Stewart, also from Buckie, who left the group last July,

The Buckie group is tipped to reach the top. Mr Bonici said **that though what they play is music for dancing it is of a higher order than you normally find in Pop music.**

Buckie Thistle still in the doldrums. The latest score was Buckie Thistle 0 Lossiemouth 5

Dec 25 **Buckie fishing boat with all local crew overdue and feared lost** - The Coral Isle an Aberdeen-based fishing boat was last heard of 10 days ago when she was 220 miles east of Aberdeen. She sailed on December 12th and was due back in to land on Monday of this week. The mysterious disappearance of the Coral Isle has shocked Buckie.

The Coral Isle, a 73' steel built boat was built in Berwick in 1956. All six men on board are from Buckie and are - Skipper, Fraser Thomson, 26, unmarried son of Mr and Mrs Roderick Thomson, 53 Bryson Crescent, Craigbo. He has been at the sea since he was 15 and has been skipper of the Coral Isle for two years. Two brothers - Alexander Smith, 33, who is also unmarried and sails as Mate. He lives with his parents at 22 Rannas Place. His brother Albert, 38, of 18 Bryson Crescent is a married man with four children. He is the engineer aboard the vessel. Malcolm 'Caley' Macrae also a married man, he and his wife Maria have five of a family. Alexander McDonald, 23, of 39 Bryson Crescent is also a married man with three children. James Ross, 35, another bachelor who lives at 12 Stuart Street.

Free dance - Buckie Boxing Club are to do what they have done for a number of years now that is to run a free dance in the St Andrew's Hall on 29th December. **The Orcadia Band** will play from 9.30 p.m. till 1 a.m.

Christmas Night Dance - Buckie Thistle F.C. are to run a dance in the Fishermen's Hall on Christmas Night. Music will be played by the Billy Steele Combo. The Buckie Thistle Queen 1970 will be chosen from the list of hopefuls.

Venue and groups - A dance will take place in the Cullen Town Hall on Friday 2 January 1970 when music will be played by **Lucky Charms.**

Buckie Thistle F.C. will run a dance in the Fishermen's Hall, Buckie on Thursday 1st January when the **Tangerine Machine** will play.

Buckie West Church will not be allowed to call a new minister. The congregation will have to make a decision either to join with the Buckie North or South Church or face dissolution.

They keep on losing - Buckie Thistle lost their last game of the year when they went down by five goals to one against Nairn County at Station Park, Nairn.

The team was - Simpson, Geddes, Taylor, Munro, Allan, Bremner, Cross, Abercrombie, Clark, Bruce, Forrest. Buckie had trialist Ian Munro of Portgordon at right half.

Buckie are second bottom of the Highland League