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Jan 1 **Memorial service** - A memorial service for the six Buckie members of the crew of the Aberdeen-based fishing boat, Coral Isle, which mysteriously vanished in the North Sea is to be held in the Rathven Church on Sunday January 18.

Buckie Thistle F.C. Queen is Miss Sheila Murray, 15, of Crown Street, Portgordon. The two runners up are Miss Ann Moncrieff, also 15 of Portessie and Wilma Hillier, and 14, of 31 Seatown, Buckie.

Deveronvale 8 Buckie Thistle 0 - It could have been worse the Buckie keeper saved a penalty.

Scottish Junior Cup third round - Aberdeen East End 3 Buckie Rovers 8.

Three years on the trot - For the third year running the Buckie fishing boats, Avail and Strathspey have won the Gowie Trophies awarded annually to vessels of the local fleet landing and selling most fish on the Buckie market during the year. The Avail, skipper George Cowie took the award for boats of over 60 feet in length landing 39,827 stone of fish in 1969, while the Strathspey, skipper, Peter Geddes returned the top figures for boats of under 60 feet in length with 34,724 stones. The trophies were handed over at the annual Fishermen's Ball held in the St Andrew's Hall last Friday. A local butcher, Wm. Taylor presented both skippers and members of each crew with pewter tankers.

Flu epidemic reaches Buckie - The flu outbreak that has been sweeping the country has reached Buckie and has affected almost every aspect of life and work in the community. On Monday of this week the doctors had their busiest day ever with no fewer than 180 fresh calls on their services.

Buckie born Postman on the move - The Postmaster on the Isle of Mull for the past five years, Wm. 'Bill' Cowie, formerly of 30 Admiralty Street has been appointed Postmaster at Mauchline in Ayrshire. He went from Buckie to Tobermoray. He is 48 and his wife, Margaret, also a native of Buckie, have four of a family.

Dances venues and groups - Cullen Town Hall on Friday 9th January - **Sour Mash.**

In the Fishermen's Hall, Buckie on Wednesday 21st January - **The Cannon.** Admission to the Fishermen's Hall between 9 and 9.30 2/6, after 9.30p.m 5/-

Longmore Hall, Keith - Saturday 17 January - **My Dear Watson and Happy ever After.** On Saturday 24 January - **The Grey Woolly Affair and The Cannon.**

(Note that the spelling of the word Woolly is different almost every time, at the Buckie Thistle F.C. dance to be held in the Fishermen's Hall on Saturday 10 January the word is spelt Woolley.)

Volunteers wanted - A public meeting is to take place in the Marine Hotel on 21 January to discuss the need for volunteers, both men and women to train in own time for voluntary service with the Royal Navy Auxiliary Service. Uniform is given and expenses paid.

Still more Brownies - 6 Buckie Brownie Company are forming a new pack and anyone wishing to join is invited to a meet in St Peter's School on Monday evenings at 6 p.m.

Advert - Ideal Homewares, 25 West Church Street, are holding a Discount Sale.

Death of former Thistle player - The death took place this week in Woodend Hospital, Aberdeen, of Colin McKenzie, 166 Land Street, and Keith after a long illness. Colin a clerk at Knockdhu Distillery played as a junior with New Elgin, then Rothes, Buckie and Inverness Caled. He was 30 and is survived by his wife.

Statistics for Buckie 1969 - There were 235 births - (124 boys and 111 girls) This is seven fewer than in 1968. 174 children were born in Seafield Hospital. There were 167 deaths, 27 more than in 1968. Of those that died 75 were men and 92 women - three were children under 10. 48 were aged between 70 and 79 46 between 80 and 89 15 over 90.

Landings at the Buckie market during 1969 - Total landings of shellfish and whitefish was 200,847 cwts amounting in value to £828,293. Whitefish by itself totalled 184,236 cwts and valued at £678,939. Shellfish landings were 16,611, valued at £149,354.

Jan 15 **Coral Isle Fund** - The town council started off the fund for dependants of the Coral Isle disaster with a donation of £100. The Special Fund will also include dependants of Morris Wilson who was lost recently off the local fishing boat, Begonia.

International Boat Show - Earls Court- London - Messrs Jones of Buckie are the only north of Scotland shipbuilding firm to be represented at the International Boat Show in London which opened on Wednesday. They have not, however, transported their famous Spey class yacht to London this year but have set up an office where prospective customers can receive information.

Arradoul Garage - The new proprietors of the Arradoul Garage, Messrs Hendry and Campbell, are to be allowed to erect an advance advertising sign for West End Garage although the County Planning Officer, Mr Sandy Wilson had recommended that the application be refused.

Modern Dancing Enterprises - Albert Bonici Promoter, Elgin in his advert this week has organised dances at three different venues - Cullen, Keith and Buckie. The group known as **The Cannon** will play in the Town Hall, Cullen on Friday 16 January. On the following day, Saturday **My Dear Watson** plus the five piece Glasgow band, **Speed** will play in the Longmore Hall, Keith. Then on Wednesday, 21st January **The Cannon** will again be playing but this time in the Fishermen's Hall, Buckie.

Boat launch - A £55,000 seiner/trawler was launched from the shipyard of Messrs Herd & McKenzie Ltd on Saturday for Alex McKay, skipper of the local fishing boat, Welcome and his brothers-in-law, Messrs A and J.G Findlay. She was named Minerva. When ready in about 6 week's time she will have a 230 hp Gardner diesel engine installed and all the most up to date navigation aids and fishing equipment.

Problems of the Permissive Society, especially sex and drugs - The members of the Jehovah Witnesses, at their three day meeting in Perth, said how their young followers were escaping the world wide problem amongst teenagers that of illicit sex and drugs, which was causing grave concern to many authorities.

Buckie District Welfare Football Association - Only five clubs, Ladysbridge, Portsoy, Cullen, Portknockie and Fochabers were represented at the annual meeting in the Town House last Wednesday. J. Pirie, President was in the chair. In view of the small number present no office bearers were elected. It was agreed to hold a second meeting on Monday January 26.

Miss Buccaneer 1970 - Miss Morag Sutherland, 23 Richmond Terrace, Portgordon was chosen as Miss Buccaneer at a dance ran by the local Sea Cadet unit in the British Legion hall. Her attendants were - Miss Carol Black, 95 Well Road and Miss Anita Smith, 2 West Carlton Terrace, both Buckie.

Rock House Amenities Fund - The amenities fund set up for Buckie Rock House project to provide board and accommodation for lonely old people in the area has reached £341

Abbeyfield Movement - A film dealing with the Abbeyfield Movement which offers a way of living for elderly people who would otherwise be alone is to be shown by Douglas Kynoch on BBC1 next Sunday at 7.20p.m.

Continuing heavy defeats for the Thistle - Though Buckie introduced some new blood into the team for their visit to Inverness they still lost by six clear goals. They had three Rovers' players in the side - Billy McGoldrick, James Geddes and John Green. Billy Forbes from Bishopmill United was a trialist.

Scottish Junior Cup 4th Round - Buckie Rovers are to meet Castlehill in the 4th round of the Scottish Cup. The team will be selected from - Ross, B. Flett, McGoldrick, Mitchell, Green, W.Flett, Newlands, Cowie, Murray, M. Geddes, J. Geddes, Smith. Reserves - Robertson and Anderson.

Victoria Park unplayable because of frost and snow

'Flu outbreak on the wane - Things were beginning to get back to normal.

Jan 22 **Another fisherman lost at sea** - Thirty nine year old John Alexander Bowie, part owner of the fishing boat, Conquest, died on board after being plucked from the sea. And only minutes after he had gone over the side. He was the second son of Mr and Mrs John A. Bowie, 1 Sutherland Street.

British Legion well in the black - The British Legion showed a very satisfactory balance sheet when presented by the treasurer, Mr Ian Forbes.

The sum of £300 was distributed to a number of worthy causes, namely - Earl Haig Fund, 350, Coal for the Needy, £92, Old People's Welfare, £40, Round table, £21, Action For the Crippled Child, £15, Sea Cadets, £15, Salvation Army, £15, Police Dependants Trust, £15, S.F. & M Royal Benevolent Society, £15, British Legion (Zone Fund), £15, Disabled Ex-Servicemen, £10, British Legion Aberdeen Branch £10.

Driving tuition - Alexander Wood, 7 Wallace Avenue or Briar Bank, Provost Reid Crescent.

Coral Isle Fund tops £1000 in first week.

Scottish Junior Cup - Buckie Rovers drew 4-4 with Castlehill 4-4, away, in the 4th round of the Scottish Cup.

Highland League football - Buckie Thistle still toiling. The team lost by 7 goals to one against Keith at Victoria Park on Saturday. Keith Rattray, a former Thistle player scored five of the seven goals.

Son of Rawn - The name of the latest serial written by Spike came to an end in this edition.

Jan 29 **Shop closed** - The old established grocer shop of Reid and Slater, 20 Seaview Road closed its doors on Saturday. The sole proprietor, Miss Reid tendered her thanks to customer for the patronage the business had received during the years it had been in operation.

Modern Dancing Enterprises - The groups booked to play for dancing in the Longmore Hall, Keith, on Saturday 31st January are **Sugar and The T Set**. On Saturday 7th February dancers will have the pleasure of hearing **Archimedes Principle** play.

Sugar will also be playing for dancers in the Town Hall, Cullen, on Friday 30 January while the following Friday 6th February it will be the turn of **The Grey Wooley Affair and The T Set.**

The guest attraction in the Two Red Shoes, Elgin, on Wednesdays for the next two weeks will be the **Lorne Gibson Trio.**

Royal Hotel, Keith - The CSSS (Strathspey Branch) have booked Shallow Justice to appear at their Sunday night hop in the hotel on 1st February. There are free buses,

**** **Largest fishing boat yet launched from Messrs Jones** - The largest fishing boat ever to be constructed at the Buckie shipyard of Messrs Jones - the **Spes Nova** - an 80 feet long stern trawler and seine netter was launched from the yard last Thursday.

The vessel, which cost £70,000, was built to the order of skipper Robert McCullough of Kilkeel, Northern Ireland. The 102 ton vessel took to the water complete and is expected to start fishing operations this week. She has been fitted with all the most modern of fishing gear and equipment including an automatic pilot, power assisted steering and fish detection devices and is powered by a 450 hp Caterpillar diesel engine.

*** **Fraserburgh lifeboat** - A photograph on page 7 shows the ill-fated Fraserburgh lifeboat, Duchess of Kent, in the Buckie harbour. The Broch lifeboat capsized over 30 miles north east of Fraserburgh while on a rescue mission with the loss of five members of her 6-man crew. Forty-four year old John (Jackson) Buchan was thrown clear as the boat over-turned and was picked up by a Russian ship which also righted the lifeboat and recovered four of the bodies underneath, one man is missing. **The full story in given on page 7**

*** Buckie Town Council gave £100 towards the Lifeboat Fund.

Buckie District Welfare League - At the second called meeting representatives from 10 teams turned up, namely - Buckpool United, British Legion, Keith Dynamos, Ladysbridge, Portsoy, Cullen, Portknockie, Findochty, Portgordon and Fochabers.

Cargo traffic at Buckie Harbour - The Dutch cargo ship Auriga G arrived in Buckie on Saturday to pick up 11180 crans of herring from the west coast bound for Cuxshaven. The herring are normally exported from Montrose but bad weather on the east coast last week resulted in the vessel being diverted to Buckie.

First time - The following statement - '**Cremations arranged**' was seen for the first time in the advert inserted by Alex Bain, Portgordon and Baron Street and Alex Hendry and Sons, Land Street, Buckpool, Funeral Directors.

Feb 5 **British Legion** - Buckie and District branch of the British Legion are to hold their annual dinner Dance in the St Andrews Hotel on Friday 27 February. Music to be supplied by Ian Gair's Band. Tickets cost 17/6. There will be dancing in the British Legion hall on Saturday night to music by Sandy Herd's band.

Formation of Buckie Choral Union - The local choir, which gave a performance of Handel's Messiah last December has now been formed into Buckie Choral Union and details of their first work will be announced shortly. Membership of the choir is open to anyone who is interested in choral singing.

Rovers go out - Buckie Rovers lost by three goals to nil in the second replay of the 4th round Scottish Cup tie against Castlehill. They had only themselves to blame as they had the opportunity to kill the game off in the very first game when they had been three -one ahead at one point

Still toiling - Though Buckie Thistle introduced a number of new faces for this game and tried a different formation they were still well trounced by Huntly at Christie Park by seven goals to nil.

Feb 12 **Decision of the West Church congregation** - A substantial majority of the congregation of the West Church agreed to go ahead with a union with the South Church when faced with the alternative ultimatum.

Modern Dancing Enterprises - The group - **Whisky Martin's Poker Orchestra** will play in the Cullen Town Hall on Friday 20 February and also in the Longmore Hall, Keith on Saturday 21st.

Banff County statistics for 1969 show that marriage, death and illegitimacy birth rates were all above the average for Scotland as a whole.

Buckie District Welfare Football League - Teams - Buckpool United, British Legion (Buckie), Portgordon United, Fochabers Rockets, Keith Dynamos, Findochty Wanderers, Portknockie, Cullen, Portsoy and the former Ladysbridge which has changed its name to Whitehills. The following cups will be played for - County Cup, Lyon cup, Brown Cup, St Valery Trophy, Duncan Cup, Legion Shield and Ferguson Shield.

Feb 19 **Marine Hotel** - Supper Dance in the New Haven with music by **The Quartet**.

Modern Dancing Enterprises - Dance in the Longmore Hall, Keith on Saturday 21st February with music by **The Stack**. On the following Saturday the group called **Majorine** will be playing.

Recommendation - All pupils should be taught a modern language in S1 and S2. Up till recently only 35% - 40% of the school populations had been given the opportunity to study a modern language.

** **Church attendance**- Over the past two years the number of people on the rolls of Strathbogie and Fordyce Presbytery has dropped by more than 1,000 to 15,152.

Victoria Park was unplayable on Saturday for the second week running because of frost and snow.

Feb 26 - **Information signs to be erected** - The town council took the decision to erect information signs pointing the route to the town centre, library, reading room and public toilets at appropriate places throughout Buckie.

Sea Cadets to hold coffee morning - This will take place in the Commercial Hall on Saturday 26 February from 10 till 12 noon. Tickets cost 2/6. There will be a Sales Table.

Two Red Shoes - Sundays - Vic Hosts the Modern Dancing Enterprises Club Disco. Fridays and Saturdays dancing to Jimmy Martin's Band. A Special event will take place on Friday 27 February when a Lossie and District Miss RAFA will be chosen to represent the district and go forward to the Scottish Finals. Also starring the sensational exotic dancer Carolyn.

Modern Dancing Enterprises - Friday 27 February for one night only there will be no dance in Cullen Town Hall but meet London's most popular group, The Stack in the Fishermen's Hall, Buckie. On Friday March 6th The Marjorine will play in the Town Hall, Cullen.

Anniversary marked - To mark the 96th anniversary of the opening of the Methodist Church in Portgordon a special service of praise and song took place in the church on Sunday.

Oh me it gets worse! Buckie Thistle **0** Ross County **10** . The team was - Simpson, Douglas and Jamieson; Geddes, Clark and Allan; Wright, Bremner, Smith, Forbes and Forrest. Sub. Bruce.

As we were told Ross County were missing Jim Lyness the north's leading goal-scorer or the defeat might well have been greater.

The Smith, playing at centre-forward for Buckie was a 16 year old from Fochabers who has been signed by the club who are also hoping to sign Billy Forbes of Bishopmill.

The local paper received a letter from a disgruntled Buckie fan.

Mar 5 **'Herdies' land a big and interesting order** - The Buckie shipbuilding firm of Herd & McKenzie Ltd who recently landed an order for a 320 ton three masted adventure sailing schooner, which will cost in the region of £200,000, began work on the new project this week with the keel being laid on Monday.

When the 144 feet long vessel is completed and ready for her first cruise in the second half of 1971 she will be the largest sailing ship at sea flying the Red Ensign.

The new schooner, built of wood and fitted with auxiliary engines is to be named, **'Sir Frances Drake'** and will be based at Plockton on the west coast.

Using the sea lochs for basic training the Sir Frances Drake will take 36 young men at a time on 26 day cruises to the western isles, lonely St Kilda and to Orkney and Shetland.

The scheme is sponsored by the Dulverton Trust. **For a fuller report see the front page of this edition.**

Modern Dancing Enterprises - "Will I see you at the dance in the Longmore Hall, Keith, on Saturday?" "Fa's playing?" **"The Variations"**, should be a good night"

The Electrical Association for Women is holding a coffee morning in the Commercial Hall on Saturday first. Tickets 2/6. Sales Table.

A 'pint' at last - Buckie Thistle had a 0-0 draw with the Broch at Fraserburgh. "We maun be thanfi' o' sma mercies" The Thistle have signed Billy Forbes and James Meisner both of Bishopmill United.

Dickie Grant, an official with Buckie Thistle, had a good letter in the B.A. in answer to the one criticising the committee for all the troubles that the team have been facing and put a few things straight.

Mar 12 **More fish buyers needed** - Buckie Town Council are to make a bid to attract more fish buyers to Buckie. Though exceptionally large landings of fish are taking place only a fraction of them are being sold locally- less than a quarter.

The Bow Fiddle Folk Group - from Portknockie won the top award in the final of the Cairngorm Winter Festival singing contest held in the Osprey Room of the Cairngorm Centre last Thursday.

The group is composed of brother and sister, Gary and Frieda Morrison, Portknockie and Alistair Webster, Aberdeen who have been playing and singing in the area during the past 6 months.

New tea room opened -at 50 East Church Street, across the lane from the Post Office. Open from 9 till 6 p.m. Monday to Saturday for teas and coffees Home baking a speciality . All welcome.

Bus shelters for school bairns - Buckie District Council are to recommend that bus shelters be provided at Drybridge and at Briggs Far, Deskford for school children.

(In 2001 local school bairns in the Deskford area won a prize for the work they had done in improving the bus shelter which had been sadly neglected over the years.)

Boat launch - three days after being officially named the '**Aries**', a 65 foot long trawler built for Peter Slater, skipper of the Buckie fishing boat Fame and his two sons James and William slid into the water from the shipyard of Messrs G. Thomson and Son on Tuesday.

The £52,000 vessel was due to be launched on Saturday but bad weather caused a last minute postponement though it was decided to go ahead with the naming ceremony as the boat lay on the launching rails in the firm's yard.

The new vessel will be powered by a 230 Gardner diesel engine and will also have the following navigation and fishing equipment installed when she is ready in about four week's time. - Radar, echo sounder, navigator VHF and radiotelephone.

Cargo traffic at Buckie Harbour - The German-registered Abster II brought in 700 tons of rock salt from Hamburg. Banff County Council will use this on the local roads. Other arrivals and departures were - the Els Teekman with 500 tons of fertiliser from the Netherlands for agents in Banffshire. The Shetland Trader left with timber for Shetland.

No gender bar now - Woman can now join the Auxiliary Costguards. This new regulation was issued by the Board of Trade last week. The age limit for both men and women has been lowered to 16 years.

Buckie Choral Union - The recently formed Buckie Choral Union under their conductor Mr John Fraser (PT History at Buckie High School) organist and choirmaster of Buckie North Church have their first performance in the Buckie North Church on the evening of Sunday April 12.

Because of the many requests received the programme will include Stainer's 'Crucifixion' which attracted an enthusiastic audience last year. Other works are two dialogues by Henrich Schutz. Woman Why Weep Thou and The Pharisee and the Publican

Mar 19 **Buckie Exiles** - is the name of a poem found on the front page of this edition?

Jumble Sales are all the rage - There are no fewer than 3 Jumble Sales advertised in this edition of the B. A. One is to take place in the British Legion Hall. Portknockie Football Club are holding one in the Seafield Hall, Portknockie while the one to take place in the Methodist Church Hall in Portessie is to be ran in aid of 'Shelter'. The National Campaign for the Homeless.

A big demand for fish filleters - They are required by Buckie Fish Processing Co., Commercial Road, Moray Fish Supply, 11 Low Street while a foreman is also required by D. J. Stewart, Fish Merchant, 9 Low Street. Applicants applying to the last post are asked to phone a Nairn number.

The fishing boat Minerva - A photograph on page 4 shows the fishing boat, **Minerva** that has now finished her trial. She was built for skipper A. McKay, Highfield Road and former skipper of the Welcome.

Large fish - The largest fish seen in Buckie fish market for some time, a 10 ½ stone halibut that was landed by the fishing boat, Laureen, last Wednesday. It was sold for £31.10. **(Last week April 26 2002 halibut was being sold in 'Mair's' fish shop at £12 per kilo)**

Important post for former Cullen man - An article written on page 6 tells of how a native of Cullen, Professor Wm. Duff McHardy was Deputy Director of the New English Bible.

The Aries takes to the water - A picture showing the new boat built for Skipper Peter Slater is shown on page 9.

Buckie Thistle shows some improvement - Thistle 2 Peterhead 5. They still lack the finishing touch, a major weakness this season. To date they have lost 113 goals and only scored 13 and with only 3 points on the board from three draws is bottom of the league.

Death of former local Methodist minister - Rev Ernest Jacques, who was the Methodist minister at Portgordon and Buckie from 1962 till 1967 before moving to a post in England died this week at the age of 42 after being ill for some time.

Mar 26 **Coffee morning pays off** - Buckie Primary School Parents/Teachers Association held a coffee morning in the school hall last Saturday when the sum of £75 was raised.

** **Poem - Portknockie Loons is found on page 4**

Concert and dance - Cullen Football Club are to hold a concert and dance in the Town Hall on Saturday 28 March. The concert will begin at 8 p.m. with admission being 5/-. The dance will start at 9.45 and continue through until 1 a.m. Hebbie Gray and his Broadcasting Band with TV personality, Dave McIntosh will provide the music. Dance ticket also 5/-

Modern Dancing Enterprises - The group booked to play in Cullen Town Hall on Friday 27 March is **The Lucky Charms**.

In the Longmore Hall on Saturday 28 March music for dancing will be played by **The Woolly Affair** while the following Saturday a new name on the pop scene, **Skippin' Rope 'n' Bangles** will provide the music.

Advert - J. Gordon Williamson Ltd, Elgin . "We are now undertaking **Commercial Diving**"

Lighting offences - For riding a bicycle on the High Street without a front or rear light nor a red reflector an adult was fined £4 at a Police Court . And at a Juvenile Court a fifteen year old was fined £2 for riding a bicycle without lights on Low Street during the hours of darkness. (In the year 2002 it would appear as if the police turn a blind eye to this offence since great numbers, old and young ride bikes without lights and keep on doing so.)

A Nuclear Power station for Stake Ness near Whitehills - The North of Scotland Hydro Electric Board are to build a Nuclear Power Station at Stake Ness with application made to the Secretary of State for permission. This was the glad news that was made public on Wednesday.

Newspaper reports said the construction of the Nuclear Power Station would benefit the whole of the Moray Firth area. Another report said how this was the best news for Banffshire for a long time if not in its entire history. (How's that for hyperbolic language? What a let down that it never came off.)

Apr 2 **Christmas comes but once a year but when it come it can be awfy dear!** The cost of providing decorations in Cluny Square last Christmas and New Year amounted to £298. This money paid for a Christmas Tree, crosses, floodlighting, and strings of lights.

Cash grant from the National Playing Fields Association - Buckie received the sum of £300 from the NPFA. The town council decided that this should be used to provide small children's play areas at Netherha Road, the new Weir housing scheme and the Well Road area.

Modern Dancing Enterprises - The Spiggy Topes will be playing in the Town Hall, Cullen on Friday 3 April.

Starting on Saturday 11 April Late Night dances will take place in the **King's Hall, Grange** from **10p.m. till 1 a.m.** Late buses.

Seatown area to be re-developed - The plans for the area are to incorporate nine four apartment two storey houses and 8 two apartment single storey houses with a battery of ten lock up garages, two viewing points and a walk along the embankment overlooking the sea. MR W. A. Bartlam, architect, Elgin, drew up the plans.

Skipping and ball playing poems are found in the Peter Dick column on page 4.

The first lines of the skipping poem are - Evie, ovie turn the roapie over, Baby in the cradle playing with the ladle

The ball poem starts - Queen Mary, Queen Mary, my age is sixteen, My father's a fairmer on yonder green.

Spike was on about the iron waallies and saying how they had nearly all disappeared but at least one should have been kept. He described how he had jumped over the one, which stood half way up High Street many a time. He described the waallies or water pumps as follows - The fluted stand pipe or column was made of cast iron and stood about four feet high with a domed top surmounted by an iron acorn. You turned a knob at the side and the water gushed into your pail or roozer from the mouth of an amiable looking gargoyle. At one time these water pumps or waallies stood at many street corners and for a long time after the wells was the only water supply for many.

Death of Buckie Rovers' President - Mr George Stewart died in Seafield Hospital on Monday night at the age of 76, he had been in ill health for some time. Born at 12 Cathedral Street, Buckpool he served his time with Gillan the Grocer, on East Church Street before moving to Glasgow where for some time he continued in the trade. He later became an Insurance Agent a job he remained at for 25 years. He retired to Buckie in 1958 where he took a keen interest in junior football and bowling. Apart from being president of Buckie Rovers he was a former president of Buckie Bowling Club.

Opening announcement - A. Jappy, 68 Seatown, Window Cleaning, Plastering, Tiling and Harling.

Former Hepworth's manager returns - after spending 8 years in Edinburgh Mr Peter Slater, 7 St Peter's Road has returned to his former job as manager of Hepworth's, the well-known tailoring firm. He was assistant to Mr Willie Scorgie and on his retirement became manager of the Buckie branch. after some time he left to continue his career in the tailoring trade with a private firm in Edinburgh. In 1968 he became manager of a property agent's office in Edinburgh but recently took the decision to return to his old trade and rejoined Hepworth's. (Peter later opened his own gents outfitters at the corner of West Church Street with South Pringle Street and remained in business until retiring in 1995)

Rumours discounted - Rumours that Buckie Playhouse was to close as a cinema was strongly denied yesterday by the local manager, Mr Bob Souter. He explained that they had applied for a license to run Bingo sessions in the building but law required this. (Some would say that there's aye some water far the stirkie droons and the Playhouse did eventually close as a cinema though this was not as quickly as had been predicted.)

Apr 16 **No great interest shown in public affairs** - For the third successive year there will be no poll at Buckie, with five candidates for the five seats.

Opening announcement - George Campbell, 5 Cooper Street, Buckpool, is to commence in business as a joiner and funeral undertaker. Workshop is on Blairdaff Street.

Music in pubs The following pubs, Seafield Inn, Portknockie, Commercial Hotel, Buckie, Crown Bar, Buckie and The Royal Oak, Cullen all advertise music being

played in their premises either on Friday, Saturday or Sunday and in some cases all three nights .

Strathlene Bathing Pool - A girl is wanted for the spring and summer season at Strathlene. Applicants should apply to John Murray, Burgh Surveyor.

For Sale and Wanted - Go car for sale in good condition, £2 or nearest offer. A shed is also required at least 8'x6' . Good price paid if in good condition. xx
xxxxxxxxxx Street.

****** A poem - Ripper boat (Mary's) by Exiled is found on page 5**

The Mill of Buckie Bridge - The town council had received a letter from someone who was complaining about the bridge over the Buckie Burn near Mill of Buckie farm being closed. The council's answer was that the bridge, which belonged to the farmers, Messrs John Craib and Sons, was now in a dangerous state of disrepair according to engineers who had had it checked. The farmers have expressed no interest in repairing the bridge nor have the County Council it being outside the boundaries of the town. Being left with a bridge which was unsafe for the public to use the council took the decision to have it blocked off.

Big defeat for Buckie Thistle again - Peterhead 5 Buckie Thistle 0. Despite the help of three Rovers' players, Willie Flett, James Geddes and Pat Murray the Thistle was again well beaten.

Founder member honoured - Alex Lobban, a founder member of Buckie Toastmasters was presented with an illuminated address to mark 20 years of unbroken membership of the club. The ceremony took place at the final meeting of the session - Ladies Night.

Apr 23 **Extension to the burgh boundaries** - For the first time since 1921 the burgh boundaries have been extended to take in a further 53 acres. The extra land is required for housing.

Buckie High School teacher to leave - Mr Pat McIntosh, a teacher of Technical Subjects at Buckie High School for the past 14 years was recently appointed PT at Bridge of Don Academy. He was appointed as a Special Assistant in 1963 and Head of Further Education in 1964.

Modern Dancing Enterprises - The group booked to play in Cullen Town Hall on Friday 24 April is **Julian's Garden**, and at the Kings's Grange on Saturday, 24 April -**Senga and Museum Trifle**.

The new Banff Academy - Max Aitken, newspaper proprietor and former CO officially opened the new Banff Academy on Wednesday 22 April at Boyndie Airfield near Banff during WWII. The new building cost £800,000.

SNP gives a donation - Mr Hamish Watt, prospective SNP candidate for Banffshire, on behalf of the Buckie branch, handed over a donation of ten guineas to Mr Pat Donald of Buckie Thistle to help the club who are presently suffering financial hardship.

The Thistle this past week - After a better result on the Wednesday evening when they drew with Rothes and it looked for a while that they were going to record their first win of the season the team was once more back in the doldrums when they were beaten by seven goals to one at home by the Broch. On Wednesday the Thistle had the loan of four Rovers' players but their own club for a cup game required them on the Saturday. .

The Coral Isle Fund has now reached the figure of £11,282.0.10 after being given the sum of £925.15 by the people of Shetland.

Buckie Amateur Swimming Club has appointed Mr George McKenzie as president with George Kay as vice president. Mrs V. Innes and Mr Ian C. G. Forbes were returned as secretary and treasurer respectively.

School pupils go on strike - In the column under the heading So We Heard one can read of the day when a number of pupils decided to go on strike and how the event received considerable publicity in different paper and what the outcome was.

*** **A poem - My Freen The Sparra by Exiled is found on page 9**

May 7 **Extension to Buckie High School** - The Scottish Secretary has allowed £300,000 for the first phase of extensions planned for Buckie High School.

Note - As from May 14 the Banffshire Advertiser will not be on sale until Thursday morning.

Modern Dancing Enterprises have booked the **Magic Roundabout** to play at their dance in Cullen Town Hall on Friday 8th May. They will be supported by the Grey Woolly Affair. At Grange the following night My Dear Watson and the Grey Woolly Affair will be on stage.

At Cullen on 15 May another new group will be making their appearance in a three band night. Playing along with Museum Trifle and Senga and the Magic Roundabout will be **Sockittome..** In addition there will be a Discotomb Light Show and three disco dancers.

Buckie Cemeteries will now have areas set aside for the interment of caskets.

I was one of the School Strikers - The local paper received a letter from someone who described himself as one of the strikers. He described what their grievances were and whether they were met or not.

A letter from a reader in Hawaii - George Mair, a native of Portknockie but resident in Hawaii for many years wrote a letter to the Banffshire Advertiser saying how much he had enjoyed reading the poems that had been written by 'Exiled'. He added a short poem of his own. This is found on the front page.

A salt spreading machine - Buckie Town Council has bought for £110 a salt spreading machine for use on the burgh roads during snow and ice conditions.

Thank goodness its over - This had to be the sentiments expressed by not only the officials of Buckie Thistle but also their long suffering fans when the last game of season 1969/70 ended with Buckie again being beaten by six goals to two by the Clach in Inverness. Buckie have the unusual distinction of completing a whole Highland League season without winning a single game. The reporter was also somehow affected causing him to miss out the names of three of the forward line in his team of the day - Simpson, Douglas and Geddes; Jessiman, Meisner and Cross; ? ? ? Smith and Allan. Sub. Milne.

May 14 **Provost again** - Provost Edward Douglas was elected for his second term as Provost of Buckie.

May 21 **Another poem fae the Portknockie poet** - "I'll Haud Yea Windrin"
This is found on page 7.

May 28 **The new Buckie Slaughterhouse** - A photograph on the front page shows the new slaughterhouse or abattoir built close by the old one at the former Buckpool railway station. It cost £230.000 to build and will provide more jobs than the old one.

MR W. H. K. performed the opening ceremony. Baker, MP for Banffshire who spoke of the new building as being a splendid example of private enterprise. In reality said one of the new owners the new slaughterhouse should have gone to Keith which was not only at a focus of routes but also a railhead but then the town council didn't seem to want it and Buckie Town Council bent over backwards to have it built here.

Provost Douglas congratulated Aberdeen and Northern Marts on the project and thanked them for bringing the project to the town. Councillor Albert Doran, as Public Health Committee convenor, played a major part in helping to attract the project

Coastal Salmon Fishings at Buckpool are being offered on a trial period to suitable applicants. No rent to be charged. Interested parties should contact L. MacKinnon and Son, Advocates, Aberdeen.

Dance venues and groups - a dance will take place in the Town Hall, Cullen on Friday 29 May when music will be played by the **Summer Set**. On Friday 5th June **Casuals will play plus Grass**.

In the King's Hall, Grange on Saturday night, 30 May dancers can hear the **Jynx** play while the following Saturday the Amazing Gas Medicine Show will be appearing.

Saturday Night at the Legion Hall - The Premier Band will be playing for dancing.

The Coral Isle Fund had now reached the high figure of £12, 075. The town council decided to set up a committee to bring back a report on the proposal for the administration of the Coral Isle Fund.

Driving tuition - A. Cowie, 40 Gordon Street, MOT approved driving institute.

Junior football - Buckie Rovers 2 Banks of Dee 4 In the play off for the North Regional Junior League Championship title Banks of Dee, the Aberdeen side won it for the second year running. The game was played at Victoria Park, Buckie.

The Rovers' team was - Ross, Smith and McGoldrick, Billy Flett, Green and Mitchell, Cruickshank, Milne, P. Murray, Cowie and J. Geddes. Sub. M. Geddes.

June 4 **Mason work** - Charles Geddes, Mason, 31 West Church Street, is now free to take on minor repair work - fireplaces, pointing, garages etc. etc.

Another poem from Exiled - "The Pull of Home". This is found on page 6.

A new drinking well! A new licensed cocktail bar was opened at the Cliff House Hotel, High Street last Thursday by Councillor A. Doran. He said that it was a welcome addition in attempting to encourage the tourist trade. The new bar has been opened at Cliff House, previously unlicensed, for Mr and Mrs Charles McIntosh.

June 11 **Christian Aid Week** - Over £700 was raised at Buckie during the recent Christian Aid Week. £438 came from a sponsored Walk organised by the local Christian Aid Week Committee.

A big ship - The 285 foot long Ro Ro heavy lift cargo ship, **Aberthaw Fish** sailed from Buckie on Saturday 24 hours after successfully completing a trial run to the Banffshire port in preparation for future visits in connection with the building of the nuclear power station at Stake Ness near Whitehills.

The arrival of the four year old 24000 ton ship - the largest ship ever to enter Buckie harbour - aroused much interest.

In command of the vessel is former Findochty fisherman, 53 year old Captain William Flett whose parents formerly lived at 7 Duke Street. Captain Flett has served with the company since 1958.

The second officer is also a local man, 24 year old James Mair, only son of Mrs Nannie Mair and the late James Mair who carried on a butcher's business on West Church Street, many years ago. He has been in the Merchant Navy for 8 years.

Advert - Important notice - Calling all Hibs Supporters. Hibernian Football Club would like to establish contact with all Hibs supporters in this area. Please write to A. Mills, 101 Albert Street, Edinburgh.

For a taxi - Telephone Joe Dawson on 3288.

Dance venues and pop groups - Playing in the Town Hall, Cullen on Friday 12 June will be **Julian's Garden plus My Dear Watson**. At the King Hall, Grange the following night the group, **Twilight Zone** will play.

Boat launch - The 78 foot long seiner/trawler, **Scarlet Line** was launched from the shipyard of Herd & McKenzie on Saturday for skipper James A. Buchannan and his brother George T. Buchannan, Junior, of Port Seton. The £65,000 vessel, which will be ready very shortly, is fitted with all the latest fishing gear and equipment, including a hydraulic seine and trawl winch and hydraulic power block and will be powered by a 400hp Kelvin diesel engine. The Buchannans are a prominent fishing family and their previous vessels have included the Scarlet Cord, Scarlet Cord II and Scarlet Thread.

New signings for the Thistle - Buckie Thistle signed six Buckie Rovers' players - Billy McGoldrick, William Flett, John C. Green, Tommy Cruickshank, Pat Murray and James Geddes. Of the team that played for most of last season and failed to win one game only six have been retained. - They are Dennis Simpson, goalkeeper, Gordon Geddes and Charles Douglas, fullbacks, Billy Forbes, James Meisner half-backs and George Smith, forward.

The new Buckie abattoir - A row developed at the recent meeting of Keith Town Council with one councillor declaring -, " Many shareholders now realise that it is in the wrong place". Other councillors deny the allegation made by one of the company's directors that Keith Town Council showed a lack of initiative.

June 18 **Fifty years up!** Hamilton Bros. Engineers and Steelworkers founded fifty years ago, one of Buckie's most progressive family firms celebrated the occasion on Saturday with an anniversary dinner attended by 100 of their employees. A report on the firm etc. together with a photograph is given on page one.

Taxi Sir! Phone Maynes on Buckie 3219

On page 7 a note to Exiled by Knocker - 'Winnrin fa he is'.

Rovers big score - Buckie Rovers the North Regional (North Section) Champions won the White Horse Cup when they beat New Elgin by **12 goals to 3 in the final**.

June 25 **Buckie Thistle's new president** - Mr Robert McKenzie was appointed president of the club at the annual general meeting. Richard 'Dickie' Grant was returned as vice president, Pat Donald as secretary and Joseph Coull as treasurer.

Tories hold Banffshire - W. H. K. Baker was returned as MP for Banffshire with an increased majority though a smaller share of the poll. Hamish Watt came second with 3000 less votes.

Portknockie not to have own Church of Scotland minister - The Presbytery refused them permission to call one.

Closed down - The long established Paint and Wallpaper shop of R. Johnston at 4 Low Street, Buckie is to close from Tuesday 30 June. Grateful thanks are extended to all customers for their support over the years.

Business changes hands - George and Jeanella Cowie of Morven Stores sold their business to Kenneth Stewart.

Dance venues and pop groups - A dance will take place in the Town Hall, Cullen on Friday 26 June when the pop group **Toy Shop** will be playing.

**** **Council give permission** - Buckie Town Council agreed to grant permission to the local branch of the **** British Legion to reproduce the burgh coat of arms on a legion club tie which it is proposed to offer for sale to club members. A royalty of 1/- per tie sold will be paid to the council for the privilege.

Buckie Rovers won four cups and the League Championship rose bowl.

July 2 **Swimming Gala at Stathlene** - Buckie High School held their annual swimming gala in the Stathlene Bathing Pool last Wednesday when 35 pupils took part. Permission was given free of charge by the council.

Boat launch - The Lothian Rose was launched from the shipyard of Messrs Jones. This was all the report that the local paper gave. There would appear to have been no ceremony not was there any description given of the new vessel not the owner.

Buckie Rovers annual supper dance - This took place in the Marine Hotel. All five honours won by the club during the season were on show. These were - The League Championship Rose Bowl, The North of Scotland, Matthew, Nicholson and the White Horse Cup.

Ex Royal Navy man, Jack Clarke, a former Highland League referee who presided welcomed a party of around 60 and after congratulating the club on a very successful season made reference to the loss the club had sustained during the year by the death of vice president, Mr George Stewart. The toast to the was proposed by John Cowie, a member of the committee, and replied to by Norman Taylor, secretary.

Town Council shock - Buckie Town Council dismissed Mr John Murray, their Burgh Surveyor, Master of Works, Inspector of Cleansing, and Inspector of Lighting and gave him three month's salary in lieu of notice. They are also to ask the Secretary of State for his removal of Mr Murray from the post of burgh Sanitary Inspector. Mr Murray who is 52 has been the Burgh Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector of the town for 20 years. The decision to dismiss him was taken on a vote, which resulted in a 7 to 2 majority. The nature of the complaints against Mr Murray have not been disclosed so far.

To be or not to be - The go ahead for the project at Stake Ness has still not been given.

July 23 **Chess Champion** - Thirty one year old Peter McIntosh, youngest son of Mrs Isabella McIntosh and the late Mr George McIntosh of Linn Crescent shared first place in the Open Scottish Chess Championships with two others, one from Aberdeen and the other from Edinburgh. Peter who served his time as a mason with Wm. Douglas and Sons, now works as a cement finisher with an Oxford firm. He will hold the trophy for four months. A photograph accompanies the report.

Central Stores advertise a change - The Central Stores, Buckpool advise all their customers that they will not be dealing in groceries after July 25, they will, however, continue with hardware and linens.

July 30 **Double drowning fatality at Portgordon** - A 24 year old Merchant Navy seaman and his schoolboy companion were unfortunately both drowned in

a boating accident 200 yards off shore at Portgordon. Peter F. Carlin, Roselea Cottage, Clochan and Martin Anderson, 11 year old Martin Anderson, of 19 Crown Street Portgordon set out from Portgordon harbour in a canoe for a sail. People on shore watched as the canoe overturned some 200 yards from the harbour entrance with both on board being thrown in the water. Although Carlin was brought ashore and artificial respiration applied for a considerable time he failed to recover. The body of Martin Anderson was washed ashore near to Buckie some time later. **The full story is told on the front page.**

Piece of rope is 4000 years old - The story is told on the front page of how Mr Charles W. Eardley, Birmingham is the owner of a piece of rope which is believed to have been wound 2000 years before the birth of Christ. It is part of a rope found in a cave in the Middle East and measured 126 feet long. In the meantime the fragment is in the Buckie office of Richard Irvine and Sons. Buckie Town Council who are keen to start a Maritime Museum in the town would dearly love to have it. It is understood that Mr Eardley has given the rope on indefinite loan. (The rope is now in the Heritage Museum.) **The full story is told on page one.**

Dance venue and pop group - A dance will take place in the King Hall, grange on Saturday 1st August. The group booked to play is the **West Side Story**. The dance will run from 10 p.m. till 1 a.m.

Opening announcement - Gordon Jamieson, 10 St Paul Street, Buckpool, has taken over the business of Carpet Shop on Lossie Wynd, Elgin from Sharon Leon. It will be known as 'Gordon's Carpets'.

Peter Fair - The headline read - **"Incessant Rain Slashed Peter Fair Attendance"**. The writer went on to say that the rain came on at mid-day and continued for several hours until everywhere there was a sea of mud. He continued by saying that the **average crowd of 10-15,000 was slashed**. (Do you think he was sliding just a wee bit on his average crowd?)

Aug 6 **Sunshine Gala draws huge crowds at Cullen**

A 207 mile barefoot sponsored walk planned - John Hay, 58. 21 Seatown, Cullen an employee on the Seafield Estates is planning a 207-mile sponsored walk in bare feet from John o' Groats to Cullen. He expects the journey to take between 3½ and four days. He is canvassing for others to join him and already has found two volunteers, Eric Mair, 28, a fisherman of 7 Queen's Drive and 13 year old schoolboy, Stuart Donald of 16 Reidhaven Street.

Dance venue and bands - In the Town Hall, Cullen on Friday 7 August the 5 piece **'Gregory'** will provide the music for dancing while in the Kings Hall, Grange the following night the group, **'Bones'** will perform. On Saturday nights now the dances continue through until 1 am.

A poem is found on page 4 - The title is **'Memories O' The Gweed Aul' Days'** By Another Exile.

Somebody was makkin the candy! A photograph in this edition shows some of the 19 new cars lined up at Cordiner's Garage on the Toll Bar Road all with the letter 'J' registration and waiting to be collected by their owners. All together local garages supplied nearly 40 new cars and vehicles on the first day.

Aug 13 **Cullen Gala was the most successful yet with £1700 being raised.** During the week there were three barbecues each one proving to be very successful with a complete sell-out. All told 1400 kippers and 2100 sausages were consumed.

Dance venue and pop group - At Cullen the music on Friday 14 was played by well-known groups but at Grange on Saturday 15 August The **Flag and Victor** came all the way from Glasgow to play and entertain.

Good start to the season - Buckie Thistle after failing to win a game last season beat Rothes by four goals to three at McKessack Park, Rothes, on Saturday.

The Thistle team was - Simpson, Meisner, McGoldrick; Forbes, Green and Jessiman; Cruickshank, B. Smith, Murray, Shepherd and J. Geddes. Sub. Newman. Shepherd was from Portknockie while Bruce Smith, a former player was back home after three years in Canada.

Aug 20 **Rousing welcome for intrepid walkers** - A crowd of over 300 turned out to give a rousing welcome home to the 2 men, 2 schoolboys and one girl who walked in barefoot all the way from John o' Groats to Cullen. Starting off from John O' Groats on Monday afternoon the journey took the party four days to complete. The walkers apart from 58 year old Mr John Hay a forestry worker with the Seaford Estates were, Eric Mair a 28 year old fisherman from 7 Queen's Drive, two pupils from Buckie High School, Ian Wilson, 16, 17 Logie Avenue and Raymond Guthrie, 15, 19 Binview, all of Cullen. The girl was Buckie born Miss Eve Laws from Somerset who was holidaying in the area with her parents Mr and Mrs Chris Laws. She volunteered to join the party and her father went along as 'back up' with his car. They walked a distance of fifty miles each day with each of the walkers doing stints of four miles. They had overnight stops at Wick, Golspie, Dingwall and Forres.

Any money gathered from the walk, which was sponsored will be shared between, the Buckie and Portsoy hospitals, Cullen OAP's and a Cullen widow who was left with four small children when her husband went missing some time ago. **There is photograph and a fuller report on page 1**

Front page photographs - One shows Lennox Place Portgordon strewn with debris after the storm at the weekend, while the other shows part of the flood plain of the River Spey under water after the river burst its banks following the torrential rain of the weekend.

Dance venues and pop groups - The group booked to play in the Town Hall, Cullen this Friday is **Lucas and the Soul Band**.

Opening announcement - Billy Mair, 7 William Street, is to commence in business as a Carpenter and Joiner. Workshop at 99 to 103 Main Street.

Poem - 'The Weed So Beloved' by J. C. Portgordon.

Cullen Flower Show - Big entry

Buckie Welfare League Champions - Whitehills F.C. clinched the Buckie and District Welfare League title. Portknockie were second along with Portsoy and Keith, the latter losing two points after fielding two illegible players in one game.

Aug 27 **Deskford Flower Show** - Despite the poor weather conditions through much of the summer the standard at the Deskford Flower Show was as high as ever. With 800 entries this was only slightly down on the previous year.

Geography teacher to move - PT of Geography at Buckie High School, Mr John Anderson, has been appointed Headmaster of the newly established Speyside Junior High School. He was educated at Wick High School and graduated at Aberdeen University. He came to Buckie in 1965 from Robert Gordon's College in Aberdeen.

Herring boom appears to be over - Buckie had another great week of herring landings last week from the grounds a few miles off Findochty where the herring shoals recently made an unexpected return after an absence of many years.

A total of 2935 crans valued at £9367 were landed at the port from 94 arrivals, the herring being sold as follows :- 465 crans for freezing, 408 for freshing, 161 for pet food and 1901 for fish meal.

The herring boom appears to be over, however, for so far this week only small catches have been made.

White fish and shellfish landed at Buckie last week totalled only 1039 cwts valued at £4240. Most of the fish was sold on the local market with only 90 cwts worth £410 being consigned to Aberdeen for sale.

Pupil increase - About 100 children began their school career at Buckie Primary School when the school re-opened for the new session on Tuesday of this week. This takes the school roll up to 780.

Dance venue and music makers - On Friday 28 August the **Royal Teens** will be playing in the Town Hall, Cullen. The following night the **Tangerine Atmosphere** will provide the music at a dance in the King's Hall, Grange.

Boat launch - A 50-foot transom stern fishing boat-costing £30,000 was launched from the shipyard of George Thomson and Son on Wednesday of last week. The new vessel, christened, **Intrepid** was built for Skipper Gerald Milligan and Mr Ross A. Veitch, both of Girvan, Ayrshire.

The Intrepid will be used to fish for herrings, scallops and prawns and will be ready towards the end of September.

She will be powered by a 230hp Swedish-built diesel engine, the first of its type to be installed in a fishing boat in Scotland.

Buckie Rovers - Having lost a number of players to Buckie Thistle at the end of last season the Rovers were a team in transition and it was no great surprise that they went down by five goals to nil in their first outing, a cup game played at Victoria Park.

Sept 3 **Site accident claims the life of two** - Two Buckie men were electrocuted and a third badly injured in a tragic accident that took place at the farm of Calier, in the Braes of Glenlivet.

The two men who died were Mr Wm. John (Ian) Flaws (38) 34 Brodie Avenue and Mr Richard Knox (23) 3 Gordon Street. The injured man was 37 year old Mr Ernest S. Lyon, 1 Brodie Avenue.

The men all steelworkers employed with Buckie firm of Hamilton Brothers, Engineers and Steel Erectors were erecting a new barn on the farm when tragedy struck. A rope from the crane with which they had been working came into contact with an overhead electric cable.

Both men were married. Ian Flaws, a native of Fordyce, leaves a wife and three children while Richard Knox, who came from Fochabers leaves a wife and one of a family. He was formerly a mason and only started to work with Hamilton's the previous week. **A full report is given on page 1.**

Buckie High School - With a total school roll of 774, 379 boys and 395 girls Buckie High School has its biggest number of pupils ever, up by nearly fifty from that of last year. The new entrants include pupils from the Secondary Department of St Peter's which is now closed down.

Dance venue and music players - A dance will take place in the Town Hall, Cullen on Friday 4th September when music for dancing will be played by Edinburgh's best - **Warm Bed**. The following night in the King's Hall, Grange dancers can dance to, **Ceremony**.

A Major Anti-Smoking Campaign Gets Under Way Next Month.

Thistle sign former player - Spencer Lyon who formerly played for Buckie has once again signed for the club.

A win for the Rovers - A much better performance saw the Rovers beat their old rivals New Elgin by two goals to one. 'Dod' Simmers and Ronald Leslie scored the goals.

Sept 10 **Big Bertha** - An old road roller that used to be driven by my - - law, Jimmy Gordon when he worked with 'The Toon' has been reclaimed from the scrapyards by Buckie and District Round Table. They had it painted in bright colours before being set up as another 'plaything' in the children's playing field at Tarbuckie, now known as the Ian Johnston Memorial Park. It has been christened 'Big Bertha'.

Captain Scott - The Dulverton Trust's new 144 feet long, 320 ton, three masted sailing schooner which is at present under construction at the Buckie shipyard of Messrs Herd & McKenzie is to be named Captain Scott.

The name has been approved by the Antarctic explorer's son, naturalist, Peter Scott. The base for the schooner will be Plockton with Stornoway as her port of registry.

There are to be nine cruises each year starting in October 1971 and on each cruise 36 young men - aged from 16 to 21 will man the schooner for 26 days.

Dance venue and music-makers - Playing at the dance in the Town Hall on Friday 11 September will be **Troggs with Shallow Justice**. The following night in Grange the group, **Ibiden** will be performing.

Strathlene Hotel - The new owners extend an invitation to all to come and dine, dance and enjoy the cabaret in the new Islander Room on Saturday 12 September.

Workers wanted for the Invergordon Smelter - British Aluminium Company's new smelter at Invergordon requires millwrights (general fitters) for maintenance work. Time served marine engineers, pipe fitters and gas fitters with engineering experience might be suitable.

New PT Music at Buckie High School - Mr Ian Young has been appointed PT Music at Buckie High School in succession to Mr Andrew R. Kerr who is leaving to become Music Organiser for Midlothian.

New minister for the Methodist Church - Rev Wm. Jamieson has been appointed minister of the Buckie Methodist Church.

Sept 17 **Artists put on an exhibition** - Two photographs on the front page show a group of local artists who put on an art exhibition in the town. In the group is David Niven whose parents live at 9 Sutherland Street. Unfortunately the reproduction of the photograph is poor.

Coast protection work - Because of considerable erosion of the coastline at both Buckpool and Portgordon it has been decided that it will be necessary to build walls and do other work. All in all it has been estimated that the work will cost £200,000.

Dance venues, promoters and music-makers - Lodge Innocents, Cullen, are to hold a dance in the Town Hall on Saturday 19 September. Music for dancing will be played by the **Adam Wilkin's Band**. The dance will run from 8.30 till 11.30 p.m. Admission 6/- Free buses to Buckie and Macduff after the dance.

Modern Dancing Enterprises will be running a dance in the Town Hall, Cullen on 18 September when music will be played by '**Sunshine**'. The group, **Twilight Zone** will be playing the Grange hall on Saturday 19th September.

Advert - Masseur - Ladies and Gentlemen - 14 Baron Street.

For sale - shops at 15 and 17 Baron Street and houses at 1 Baron Lane and 16 Baron Street. To view please contact W. J. Calder, 1 Baron Street, further particulars can be had from R. Grant, 554 London Road, Lowestoft.

The Cullen Barefoot Walkers raised £127 - Mr Hay told the *Banffshire Advertiser* that next summer he plans to walk from Lands End to Cullen.

Sept 24 **Square Café changes hands** - The Square Café will close on Monday 28 September and will re-open on Monday 5th October under new management.

Motor cruiser takes to the water - A picture on the front page shows the 31 foot twin screw five berth motor cruiser **Macushla** belonging to Stewart Hamilton, which went on its maiden trip last week.

For the past ten months Mr Hamilton, a partner in the local firm of Hamilton Brothers, Engineers etc. has been spending his spare time fitting out the vessel in the former lifeboat shed in the west basin after purchasing the fibreglass hull and superstructure already completed.

The **Macushla** has a top speed of 12 knots and is to be used for pleasure cruising by Mr Hamilton and his family.

Dance venue and music-makers - Modern Dancing Enterprises (Elgin) will have the group, 'Sudden Life' playing at their dance in the Town Hall, Cullen on Friday 25 September.

District nurse to move - Nurse Jessie Bruce, 17 Sutherland Street, Buckpool a District Nurse in the area for 6 years is to move to Dundee.

Welfare Clinic - Banffshire Health Committee agreed at a meeting held recently that the Welfare Clinic will be built on Cathcart Grove.

The Drug Problem - At the same meeting as above it was stated that Drug Misuse is not a serious problem in Banffshire but in order to meet the situation should it arise the committee agreed on Monday that the county's MOH Dr James Buchannan should take the initiative and form a Drug Liaison Committee.

Poem on page 8 - *Finichty Canna Be Outdeen* by W.W. Canada.

Oct 1 **Dance venue and music-makers** - Playing at the dance in the Town Hall, Cullen on Friday October 2 will be the group, **Jynx**. The following night in the King's Hall, Grange, **My Dear Watson** will play supported by **Grass**.

Poem on page 7 - *W.W. Finichty Loon* - by L.

Oct 8 **A linked charge** - Portknockie and Findochty Churches of Scotland were give permission to call a new minister.

New Primary School opened at Cullen - A new school was officially opened at Cullen last Thursday, October 1. Notable milestones in the progress of school education in Cullen over the past 257 years were recalled in a special section of the brochure and programme issued to all that attended the opening.

1713 The Kirk Session school was built near to the Old Kirk at Old Cullen

1737 Mrs Petrie, Elgin, was appointed schoolmistress at a salary of £15 (Scots) per year and 'ane free house' (£ Scots was equal to 1/8)

1749 The Earl of Findlater provided a free school for the children of the common people to learn to read and to knit stockings.

1821 The Earl of Seafield provided a new school and schoolhouse at the Square. The stone for the building of the structure being taken from Rannas House which had been Seafield property for the past forty years.

- 1870 Prior to the Education (Scotland) Act of 1872, there were five schools in Cullen. The Free Church School which became Seafield Street Public School; the Parish School, which became Cullen Public School and three 'dame' schools.
- Oct 1875 Seafield Public School was joined to Cullen Public School
- Aug 1907 Cullen Higher Grade Public School was established. 1899 were offering German to the pupils as well as French and Latin.)
- 1941 Cullen Higher Grade Public School was renamed a Cullen Junior Secondary School.
- 1960 Cullen Junior Secondary School became Cullen Secondary School.
- 1969 Cullen Primary School was finally established with the closure of the Secondary Department.

On September 1st 1914 the school roll was 463, consisting of 108 infants, 301 middle school and 54 advanced division. On August 25 1970 when the new Primary School opened the school roll were 193 primary pupils.

Being the first school that I attended in August 1935, when I travelled into Cullen from the farm of the Shirrals with my two older sisters, Mary and Violet, I found the school history written above most interesting. I have good reason to remember the old school on Seafield Street. I fell off the higher part of the wall, near the gate, to split my head on a sharp stone in the wall beneath, a cut, which required to be stitched and left a mark forever more.

Oct 15 **A £35,000 sea wall to be built at Portgordon**

Dance venues and musicmakers - The group booked to play in the Town Hall, Cullen on Friday 16 October is '**Chuckles**'. The following evening in the King's Hall, Grange, a six-piece band will provide music from Manchester called '**Bones**'.

Oct 22 **Scottish Junior Cup** - Buckie Rovers 1 Banks of Dee 1 The Rovers' team was - Ross Smith and A. McDonald; Mitchell, Slater and Sutherland; McIntosh, Leslie, Simmers, J. McDonald and Milne. Sub. J. Leask.

Oct 29 **New Burgh Surveyor at Buckie** - Thomas Smith, presently Burgh Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector at Dingwall has been appointed as Buckie's new Burgh Surveyor. He is a native of Peterhead, a married man with two children.

Dance venues and musicmakers - The pop group, **Mr Fantasy** plus **Fractured Ham Sandwich** will play in the Town Hall, Cullen on Friday 24 October. **Cyril Plugg** will play the following night in the King's Hall, Grange music.

For sale Arradoul School and Schoolhouse

**** **So We Heard by Peter Dick (page 7)** His article this week on **reincarnation** is extremely funny and could be worth taking a copy. A letter congratulating 'Peter Dick' on the article was found the following week on page 9.

Nov 5 **Buckie PT Instructor killed in horror crash- A** report on the front page tells how 51 year old PT Instructor with Banffshire Schools and former Highland League footballer and referee, Mr James 'Jimmy' Smith 22 The Bow, Buckpool was killed in a tragic road crash four miles south of Stonehaven on Monday night when returning north from his son's wedding. His sister-in-law, Mrs Margaret Duncan, 56 of 19 Chapel Street, Keith was also killed. Others in the car, including his wife were injured but are recovering in hospital.

For sale - 33 West Church Street, formerly 'Wrights' is for sale. The property includes shop premises and two flats upstairs. Automart, a car showroom, presently occupy the property from 33 to 37.

Senior clerk appointed - Wm. Jappy, 2 Cooper Street, Buckpool (later Councillor Bill Jappy, Moray Council) has been appointed senior clerk at the Buckie Harbour office in succession to Mr Coull.

Promotion- Alexander 'Sandy' Moar, 8 Dunbar Street, Buckpool has been appointed senior sales representative of the North of Scotland Hydro Electric Board in the Buckie area. He has been a member of the Board's staff for 20 years and was previously service electrician. He succeeds Mr Frank

Nov 12 **Girls on parade** - Parading with the boys of Buckie Sea Cadet unit for their annual inspection, which took place in the recently modernised headquarters in Low Street last Wednesday were members of the newly formed unit of the Girls Nautical Training Corps.

The inspecting officers were Captain XX O/C HMS Fulmar, Lossiemouth and Commander XXX Scottish Area officer of the Sea Cadets.

Dance venues and musicmakers - Music for dancing in the Town Hall, Cullen on Friday 13 November will be provided by **Lucas and the Ragged Edge**. The following night in the King's Hall, Grange, **Justice Peal** will be performing.

New putting green - In an agreement between Buckie Town Council and the owner of the Strathlene Hotel a new putting green is to be laid in front of the building. The proprietor will issue clubs and tickets and collect the money. The proceeds will be divided equally.

Buckie & District London Society lose their honorary piper with the death of former Buckie man, Mr Charles Smith whose birthplace was Badrockleys a croft on what is now part of Buckpool Golf Course. Aged only 46 he died at his home in Dartford after a long illness. He leaves a wife and two teenage daughters, Moira and Maureen.

Nov 19 **Boat launch** - The second new fishing boat to be launched at Buckie this week a seiner/trawler built at a cost of £50,000 for skipper George S. Main, Hopeman and two partners took to the water from the shipyard of Messrs Herd & McKenzie on Saturday. The 65 foot long vessel, christened **Alkaid**, which will be powered by a 230hp Gardner diesel engine and has a variable pitch propellor was launched almost complete and will shortly begin fishing operations.

Dance venues and musicmakers - A dance will take place on both Friday and Saturday this week in the Cullen Town Hall, since the King's Hall in Grange is being used by someone else. The group booked to play on Friday 20 November is **'Grit'** while the following night dancers will have the pleasure of hearing **Shallow Justice** play.

Boat launch - A 65 foot long transom stern seiner/trawler, **Green Castle** built for a Portknockie family of brothers was launched from the shipyard of Messrs Jones Ltd last Thursday. She has been named after the rock, which overlooks the Portknockie harbour, and on which evidence of a Pictish settlement has been found. The new boat is owned by Skipper George Skene, Hamewith, King Edward Terrace, and Brother James of the same address and Robert who lives in Peterhead.

Girls Nautical Training Corps formed - The new body which is designed to cater for girls between the ages of 12 and 20 is a unit of the Girls Nautical Training Corps has already a recruited strength of about 25 girls.

The CO of the unit is Provost Mrs Margaret Thompson, Findochty who served as an officer in the WRNS and WRAF during WWII Other officers appointed are Mrs A. Gardiner, Cullen First Officer, Mrs Nancy Cowie, Findochty, Second Officer, Miss Ann Pickard, Buckie, Third Officer.

And another girl organisation - Last night, Wednesday, a meeting was held in the local ACF hut in East Church Street with a view to raising a Buckie unit of the Girls Training Corps with what the ACF has links. The corps caters for girls aged in the 13 to 19 age group.

Nov 26 **Returned to duty** - Mr John Murray the former Burgh Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector who was removed from the post of Burgh Surveyor by the town council some weeks took up his duties this week again as Sanitary Inspector. The post of Sanitary Inspector comes under the direction of the Secretary of State and he could see no reason why Mr Murray should be removed from this position. This didn't please many of the councillors but they could do nothing about it.

Proposed Maritime Museum - Buckie Town Council who recently asked the Museums Association for an expert report on the setting up of a maritime museum in Buckie have been advised that Dr S. M. K. Henderson, Director of the Art Galleries and Museums in Glasgow has been appointed to undertake the task. The RNLi has given Buckie Town Council to obtain a souvenir from the Fraserburgh Lifeboat, Duchess of Kent, meantime on the slip at Buckie, for exhibition in their museum.

Dance venue and musicmakers - A dance will take place in the Town Hall, Cullen on 4th December when music for dancing will be in the hands of Johnny Johnston and the Bandwagon.

Central Heating (and advert) Regency Heating Services, Marine Place. Our four engineers have a vast experience and are backed up by a team of experts regarding central heating of the home.

Table tennis marathon - A team of six boys from the 1st Buckie Boys Brigade took part in a fifty hour sponsored table tennis marathon. The event, which took place in the Episcopal Church Hall, began at 6pm on Friday evening and ended at 8am on Sunday. The boys who took part were - Staff Sergeant, Russell Angus (16), Sgt. Stuart Duncan (16), Wm. Innes (! 5), John Davidson (15), Cpl. Martin Reid (15) and Pte. Eric McGowan (14).

A poem is found on page 9 - The title 'Tae 'L' Finichty - worth taking a copy.

Buckie Thistle again in the doldrums - With now 14 games played Buckie Thistle find themselves the strongest team in the league, holding up all the rest. They have only amassed four points in the games played. In the latest game played they lost to Peterhead by seven goals to nil. The team was - Simpson, Douglas and McGoldrick; Allan, Meisner and Lyon; Shepherd, Flett, Forbes, Boyd and Geddes. Sub. Green.

Dec 3 **Buckie Welfare Society share out** - The practice that came into effect some years ago now for the Welfare Society to distribute the sum of money gained in interest from the bank to various organisations throughout the town took place again last week. The sums donated ranged from £45 to the Buckie Girl Guides, Brownies and Rangers, to £5 given to the Tufty Club and a number of others.

A new Youth Club - A club catering for boys and girls in the 14 to 21 age group opens at the local T.A. Centre on West Church Street next Tuesday evening. It is planned that the club will meet on Tuesday and Thursday evenings under the leadership of David Sherina who was appointed some time ago as Youth Worker under Banffshire Education Committee. The evening will run from 7.30pm till 10.30pm with admission being 1/-

The Town House snooker room - The decision was taken by the council to close the snooker room in the Town House and, as proposed, to use the room as a maritime museum. This didn't please everyone including 'Peter Dick' who wrote a poem about it as found on page 7. This is titled '**Snooker Nae Mair**'

Plans for new Buckpool Golf Clubhouse - A minute of the Parks and Amenity Committee submitted to Buckie Town Council last week stated that they had considered a request from Buckpool Golf Club to include a site at the north west corner of Merson Park for the erection of a new clubhouse in the new lease being negotiated for the golf course. The committee recommended that the request is granted and the council approved this.

Dec 10 **McLeod Playing Field** - The new playing field at Portknockie is to be named McLeod Playing Field after Mr James D.G. McLeod, Portsoy, who has been town clerk of Portknockie burgh since 1958.

Buckie's new Youth Club - Close on 90 young people of both sexes between the ages of 14 and 21 attended the opening meeting on Tuesday night of the new Buckie Youth Centre set up temporarily in the T.A. Centre.

The new children's playing field at Tarbuckie - The new children's playing field provided at Tarbuckie this year and equipped at a cost of more than £800 by Buckie and District Round Table, one of the burgh's most enterprising and public spirited organisations, was officially named the Ian Johnston Park last Sunday. The simple, informal ceremony, with no speeches took place beside the cairn erected on the site where Mrs Marie Johnston, 34 Yuill Avenue, unveiled a bronze memorial plaque. **A full report is given on page 1**

Christmas and New Year closing - The traders decided at a meeting this week to close on Friday and Saturday, Christmas and Boxing Day and also on January 1st and 2nd. It was recommended shops would remain open all day on Wednesday 23 and also 30 December.

Bryson Coal Fund - Rathven Kirk Session regret that owing to the big increase in the price of coal that they will not be able to make the usual distribution this year.

Notice of closure - The Ladies' Department of Charles J. M. Cole, Hairdressers, Cluny Square will close after 31st December. The men's department will continue as normal.

Dec 17 **The Proposed Health Clinic** - A lot of discussion has taken place as to what was the best place to site the health clinic talked about since 1966. In the end it came down to choice of two sites, Benreay, adjacent to the doctor's practice or Cathcart Grove with a site at Seafield Hospital also defeated. . At the recent meeting of Banff County Council, however, held on Tuesday of this week it was finally agreed by a margin of votes of 20 to 12 that the chosen site would be Benreay. The estimated cost of the Benreay scheme is £24,500 against £13,500 for Cathcart Grove.

At Benreay there will be a purpose-built extension with a connection to the doctor's premises. It will be on three floors and fully integrated with the doctor's practice. There will be adequate pram accommodation and ample parking in the basement area and also Baron Street.

The Ian Johnston Play Park - Created in what was formerly the Commercial Park at Tarbuckie the Ian Johnston, children's playpark created and equipped at a cost of £800 by Buckie and District Round Table was handed over to the care of Buckie Town Council at a ceremony in the Town House on Thursday evening.

Dance venues and musicmakers - The group booked to play in the Town Hall, Cullen on Friday 25 December is **Writing on the Wall** plus Bones. Admission 10/6.

Advert - Plastering work undertaken, 31 Castle Street, Cullen. Jobbing plasterer also wanted.

Disquiet expressed about the proposed maritime museum - One of the leading lights behind the setting up of a maritime museum in Cullen and who was involved with the recent maritime exhibition, Major James Findlay said that Buckie should not go ahead with plans for a maritime museum, with Cullen being more suited for the project. He said that it would be ridiculous to have two maritime museums so close to one another when there was room for only one.

Dance venue and musicmakers - A dance will take place in the Spey Bay hall on Friday 19th December. The evergreen Bill Geddes and his band will be providing the music. Admission 4/-

Dec 24 **No Boxing Day holiday for some** - The following chemist shops will be open on Boxing Day - James E, Green, East Church Street, David Main, St Andrews Square, J. R. Pearson, West Church Street and Wm. S. Taylor, High Street.

Season's Greetings - Among the list of those who had a 'Seasons Greetings' insertion in the 'Buckie Paper' were Mr and Mrs E. Tindall Scott and staff of Ideal Homewares.

Great Clearance Sale - N. Mohammed, 4 Cathedral Street, was advertising that he was to hold a Great Clearance Sale in the St Andrews Hall on Thursday 24 and Saturday 26 December from 10am until 8pm.

Dec 31 **Christmas Day baby** - Seafield Hospital welcomed their first Christmas Day baby for five years last Friday when a boy was born to 18 year old Mrs Jennifer Macleod 19 Robert Street, wife of Mr Alastair Macleod. The baby was christened Stewart Mark. To mark the occasion the midwives and staff of the maternity department made and gifted a layette, handed over by Miss A. Mackinson, matron.

Miss T.S. Buccaneer 1970 -Miss Deanne Sutherland, 8 Netherton Terrace, Findochty was voted Miss T.S. Buccaneer 1970 at a Sea Cadet dance held in the British Legion hall, Buckie.

The King's Hall dances ran by Albert Bonici - The dances, which have been running on Saturday night throughout this year in the King Memorial Hall, Grange are to be suspended from Saturday 2nd January until further notice.

The Thistle lose last game of the 1970 - Buckie Thistle lost the annual derby game against Deveronvale at Victoria Park by two goals to one. They had Malcolm Cowie in their side temporarily transferred from Peterhead. He and Spencer Lyon were the Thistle's two best players. The Thistle team was - Simpson, Douglas and Meisner; Lyon, Flett and Cowie; Green, Shepherd, Brown, Boyd and Forbes. Sub Murray.

