

1971

7 Jan . **Boat launch** - The first boat to be launched in 21 years was launched from the Lossiemouth slipway of Messrs Jones last week. This was a 40' transom stern inshore vessel, which will be used for lobster fishing. The new boat christened **Silver Spray** was built for Thomas Ferguson, Portree, Isle of Skye.

Dance venue and music makers - The group booked to play in the Town Hall, Cullen on Friday 8 January is **Pick Up**. On Friday 15 January **Sonny and The Answer** will provide the music.

Decimal coinage - A picture of the new decimal coinage is shown on page 10. A ½ pence, 1 pence, 5pence, 10 pence and 50 pence coins. The heading to the article said Decimal Day - no need to worry. (Looking back from thirty years of decimalisation one has to wonder why anyone would need to attend four lectures on the subject as described below.)

Four weekly lectures on decimalisation - A course of four weekly lectures on decimalisation are to be given at Buckie Further Education Centre by Roddy McKenzie, PT Commercial Subjects at Buckie High School.

Happy start to 1971 for Buckie Thistle - They beat Deveronvale by two goals to one .

Adverts - Hector M. Morrison, Joiner, Edendale, Barhill Road, Buckpool.

Campbell's Joiners and Undertakers 5 Cooper Street and Railway Terrace.

Buckie statistics for 1970 There were 28 fewer babies born in the Buckie area in 1970 compared to 1969. The total was 207- 104 boys and 103 girls. There was also a drop in deaths and marriages . The number of people who died in the Buckie area which covers Buckie, Findochty, Portknockie and the landward area including Portgordon was 148 as opposed to 167 in 1969: 43 were over 80, with one boy and one girl died below the age of 10. There were 88 marriages compared to 94 the previous year, 10 of the marriages were civil.

Major fire at Strathlene - The outhouses at Strathlene House Hotel formerly the stabling and coach house which had been converted into a temporary furniture store from a workshop and garage for 8 cars was severely damaged by fire this week. Calumn McLeod presently owns the hotel, 37, who took over the hotel last year

Dance venue and musicmaker - A dance will take place in the Cullen Town Hall on Friday 15 January, when the band booked to play will be **Julian's Garden**. The following Friday, 22 January, **Spiggy Topes** will supply the music.

Jan. 21 **Little to report** - A photograph showed the damage caused by fire at Strathlene Hotel

Jan 28 **Decimalisation. What's that?** No fewer than 230 people turned up at Buckie Further Education Centre to hear Roddy McKenzie, PT Commercial Subjects at Buckie High School, give a talk on decimalisation. It was decided to split the gathering into four groups, which will meet on the next three Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Opening announcement - George Donaldson, Samson Avenue, Portknockie is giving notice that he is to commence in business as a Joiner and Undertaker. He has taken over the business previously carried on by David Slater Joiner and Undertaker of Commercial Street, Portknockie.

'**Divine Therapy**' is the name of a poem found on page 11. This was written by James Slater, Portsoy.

Buckie Thistle is getting better . Recently they drew 2-2 with Clach at Victoria Park and on Saturday past had the same score away to Brora

Feb 4. **Anyone interested in forming a Gaelic Society in Buckie?**

Feb 11 **Move for Buckie's Postmaster** - Mr Alex C. Lobban, (53) 1 Crown Street, Iainstown, presently Postmaster at Buckie has been appointed Postmaster at Dalkeith.

Advert - C. J. Doolin, Painter and Decorator, High Street, Buckie.

"The Auld Hoose Doon The Brae" is the name of a poem found on page 6. It is worth taking a copy. It was written by L.

Feb 18 **Opening of a 24-hour petrol station** - Regency Oils, Marine Place are pleased to announce that they are to commence a 24-hour petrol service. We have installed a self-service petrol pump, which accepts **as minimum 2 x 10pence pieces.**

Dance venues and musicmakers - The group booked to play in the Town Hall, Cullen on Friday 19 February is **Wild Oats**. Note the admission charge **37½p** On Saturday 27 February there will be a dance in the Fishermen's Hall, Buckie where those who attend can hear the fantastic sound of **Christie with My Dear Watson**. Admission will be **60p**. This is the first time that admission charges were seen in metric form.

All prices began to be shown in metric with some examples given -

Bus Excursion to Aberdeen to see the Scottish League, 1st Division football match between Aberdeen and Glasgow Rangers.

Adult fare 77½p with child 51½p. The bus will leave Buckie bus station at 12 noon returning from Aberdeen at 18.00 hours.

Some prices of goods in the Co-op Supermarket - Kellogg's Corn Flakes 16 oz 11p (2/2)

Kellogg's Rice Krispies 9½ oz 10p (2/-)

Maxwell House Coffee 4oz 29p (5/9)

McVittie Java Cakes 9½ (1/11)

McEwans Pale Ale in cans 9p (1/9)

McEwans Export in cans 9½ (1/11)

A new Primary School to be built in Buckie (East) a number of new schools were planned for the county with one to be built in Buckie -East (later to be known as Millbank) a new two stream school costing £160,000.

The TA and Drill Halls - When the TA was disbanded in 1969 the Territorial Association were given permission to dispose of drill halls and other property which became redundant. It is unlikely, however, that the Buckie Drill Hall will be offered for sale as it may well be required at a later date. (We know now that it was sold and became the Buckie Thistle Social Club first of directly ran by the football club and later as a quite separate entity.)

Cullen Youth Club - Saturday saw the first meeting of a new Youth Club in Cullen, attached to the parish church.

Feb 25 **Buckie's new Burgh Surveyor** Mr Ronald Stewart took up his duties in the town yesterday. He was previously Depute Burgh Surveyor at Oban. He is 29 a married man with two of a family. He began his career in Boness later moving to Falkirk before being appointed Depute Burgh Surveyor at Oban in 1967. (This was something of a turn up for the books since Mr Thomas Smith had been appointed Burgh Surveyor of Buckie in October and there was no indication given, or if so it was missed that he was not to be taking up the post. Mr Stewart had been on the short list.)

The Gift Shop at 31 West Church Street to close - (This was owned by Mr Charles Geddes. Formerly a mason, he trained to become a teacher and taught for some time at Lossiemouth and Buckie before leaving the teaching profession to go overseas as a missionary on an island in the Caribbean.)

A rise in price - The Banffshire Advertiser has been raised in price to 2½p

A poem is found on page 8 - This is called '**Finichty Lichties**' by Blackoot.

Mar 4 **Death of former provost** - The death took place in Aberdeen Royal Infirmary on Sunday at the age of 80 of Mr George Dyce former provost of Findochty. He served as a postman in the village for close on fifty years. His wife and two sons survive him, Sandy who lives in Dundee and Henry who is assistant Burgh Surveyor in Buckie.

Dance venues and musicmasters - The group booked to play in the Town Hall, Cullen on Friday 5th March is **Phoenix** and the following Friday - **Mr Fantasy**. Playing in the Fishermen's Hall on Saturday 6th March is the group called the **Cottage**.

The Town House billiard room - Buckie Town Council who closed the billiard room in the Town House and disposed of the tables (one going to Banff and the other booked for the new Youth Club once they find their own accommodation) find that there are a number of privately owned cues which are in locked cases and still to be claimed. Production of keys to cue cases will be taken as proof of ownership.

Boat launch - The **Seaforth, BCK 177**, Findochty's newest fishing boat was launched from the yard of Herd & McKenzie Ltd at the weekend. Built for David Flett and his partner, John H. Anderson, also of Findochty, owners of the fishing boat **Planet**.

The Seaforth has been built at a cost of £75,000 is 73' overall, 21.6" in the beam and is to be powered by a 425hp Caterpillar diesel engine. She has been fitted for both seine and trawl fishing and is equipped with all the latest fish-finding and navigation equipment. She will be ready to start fishing in approximately 1 week's time.

'**The reason We Changed From Orange to Blue**' is the name of a poem found on page 10. The writer signs his name - Just Another Sucker.

Buckie Rovers are not doing so well - Still in a state of transition after losing so many of their players to Buckie Thistle the Rovers are finding things more difficult this season. Recently they were knocked out of the North of Scotland cup by Islavale and on Saturday suffered the same fate in the Stewart Memorial Trophy at the hands of RAF Kinloss.

Advert - Regency Car Sales - Marine Place.

Mar 18 **Plumber's business to close down** - Alex S. Cowie Plumber, Baron Street is to cease business on 31st March 1971.

Dance venues and musicmakers - The group booked to play in the Town Hall, Cullen on Friday 19 March is the Pick Up. The following night in the Fishermen's Hall, Buckie, George Washington will play. In the Town Hall, Cullen on 27th March dancers can hear and dance to two bands - Ram Jam Band and My Dear Watson. Admittance 60p.

Portessie Secondary School annual Flower Show held in the school last Friday raised over £120 for school funds.

Thistle's new signings - The latest players to put pen to paper for Buckie are schoolboys - Hamish Wood and Michael Hendry. Both are signed on 'schoolboy' forms.

Buckie Thistle AGM - Robert McKenzie was re-elected President of the club with Richard 'Dickie' Grant, Fochabers, as vice president. Pat Donald agreed to continue as

secretary with James Robertson taking over as treasurer from Joseph Coull who gave up the post.

The committee members are - Wm. Jappy, G. Stewart, J. Shanks, I. Cole, F. Mair, J. Forsyth, G. Whyte
J. Nicol, J. Coull, Wm. Smith, B. Smith, Wm. McGoldrick, J. Murray and J. Runcie.

Buckie Thistle won their last home game - They beat Huntly by two goals to one at Victoria Park. The team was - Simpson, Douglas, Shepherd; Lyon, Green and Flett; Wood, Boyd, Murray, Geddes and Meisner. Sub. Cruickshank.

Mar 25 **History of Methodism in the Buckie area recalled** - A celebration took place to mark the 64th anniversary of the opening of the North Pringle Street Church. **Page 1**

Dance venue and musicmaker - A dance will take place in Cullen Town Hall on Friday 2nd April when music will be provided by **Summerset**.

Apr 1 **For the Maritime Museum** - More than 200 items have been collected so far for the maritime museum which Buckie Town Council has decided to set up in the former billiard room of the Town House (west) building. The Museum Committee feel, however, that there are many relics of the past associated with the sea and fishing trades lying about in homes throughout Buckie and the neighbouring fishing burghs and communities and would be most grateful if these could be made available or given on loan by their owners for exhibition in the museum.

Gaelic Group to be formed - A Gaelic Society is to be formed in Buckie and District. This was agreed at a meeting of Gaelic enthusiasts which took place in the Strathlene House Hotel on Monday night under the chairmanship of Provost Mrs Margaret Thomson, Findochty who has been a leading figure behind the proposal.

She won the speech contest - Linzie Bremner, 15 won the annual public speaking contest for senior pupils at Buckie High School. Her speech was 'About Words' in which she dealt with the importance of the written and spoken word. There were seven contestants with David Porter, class five, coming second.

To retire - Robert G. Wood, Haulage Contractor, Portknockie is to retire from the business of a haulage contractor. The coal business will be carried on as previously.

No Matthew Cup this year - Buckie Rovers holders of the Matthew Cup for the past five years were knocked out of this year's competition when they were beaten by five goals to three by Bishopmill United.

Businessmen offer help to Buckie Thistle - A consortium of local businessmen have come forward to help give financial support to Buckie Thistle. The group is headed by Police Judge Adam Gowie a former Thistle player.

Still losing heavily - Buckie Thistle went down again on Saturday when they were beaten by six goals to one by Lossiemouth at Grant Park.

Advert - Regency Car Sales - Agents for Rovers and Vauxhalls - choice of colours. Over 20 selected used cars for you to choose from.

Apr 8 **Local Ambulance Association** - Following a meeting it was agreed to revive the Local Ambulance Association. Wm. Mair, Provost of Portknockie was elected the new chairman.

The Association was formed after WWII with funds being raised to provide an ambulance service in the Buckie area in the days before the National Health Service came into operation. Its membership consisted of representatives from the town councils of Buckie, Findochty and Portknockie, Buckie district and a number of local bodies and women's organisations. It has not met since 1964 and both the incumbents of the secretary and treasurer posts have since died. Mrs Ethel Brown is the new secretary and Archibald Douglas, treasurer.

Dance venues and musicmakers - Booked to play in the Town Hall, Cullen on Friday 16 April are the **Merseybeats**. The following night in the Fishermen's Hall, Buckie, dancers will have the pleasure of hearing **Windy Miller**.

Apr 15 **A 'sell out' crowd** - The Fishermen's Hall was fully booked with every one of the 700 seats taken a month in advance to hear Professor Wm. Barclay the eminent theologian who has been touring the Presbytery of Strathbogie and Fordyce this week with his Glasgow Trinity College Choir.

Anyone for hockey? It is intended to form a Ladies Hockey team in Buckie if a sufficient number of people come forward.

Buckie and District Welfare League - Eight teams have put their names forward to play in the Welfare League in season 1971. The teams are: Portsoy, Whitehills, and Portgordon. Findochty, Buckie British Legion, Portknockie and Cullen. Fochabers Rockets and Buckpool United have not entered teams.

Boat launch - Built at a cost of £80,000 for skipper Wm. Mair, Mamre, King Edward Terrace, Portknockie and the Woodbourne & Lomond Shipping company of Glasgow a 65' seiner/trawler. Elegant II was launched from Messrs Jones' yard on Saturday. The new vessel designed by G.L. Watson, Glasgow the Elegant II has a completely new hull form and transom stern and is the successor to the Elegant built at the same yard and for the same owners in 1958. Constructed of wood and steel and powered by a 320bhp Bergues Kelvin marine diesel engine, the Elegant II is fitted with all the latest fishing gear and equipment and navigational aids. She will be ready to begin fishing operations by the end of the week. The new vessel was launched by the skipper's 18-year-old daughter, Anne. Photographs (not very clear) together with a report of the launch are given on page 10.

Season ends on a bright note - Buckie Thistle ended their season on the same bright note as they had began it with a win after beating Inverness Clach by three goals to one at Grant Street park. The Thistle only won two other games in the long bleak months in between the first and the last while drawing five times to leave them seated at the bottom for the second season running but with twice as many points as they gained the season before. The team in the last game was :- Simpson, Douglas and Brown; Lyon, Green and Flett; Wood, Shepherd, Geddes, Meisner and Cruickshank. Sub. Forbes.

'Toughie' re-appointed manager - George Tough, former player, who apart from a short break as a player and manager with Rothes has been associated with Buckie Thistle since 1945 was re-appointed manager at the weekend.

Apr 22 **Report on Professor Barclay's visit** - The Auld Kirk has seldom seen an occasion like it. This was the heading to a report on the visit made to the Presbytery of Fordyce of Professor Wm. Barclay and the Glasgow Trinity College Choir. They visited schools, hospitals and Old Folks' Homes, attended church services and presented nightly concerts at main centres over a wide area.

Dance venue and musicmaker - Appearing in the Town Hall, Cullen on Friday 23 April will be **Wild Wally's Rock 'n Roll Show**.

Advert - G. Hendry, TV Radio and Aerial Specialist. TV aerial installation and repairs. 2 Gordon Street, previously at 17 Baron Street.

Advert - Alex Mair, 8-10 Seafield Street, Cullen will be showing camping and Gaz equipment at Cordiner's Garage, Buckie. Come along and win yourself the latest Ford Zodiac car in our Camping Gaz competition.

'The Million Dollar Question' is the title of a long poem found on page five. This was written by White Mag. Orkney. The poem is based on comments that 'Spike' made in his column some weeks before.

Former Aberdeen publican dies - A native of Buckie who was in business in the Exchange Bar and Restaurant on Exchange Street, Aberdeen for 30 years, Wm. C. Flann died at his home 23 Richmond Place, Aberdeen last week at the age of 88. He left Buckie for Aberdeen in 1926. He retired 15 years ago. A widower he is survived by three sons and three daughters.

'Buckie Harbour At Night' is the title of a poem found on page 10. This was written by Tugnet.

Portgordon won't play this year. - Portgordon F.C. were forced to withdraw from the Welfare League after being unable to form a committee. The remaining teams are - Cullen, Keith, Portknockie, British Legion, Whitehills, Portsoy and Findochty.

Rovers go out of another cup - Beaten by three goals to nil by Forres Thistle the Rovers lost all interest in the destination of this year's White Horse Cup.

Apr 29 **The Captain Scott** - The hull of the 144 feet three-masted adventure sailing schooner, Captain Scott, commissioned by the Dulverton Trust and built by the Buckie shipbuilding firm of Herd & McKenzie Ltd was launched on Saturday.

The delicate 25-minute operation went without a hitch at high water and was witnessed by a large crowd of sightseers gathered along the harbour front.

The 380 ton schooner which, when completed will be the largest sailing ship at sea flying the Red Ensign was inched slowly down the launching rails on her cradle until she finally floated off into the inner basin of the harbour and was guided to a nearby berth for the weekend. On Monday she was moved to the firm's fitting out berth in the same basin where her masts and rigging will be installed by a team of specialists from the south of England

The keel of the Captain Scott was laid just over a year ago and the official launching of the ship will take place when she is completed in September.

A successor to the old Prince Louis the Captain Scott is to be based at Plockton, Wester Ross and starting in October will take 36 boys aged between 16 and 21 on 26-day adventure cruises.

Nine cruises per year are planned and each will combine Outward Bound and adventure training for the boys with all that is best in sail training.

'The Weary Pun O' Tow' - Angus Beaton remembered for the saying died at his home 43 Linn Crescent, Buckie on Saturday at the age of 72. He had been in poor health for some time. He was a native of Inverness and came to Buckie in 1926 as manager of the Singer Sewing Machine Company who had their premises on East Church Street now occupied by the Hydro Electricity Showrooms. He joined Buckie Town Council as an outdoor worker and remained with the council until he retired in 1967. He was a member of the Fire Brigade for 30 years and was the first in Buckie to receive the Fire Brigade Long Service and Good Conduct medal. He was an active freemason and a keen supporter of Buckie Thistle. He was a regular attendant at the dances ran by Buckie Welfare Society in the Town House and Fishermen's Hall after World War II. He is survived by his wife and two daughters, Catherine and Violet who lives in Bristol.

Advert - Get your Monsanto tiles and coving (polystyrene) from Ideal Homewares, 25 West Church Street.

New home given to church furniture - Portgordon's 70 year old Church of Scotland originally built as a hall was rededicated at a special service held on Sunday afternoon following the completion of internal improvements and gifts of furnishings formerly used in the Buckie West Church prior to the union with Buckie south nearly a year ago.

The furnishings , which included a pulpit and accessories , communion table and chair a lectern and baptismal font were formally handed over by Rev George W. Duncan on behalf of the South and West congregation.

Buckie Rovers won their last game of the season, which compared to seasons of the past could be described, as inglorious having for the first time since they returned to the 'Morayshire League' won no trophies at all. They beat RAF Kinloss by four goals to three , which were scored by J. Leask (2), Doddie Robertson and Taylor who had one apiece.

Funeral Undertakers - No less than four different firms were offering their services . These were : Alex Hendry and Sons, Land Street , 'Campbells' 5 Cooper Street, workshop on Railway Terrace, Wm. Thain , Aboyne Street, Gordonsburgh and Alex Bain, 23 Crown Street, Portgordon, workshop at Baron Street, Buckie.

Monumental Mason - R. Morrison 5 Alnath Place, Buckie, former manager of A & J Robertson 2 St Peter's Road. Lettering done in any cemetery.

Joiners - Hector Morrison, Edendale, Barhill Road, Buckie.
Alex Geddes, 7 Great Western Road, Buckpool. Tapestries, Pictures and photographs framed

May 6 **Apathy reigns in Buckie** - Only 24.7% of those entitled to vote in the recent council elections bothered to do so. John 'Jackie' Cole topped the poll while James Milne husband of the former councillor Mrs Milne, was unsuccessful. All the councillors who were forced to stand again, Mrs Brown, Albert Doran, Alex McIntosh and John F. Reid were returned.

Dance venue and musicmakers - The Cullen Town Hall is the only venue now being used in this area for dances ran by Moray Dance Enterprises where formerly Albert Bonici had ran dances in the Longmore Hall, Keith, the King Edward Hall, Grange, the Fishermen's Hall, Buckie the Public Hall, Craigellachie and Sunday night dances in Banff.

On Friday 7 May music will be provided by **Julian's Garden**.

Buckie shop staff gain an award - Peter Slater, manager and his assistant, Eric Donaldson of Hepworth's Ltd were last week presented with the North of Scotland Trade Cup for outstanding business achieved by the Buckie branch for the first half year period. A photograph of the two men is to be found on page 5.

Mair paraffin will be needed ! - Buckie District Council have recommended that as from next winter Portgordon village will be lit up all night

May 13 **Councillor resigns** - Councillor Albert Doran walked out of the first meeting of Buckie Town Council following the recent election stating that his letter of resignation would follow. This took place after he was beaten by three votes for the appointment as Buckie's commissioner to the Convention of Royal Burghs. The result of this he said was to leave him with no work to do. In this edition he had a letter printed in which he gave his reasons for resigning stating that there was a clique in the council with others who were 'yes men'.

Dance venue and music master - A dance will take place in the Town Hall, Cullen on Friday 21st May . Booked to play for the occasion is **Nickelson** (The advert carried a note to say watch out for exciting news of Cullen dances starting on May 28) . What could this be?

For sale - Fish processing property for sale at 7 Low Street. Apply to John A. Riddell, Town Clerk.

Notice - A new automatic car wash has just been installed at the Regency Garage on Marine Place. A free wash is offered to customers up until Saturday 15 May.

An Outing We will Go - A well-patronised coffee morning held in the North Church Hall on Saturday in aid of Buckie Old Folk's Outings raised over £70.

May 20 **Ironmonger' business changes hands** - A Grant Brown was giving notice that he has sold his ironmonger's business on East Church Street to Ronald J. Erskine. He thanked customers for their support over the 35 years in which he had been in business.

Dance venue and music master - The group who will play at the dance in the Town Hall, Cullen on 28 May is **Twilight Zone**.

The only exciting piece of information, if this it can be called, to be given was to book your entertainment through LCB Agency 1 North College Street, Elgin. Whether this meant that MDE had stopped running the dances we were not told.

They must have closed down - It had been some time since Automart who had a car-selling business at 33-37 West Church Street had an advert in the local paper and must have ended operations. The premises were up for sale.

The 'Kirkin' O' The Council - For the first time ever members of Buckie Town Council led by Provost Edward Douglas attended the morning service in Rathven Parish Church. It was also the first time that the traditional 'kirkin' ceremony had taken place in a church outwith the burgh boundary. Traditionally the 'kirkin' ceremony had taken place in the North or Established Church but two years ago it was decided to attend a different church each year.

Boat launch - The Rose of Sharon, a 60 feet transom stern seiner/trawler was launched from the shipyard of Messrs George Thomson and Son for Skipper George Moodie and his four sons, John, Alaster, Douglas and Peter of Port Seton. The new vessel, which cost £57,000 to build, was designed by J. T. N. Miller of St Monace in Fife will be powered by a 250hp Caterpillar diesel engine. Before it is ready to sail in about five week's time she will be fitted out with all the modern fishing, navigation and fish finding gear.

Buckie Thistle sign four new men - Donnie MacEachen, a Navy man and former Thistle player who was with Lossiemouth last season, Ally McHardy, ex Forres Mechanics, Willie Donald ex Huntly and James Innes, a former captain of the club who was also with Lossiemouth last season. They have also signed 7 of last year's players - Charlie Douglas, Ian Brown, Wm. Flett, Spencer Lyon, John Green, James Geddes and Billy Shepherd.

May 27 **Advert - Strathlene Hotel, Buckie** - On Friday 28 May Buckie and District Gaelic Society will present a Grand Ceilidh/Dance. Various artistes will be appearing.

Music in pubs etc. at weekends is popular now - The following howfs had adverts in the paper - Crown Bar, Cliff House Thistle Bar, Anchor and the Royal British Legion, all Buckie, also the Seafield Inn, Portknockie and the Three Kings in Cullen.

Church service on the hill top- about fifty people accompanied by Rev Ainslie Walton climbed the 1050 feet high Bin Hill on Sunday morning and took part in a hymn-singing service at the summit. The service was conducted by the Rev Ainslie Walton of the North Church who organised the climb, which was open to members of other churches in the burgh. After the service the party had a picnic breakfast before returning to their cars at the foot of the hill.

Welfare League football - At this point in the season Findochty are top after five games have been played with 9 points in total. (Two points only were given for a win and one for a draw.) Cullen was bottom having collected no points.

June 3 **Church organ for the High School** - The congregation of the West Church have gifted their organ to the High School. Mr John Fraser, PT History at the school who is

also an organist has made a plea for donations to restore the organ, which requires to be well overhauled.

Dance venue and music masters - A dance will take place in the Town Hall, Cullen, on Friday 4th June when **Love Affair plus Phoenix** will provide the music. The following Friday the group, **Fairweather** will be playing in the same venue. The dance will run from 9pm till 1am. Admission 55p. Usual buses.

Advert - Storey Brothers Electricians, Sales and Contractors have opened a showroom at Baron Street.

Lipton's Supermarket - Their advert this week was only concerned with meat of different kinds. Some of the prices shown - Lean steak mince - 26p per lb.; Topside, 54p per lb.

Girl's Nautical Corps - A photograph on page four shows the girls and their O/C, Provost Mrs Margaret Thomson Findochty, all in uniform, unfortunately the reproduction is poor.

Sea Cadets picture - A photograph on the next page shows Buckie Sea Cadets being inspected at their headquarters on Low Street on Monday by Rear Admiral D.A. Dunbar-Naismith, Flag Officer, Scotland and Northern Ireland. The Buckie Girls Nautical Corps who are affiliated to the Sea Cadets were also inspected at the same time.

A new company Firth Furnishers opened in the premises, 33-37 West Church Street formerly occupied by Automart. They were holding an Opening Sale. (The two partners in the business are John Patience and Charles Geddes.)

Buckie Rovers hold a sponsored walk - £102 was raised towards club funds.

June 10 **Get your car washed** - The Automatic Car Wash at the Regency Garage, which last three minutes, during which time your car will get a wash and wax, costs 30p.

The Last One - The last Royal Navy Air Day at RNAS will take place on Saturday 10 July.

Advert - Alex J. Slater, Complete House Furnisher, 23-25 East Church Street has opened a new carpet showroom.

June 17 **New town councillor** - Mr James Milne who was unsuccessful at the last council election is to be co-opted to the council to take the place of Councillor Albert Doran who resigned recently.

'Listening' is the name of a poem found on page 5. This was written by Tugnet.

Sanitary Inspector - The post of Sanitary Inspector has been taken over by Ronald Stewart who was recently appointed Burgh Surveyor. John Murray the deposed Burgh Surveyor but who still retained the position of Sanitary Inspector resigned from the post as he is now working in the south of England.

Buckie Thistle Supporters Club - Following a meeting the decision was taken to revive the Supporters Club for a trial period. It had been in abeyance for a number of years. Bruce Smith, a former Thistle player, has taken a leading part in the move.

June 24 **Builders' adverts** - J. H. Smith, Builder, 1 McIntosh Avenue, All classes of mason work. Charles Geddes, Mason, 14 Seaview Road is now free to undertake building work. John Cathcart, Builder, North High Street. George Davidson, Builders, 129 Main Street all kind of mason work and window cleaning.

Herring landings - A newspaper report spoke of the landings of herrings being the highest for 15 years.

Last year 818,000 crans (143,000) tons were landed worth £4,674million. This was an 18pc increase on last year's figures.

Pavilion at the Ian Johnston Park - The town council on Monday night accepted the figure of £2750 to build a pavilion at the new children's playing field, the Ian Johnston Park at Tarbuckie.

First points for Cullen F.C this season. They beat Whitehills by seven goals to two

Shop to close - The Coin Shop, which has been trading at 1 Cluny Terrace, Buckie, is to close.

Advert - Monique Studio (Ladies Hairdresser) Seaview Place. Budget Day - 40p for Shampoo and Set on Monday and Tuesday, also perm and wave reduction.

Wanted at the Ian Johnston Park - A male trampoline attendant **£6.00 per week.** (A few people were said to have been hurt in the rush.)

Painter wanted - Wages - £22.10 per week, conditions as per NJC for local authorities Services. For both positions application should be made to Ronald Stewart, Burgh Surveyor.

Volunteers wanted for Buckie unit of the Royal Naval Auxiliary Service. Men and women aged between 18 and 60 who can give a few hours weekly are asked to send for particulars to PN XO B.M. Watt, Craigside, North Kessock, Inverness. **A report on the RNAS is given in full on page 7**

Lipton's Supermarket - High Street - Some prices - McVitties Jaffa Cakes - 9p, McDonald's Penguins 10p, Maxwell House Coffee, 8oz jar, 49p.

Post Codes - A report said how too few people were using the post codes there had been a 5pc reduction in the number of letters posted in Buckie which had the post code written.

Boat launch - A 64 feet long fishing boat, christened **Monadliath** was launched from the Buckie shipyard of Herd & McKenzie on Saturday. The new vessel has been built for three Avoch fishermen, Skipper Alastair Jack, his father Jack and cousin John. The vessel, which cost £50,000, can be adapted for use at ring net or trawl fishing and is also rigged for clam dredging with stainless steel sheathing. She is equipped with low-pressure hydraulic trawl and ring net winches and is powered by a 230hp Gardner diesel engine. She will be ready to begin fishing operations in about three week's time.

**** **"Harry Tate's Navy"** - A new book has just been released which tells the story of 'Harry Tate's Navy' an action packed story of the exploits of the Royal Naval Reserve during World War II. Paul Lund and Harry Ludlam wrote the book. One of the contributors is James Brown, Portsoy, who was a telegraphist in the Patrol Services **

New school and schoolhouse at a cost of £106.000 planned for Portgordon. It never got beyond the planning stage, rather internal changes were made together with an extension in the school itself but no new house was built.

New councillor takes his seat - Mr James Milne, the former council employee whom Buckie Town Council agreed to co-opt attended his first meeting this week.

July 8 **High School overcrowded - not really!** The rector, Mr George McKenzie, gave examples of what they had had to do at the High School to overcome the problem of overcrowding with the increase in the school roll. The Navigation Department has been transferred to St Peter's School, 1/4 mile away; the school library has been converted into two classrooms; the Territorial Hall on West Church Street has been

'borrowed' for P. E. while the dining room of the canteen is 'doubling up' to house the library books and also provide an area for supervised study.

High School Duxes - This year there were two - Mary Scott and Colin Murray.

Dance venue and musicmakers - Playing in the Town Hall, Cullen on Friday 9th July will be Rebellion - **ex Spiggy Topes - Cliff Bennetts**. The following week music will be provided by **Writing on the Wall**.

Headmaster of Portgordon School retires - Mr W. F. Johnston, headteacher of Portgordon School where he moved to eight years ago from the Enzie School at Clochan retired at the end of the summer session. His wife, Margaret, who took over as Head at Clochan after her husband left and who also moved to Portgordon on the closure of the Enzie School in 1968 retired also. Between them they had given 60 years service to the teaching profession.

Both Mr and Mrs Johnston are graduates of Aberdeen University. His grandfather was founder of the Banffshire Advertiser. They received numerous gifts

July 15 **Two boats were launched** - Two new boats, one for Buckie and one for Macduff were launched on Saturday of last week.

The 64-foot seiner/trawler **Venture** was built by Messrs Jones for Skipper Francis Lawrence 9 Cameron Crescent and his brother Watson, Wesden, 29 Highfield Road. The Venture has been fitted with a 240hp Caterpillar diesel engine. She has been fitted with a variable pitch propeller and was launched almost complete with all the latest equipment fitted including a hydraulic seine and trawl winch, hydraulic steering gear, power block and Shetland fish-gutting machine.

Less than an hour later the 56foot long **Seagull** took to the water from the shipyard of Herd & McKenzie. The Seagull has been built for skipper Kenneth West and his father Wm. West, both of Macduff whose last boat also bore the same name.

The new Seagull has a transom stern but otherwise has a conventional layout and is fitted with a 250 Caterpillar diesel engine.

Layoffs in the shipyards feared - Commander Young, Managing Director of Messrs Jones has stated that lay-offs of men were inevitable unless orders for new boats were forthcoming

The front page - Both the above notes were given on the front page along with photographs of the two new boats being launched and again taken in the water, unfortunately the reproduction is not too good.

Buckie Rovers Youth Dance - This will take place in the Town House on Saturday 17 July commencing at 8pm. Admission 15p.

Other dance venues and musicmasters - Buckie Town Hall (sic) a Disco Night with **Vic Flett** will take place on Saturday 24 July - from 8pm till 11.30. Admission 25p.

Buckie Thistle Supporters Club are to hold a Peter Fair Special dance in the Fishermen's Hall on Friday 23 July when three bands will play - Royal Teens, plus Goliath, plus Bones. The 1st heat of the contest to find the Supporters Club Queen. Buses will run from Keith and Macduff and return to Portgordon and Cullen after the dance. From 9pm till 1am. Admission 50p.

The Supporters Club will run a second dance on Friday 30 July when Football 1 from Manchester with Sunshine will play, The 2nd heat of the Queen competition will take place. Admission 40p

The Supporters Club will run a third dance on Friday 6th August when the final heat of the Queen competition will take place. The usual buses will run with admission being 40p.

A combined ticket for the three dances costs £1.

Primary School auxiliaries wanted at Buckie Primary School. Hours from 8.30am till 4pm from Monday till Friday while the school is in session. Payment is 45p per hour.

Piece of ground for sale at 6, 8 and 10 Cross Lane - Apply to John Wilson, 30 McKenzie Road.

Arradoul WRI 'Farmhouse Tea' The farmer of Hillocks, Mr Ernie Boyd and his concert party of 'Bothy Nichts' fame entertained all at the latest Arradoul WRI venture. It was described by W G.C. in a report in the B. A. He said, "We Had a Rare Gweed Nicht at the 'Hash O' Arradoul'", going on to speak about who all took part. Apart from Ernie Boyd there was Jean Grant, Anne Reid and Mary Cowie while Pat Christie was on the piano, Bert Burnett on the accordion and Jimmy Duncan on the violin. Margaret Dallow sang a number of songs, including the Braes of Strathlene. **The full report is given on page 6.**

July 22 **New Clubhouse to be built** -Buckie Town Council agreed to build a new clubhouse at the municipally owned golf course at Strathlene at a cost of £5,500 to replace the present old dilapidated clubhouse, a former railway station erected on the site in 1939. The project is to be financed out of the Common Good Fund, however, grants for such a scheme are to be explored.

One councillor suggested that it was unfair to spend so much money building a clubhouse at Strathlene when the members of Buckpool Golf Club, now privately owned, were trying to raise funds to build a new clubhouse for themselves.

Former Aberdeen and Liverpool 'keeper to play for Buckie Thistle - John Ogston, former Aberdeen and Liverpool 'keeper is to turn out for Buckie Thistle in their challenge match against Falkirk at Victoria Park on Monday August 2nd.

New signing - Sandy Gordon, a student at Jordanhill College, a native of Huntly, signed for Buckie last week.

July 29 **It's to be Cathcart Grove** - After having dillied and dallied for years Banff County Council finally decided last Wednesday that the new Health Centre should be sited at Cathcart Grove rather than Seaview Place which was the other option. The additional cost of piling was against the Benreay site

Former coal firm boss dies - Mr John Reid, formerly of 27 James Street, Buckpool, who left the burgh seven years ago to live in Chelmsford, Essex with his daughter and her husband died in St Peter's Hospital, Maldon, Essex, last week aged 82.

Mr Reid spent all of his working life with George McWilliam and Sons, Coal Merchants and for many years before his retirement was manager of the firm.

He played football for Buckie Thistle over 50 years before and still continued to take an interest in their doings, he was also a keen bowler and an elder of the North Church.

A widower, he leaves four sons and three daughters.

Back to square - The minister who was to take over the linked charge of the Church of Scotland at Portknockie and Findochty has since backed out over a dispute about pay leaving the two congregations back to square one.

Former 'Heads' receive presentation at Clochan - Mr and Mrs F. W. Johnston who were both 'heads' of Enzie School at Clochan were presented with a number of gifts from former pupils of the school and the local community last Wednesday evening in appreciation of their work.

A party of 80 people was present under the chairmanship of Mr Alexander Simpson, Ashview, Clochan.

The gifts, which included 2 garden lounge chairs, an electric pan and a tea set were handed over by Miss Margaret McLean, Mill of Rathven, a former teacher at the school. Miss Mabel Thain and Mrs Molly McLaren made the arrangements for the presentation.

(The couple spent their retirement years in Clochan (in the former Sim's house on the Station Brae) and when they died were buried in St Ninian's Churchyard in the Enzie.)

Peter Fair - For the second year running, Friday the day of Peter Fair was wet. Hit by heavy rain which began in the afternoon and continued into the evening curtailed the size of the crowd though there was a fairly large number going about nevertheless, many folk taking a quick walk around before going home again. As has been the practice for a number of years now all the amusements were open on Thursday evening and with it being dry then a good crowd was present.

This year as compared to last year when there was none the local paper carried two pictures taken at the fair and also a short report consisting of three paragraphs.

Strathlene - A picture on page eight shows the present clubhouse at Strathlene Golf Course, which is to be replaced with a new one at a cost of £5,500.

Divorce for Countess of Seafield - The Countess of Seafield was granted a decree of divorce in the Court of Sessions, London on Saturday on the grounds of adultery by her husband the Earl of Seafield.

They have two of a family, Hon. James, Lord Reidhaven (7) and Hon Alexander (5). By Agreement the Countess was given custody of both boys.

New school - A picture in this edition shows the concrete 'ribs' of the extension to Buckie High School in the process of being erected

Champions of the Welfare League - Keith Dynamos won this year's Buckie and District Welfare League with 19 points from the 12 games played, Buckie British Legion were second with a point less while Cullen ended up at the bottom with only two points.

Aug 5 **Gala week paid off** - Fochabers Gala Week made a record profit of £1,500.

County population shows a decrease - In the past ten years the population of Banffshire has gone down from 47,333 to 44,057, despite this four of the county's 11 burghs show an increase, including Buckie.

While the population of Buckie rose from 7921 in 1960 to 8044 in 1970 all the other local burgh showed a decrease in that time. The present population figures are shown together with those of 1960 inside the brackets.

	<u>1970</u>	<u>1960</u>
Buckie .	8044	(7921)
Cullen	1218	(1404)
Findochty	1231	(1362)
Portknockie	1212	(1252)

Pupil Attendant wanted - The Education Authorities require a Pupil Attendant for the bus on

The Drybridge/Arradoul school run. Wage offered is 44p for 1½ each day.

Advert - Commercial Welding Works, 36 Commercial Road. The new Talisman propeller. (Frank Langnes)

Grocer manager retires - Mr John Mitchell, manager of the Buckie branch of Hay and Co. Grocers officially retired on Saturday after 40 years with firm. he came to Buckie in 1936 as manager from the Turriff branch. During World War II he served as a full time fireman with the NFS in Edinburgh resuming his career with Hays in 1946. He also resumed his interest in the Fire Service and was a member of the Buckie Fire Brigade for twenty years.

Friendly football game - Buckie Thistle 1 Falkirk 4
Thistle team - Ogston, Gordon, Green; Innes, Cardno and Gowie; McDonald, McEachen, McHardy, Sinclair and Lyon. Subs Geddes and Douglas.

Former Thistle player dies in Canada - Former Buckie thistle player of the 1920's, Mr George (Leslie) Knowles died in Ottawa, Canada at the age of 62.

Aug 12 **Back to earth wi' a bump** - Buckie Thistle came back to earth with a dull thud after an impressive start to the season against Falkirk and junior opposition when they were comprehensively torn apart by Elgin City at Boroughbriggs to the tune of seven goals to nil. It was something of a tragedy for the Thistle who had rallied its biggest home support for many years with up to 700 travelling through to Elgin. Buckie did better on Wednesday night but still lost 2-1 to Keith at Kynoch Park in the Highland League Cup.

Thistle sign yet another student - Mike Sinclair, 21, a native of Edinburgh meantime studying at Jordanhill College in Glasgow signed for Buckie after the friendly game against Formartine United an Aberdeenshire junior club in which he scored two goals.

Aug 19 **Sisters trophies haul** - Two Portgordon sisters, 12 year old Alison Murray and her sister Ann 15 of 6 High Street, West, have a record hard to equal in the Highland Dancing field. Between them the two girls have won over 200 medals and shields. They are the daughters of Mr and Mrs Allan Murray.

First trophy for Bob Dawson? R. Dawson, a member of the committee of Cullen and District Horticultural Show won the cup for the exhibitor having the most points in the flower section. This could have been the first time that he had won a trophy at a local flower show but he went on to become very successful at a number of local shows, including Buckie and Deskford during the next twenty years.

The Cullen bare-foot walkers nearly home - The band of barefoot walkers from Cullen who have walked close on 900 miles from Lands End to Cullen in aid of charity are nearing home and are due to arrive in the village on Friday as planned. The party consists of two young girls, Linda Taylor, 14, and her sister Irene, 13, of Woodside Lodge and 14 year old Stuart Wiseman, 9 North Castle Street. The other walkers are - John Hay, 57, Seatown, John Pirie, 52, a burgh workman, 8 Victoria Place, Eric Mair, 29, a fisherman of 7 Queen's Drive, Bill Cowie, 20, a clerk of Blantyre Farm and Alexander Menzies, clerk Grangelea. The walkers were all from Cullen. Councillor Cook attended to all the administrative arrangements. The driver of the minibus was 20 year old student, John Wilson, Anvil Cottage, who also took a spell on the road in his bare feet. A report from the walkers said that they were all in good spirits despite the thunderstorms they had to contend with at one point and thistles. Councillor Cook said that donations were slow to come in at first but improved. They had a number of stories to tell. A man stopped along side Johnny Hay and offered him his coat believing that he was someone really down on his luck. Another of the walkers was chased as he went past a mental home with the staff believing him to be one of the patients who had absconded.

Aug 26 **Three 'Lamp Factory' workers are lucky** - Three members of the staff of the Buckie electric lamp factory at Marchmont are among 150 Thorn Lighting employees who are to be given a free holiday weekend in Tunisia in recognition of the company receiving a Queen's Award for Industry for export achievement.

The lucky trio are all female - Mrs Vida Wood, 6 Queen's Drive, Cullen, Miss Edna M. Bruce, 64 Morven Crescent, Findochty and Miss Isa Mary Garden, 39 Great Eastern Road, Portessie. In addition each one is allowed to take a guest at the company's expense.

The names of all employees at Marchmont who had completed one year's service was eligible for inclusion in a draw, all together this amounted to 2676 out of a total work force of 343. The draw took place in the office of the manager, Mr Charles M. Brown with the tickets being pulled out by Mr McDonald, Journalist.

Two to take part in the Tattoo - Two local soldiers are to take part in this year's Edinburgh Military Tattoo; they are bandsmen Walter Innes, 1 South Land Street and Alfred Smith, 28 James Street.

Welcome Home! A large crowd turned out at Cullen to welcome home the intrepid band of barefoot walkers. Later in the Three Kings pub where he was enjoying a well-earned pint, the leader, Johnny Hay paid tribute to the youngsters, especially the two girls, who he said, were magnificent and kept everyone going. The charities likely to benefit are - Seafeld Hospital, Buckie, Campbell Hospital, Portsoy, Cullen OAP's, and Netherha Old Folk's Home, Buckie.

A report and photographs of the walkers are given on page 6.

The Deskford Flower Show - With no less than 1050 entries , 250 more than in 1970 this was up by 25pc.

Rovers begin the new season with a win - Buckie Rovers beat their Banffshire rivals, Islavale by two goals to one in their opening North Regional North Section Junior League match played at Victoria Park on Saturday. The scorers were Eric Hay and James Leask.

New rector installed at Buckie - Rev Wm. Jackson, a native of Tyneside was installed as rector of All Saints Church Buckie and St John's Portsoy this week. He succeeds Rev John Shand who retired recently to live in New Pitsligo.

Highland League - Forres Mechanics 1 Buckie Thistle 8 The 'papers' had a field day hailing Buckie Thistle's jet-propelled return to prominence in North soccer after languishing in obscurity for so long.

Sept 2 **The Captain Scott** - The 144 foot long three masted sail training schooner, Captain Scott, which has been a centre of attraction for countless hundreds of sightseers and visitors during her fitting out in Buckie Harbour over the past few months will be launched from the yard of Messrs Herd & McKenzie at lunch time next Tuesday. The naming ceremony will be performed by Lady Jane Nelson, wife of Major General Sir John Nelson, chairman of the Schooner Committee of the Lochiel Trust. In command of the ship will be Commander Victor Clark DSC RN, who was formerly master of the Prince Louis. **A full report is given on page 1**

Dance venues and musicmasters - Playing in the Town Hall, Cullen on September 3rd will be the group - **Forever Amber**. The following week , **My Dear Watson** will make a return visit.

** **Fleetwood Mac** is to be playing in the Ballerina, Nairn on the 9th of September.

Advert - Need a taxi phone Tony on 2463.

A gift of a stage - Portgordon Young Mother's Fellowship provided a new stage for the village hall at a cost of £100.

He was the model for the Keith war memorial - A native of Buckie who spent most of his life in Keith, Mr Wm. J. 'Bill' Gordon died in Aberdeen Royal Infirmary on Monday aged 80.

Mr Gordon who lived at Milton Lodge served in the Gordon Highlanders in World War I as a CSM was discharged in 1917 following wounds received at Loos. He was chosen to model for the bronze statue of a Gordon Highlander in battledress erected on the war memorial in Church Road, Keith.

After the war he joined the staff of Isla Bank Mills in Keith where he worked as a mechanical engineer till retiring five years ago. He was the last surviving member of the family of Mr and Mrs James Gordon 21 High Street, Buckie.

He is survived by his wife and a family of two sons and 4 daughters.

Sea cadets - The photographs of two members of the Local Sea Cadets are shown on page 9. They are Ordinary Seaman, Richard Peebles and Able Seaman Alistair Samuel. They left Buckie last Wednesday on a ten day cruise on board the minesweeper HMS Abdale to Lubeck in Germany.

Portsoy do well in the Welfare League - Portsoy have won five trophies in this season's Buckie and District Welfare League. The trophies won are - Maitland Cup, St Valery Trophy, County Cup, Duncan Cup and the Ferguson Shield. Whitehills won the Consolation Cup.

Fishing skippers - RNVR officers - Two Buckie fishing boat skippers are among a party who left for Gibraltar last week from HMS Camperdown, the Tay Division Royal Naval Reserve HQ at Dundee.

They are Lieut. Commander Alexander Sutherland, 8 Campbell Street, Portessie skipper of the local fishing boat 'Internos' and Lieut. John Cowie, Suilven, 21 Seafield Street, Portknockie skipper of the MB Suilven who along with other officers and men form No 2 ship's company for the minesweeper HMS Montrose which is on a month's cruise away from her home base.

New teachers join Buckie High School - William Douglas - History and English; Mrs Isobel Fletcher, Home Management, Douglas Fraser, Maths; Thomas MacPherson, PT Geography; Dr J. Slater, Science; James Thomson, Technical Subjects.

Sept 9 Report on the launching of the Captain Scot- A full report is given on page one and also page 6 along with a whole list of those who invited to the ceremony and meal, along with some pictures, unfortunately the reproduction, as ever, is poor.

A crowd of close on 300 watched the launching spectacle. The Captain Scott has been named after the famous Antarctic explorer and will be the largest British sailing ship at sea with 14 sails giving her 9000 square feet of canvas. The ship took 18 months to build and after her trials in the Moray Firth off Buckie during the next three weeks she will sail for her homeport at Plockton on the West Coast.

The launching ceremony began with a blessing and a prayer for all who would sail in her delivered in a simple but very appropriate service by the Very Rev Dr Hugh Douglas a former Moderator of the Church of Scotland. And Rev Gordon Clark whose brother Commander Victor Clark is to be the mast of the vessel.

The Captain Scott is to be open to the public on Wednesday and Thursday next week from 2pm until 7.

The Captain Scott replaces the Prince Louis - The Prince Louis was the Outward Bound organisation's topsail schooner which was based at Burghead. Commander Victor Clark who will be the officer in charge of the Captain Scott was in command of the Prince Louis until it was sold to France in 1966.

Commander Clark is the holder of the award DSC and bar. He was a prisoner of the Japanese for 3½ years during WWII., being captured after the ship in which he was in command was sunk and he had spent some six weeks recuperating from wounds in a native Malayan village.

It was while cruising on the West Coast aboard the Prince Louis on a pilot course that the idea came to Commander Clark that has now come to fruition was born. Along with Dr Kurt Hahn (Gordonstoun School) he interested Lord Dulverton and the Dulverton Trust in the project and as a result the commissioning of the Captain Scott was put in hand.

Six young men will be accommodated on each course at a fee of £90 per head with nine courses per year being planned the first starting in October. The cruises will see the boat sail around the western isles, to Orkney and Shetland the Irish coast and the island of St Kilda.

Buckie Rotary Club intends to sponsor a trainee and have already been in contact with the various youth organisations in the town asking that they put names forward to be considered.

Dance venues and music providers - A dance will take place in the Town Hall, Cullen on 17 September when music for dancing will be played by the **Cody Sounds**.

For the first time for a long time a dance in the Two Red Shoes, Elgin was advertised in the 'Buckie Paper' On Tuesday 14 September patrons are advised of a special attraction with the appearance of the **Beggar's Opera**. Admission 35p. On Thursday September 9th the well-known group **Fleetwood Mac** will be playing in the Ballerina, Nairn. **Admission 80p**. A bus will leave Elgin at 8.30pm.

Visit to Buckie and the new Rest Home - Rear Admiral O. H. M. St J. Steine, chairman of the Shipwrecked Fishermen and Mariners Royal Benevolent Society paid a visit on Tuesday to Rock House, the home on East Church Street, which the Society established in Buckie some time ago for retired people with seafaring connections. He was accompanied by his wife and was shown around the premises and met the residents. He was presented with an ashtray in Portsoy 'marble' by Captain Peter Stevens, one of the residents who also handed over a Gordon tartan travelling rug to Mrs Steine. They later had tea at the Home.

Stake Ness - no word yet - A short report said how they were still awaiting the 'Go Ahead' for the construction of an Atomic Power Station at Stake Ness, near Whitehills.

Highland League - Buckie gets a roasting from the au' enemy - Elgin City 7
Buckie Thistle 0

After being buoyed up with a run of good results the Thistle came back down to earth with a dunt.

Sept 16 **'Meallies' to close** - E. Ianetta, Confectioner and Tobacconist, 19 High Street, is to close down on 19th September. Thanks are extended to his many customers for their support over the years.

Advert - Spencer Lyon, Plumber, 6 Yuill Avenue, Buckie.

Dance venue and musicmasters - A dance will take place in the Town Hall, Cullen on Friday 17 September when **Kelly** will supply the music. The following week it will be the turn of **Phoenix**

Advert - A. Wylie, Butcher, The Square, Fochabers.

Buckie come well at last - They put seven goals into the Nairn net without any in return to gain some respectability after last week's debacle against Elgin City.

He lifted the 'Dinnie' stones - Buckie man, 25 year old Imlach H. Shearer is shown in a photograph lifting the famous **Donald Dinnie stones** at Potarch on Deeside. One hundred years before Donald Dinnie is reputed to have not only lifted the massive stones but also carried them across the bridge over the River Dee. Imlach Shearer, a student in Aberdeen, is a member of the Banchory Power Lift Club that specialises in the lifting of heavy weights.

Rovers put nine past Fulmar keeper - HMS Fulmar (Lossiemouth) 2
Buckie Rovers 9 .

The scorers for the Rovers were - Brian Taylor and Peter Murray, three apiece, Eric Hay 2 and Pat Murray 1.

Sept 23 **Two young Buckie men die in car crash** - On Friday evening two Buckie men lost their lives after the car in which they were travelling left the Cullen to Fochabers road at the Bog of Rannas and struck a tree.

They were Louis Cairn, 19, of 2 Bank Street, Buckie and Anthony Herraghty, 20, of Letterfourie House, Drybridge. An unnamed girl passenger in the car, a friend of Anthony Herraghty, escaped with a pelvis injury.

Three Buckie men honoured - Three Buckie men received the Royal Human Society's Testimonial on parchment for the part they had played in rescuing 2 ½

year old Gordon Coull from drowning in the sea at Buckpool Harbour. Gordon is the only son of Mr and Mrs Alexander Coull.

The men are - Gordon Philips, 25, architectural assistant, 17 Inward Road, Wm. Bruce, fisherman, 36 of 6 Inward Road and George Wood, joiner, 31 of 38 Yardie.

Mr Bruce waded into the sea until he was up to the neck before the other two dived in to pull the youngster ashore.

A report of the rescue is given on page 1

Youth Clubs - Banffshire Education Department give the advice that youth clubs in the Buckie area are to open in the following places and times.

Portgordon Youth Club - Monday . and Wednesday , from 7 till 10pm

Buckie Junior Youth Club - ages 11 to 13 on Wednesday from 7 till 9.30pm.

Buckie Senior Youth Club - West Church Street, Tuesday and Thursday - 7.30 till 10.30pm.

Findochty Youth Club - Findochty School - from 7 until 10pm

Cullen Youth Club - Old School - Tuesday and Thursday from 7.30 till 10.30pm.

Dance venue and music - On Friday 24 September the group **Twilight Zone** will be making their last local appearance in the Town Hall, Cullen before turning professional and moving to London. The following week **Windy Miller** make a return visit to Cullen.

Promotion - Lieut. John Leslie was appointed Captain of the 1st Buckie Boys Brigade Company in succession to William Murray who is giving up the captaincy after five years in command. John Leslie has been associated with the Boys Brigade for 14 years.

The Rovers welcome and also beat newcomers - Rothes Decimals made their first visit to Victoria Park on Saturday as members of the North Regional (North Section), Junior League. The report said that although they put up a good performance they lost by four goals to two.

Sept 30 **Paddling pool** - The town council agreed to pay £666 towards the cost of providing a paddling pool at the Ian Johnston Park. (Although seen to be a good amenity unfortunately the pool had later to be drained and ultimately removed altogether after vandals, stupidly and dangerously, left broken glass in the bottom of the pool.)

1. **Dance venue and music providers** - Buckie Thistle Supporters Club are to hold a Disco Dance in the Town House hall when music will be provided by Buckie's Fab group **Elusive Faith** a new disco attraction never heard of before in Buckie. Saturday 2 October 1972 from 8 till 11pm. Admission 15p.
2. **Cullen Town Hall** - On Friday 8th October music will be provided by **Summerset**. The group, **Phoenix** who were advertised for this date have broken up.
3. **The Grace Darling Youth Club** are to hold a 'Tinkers' Ball' in the St Andrews Hotel on Friday 8th October from 9.45 till 1am. Music Jimmy Thomson's Band. Fancy Dress, Prizes. Admission 30p.

Grace Darling Club Youth Club - This is a new club, which has only recently been formed in Buckie to cater for the interests of handicapped children. The first meeting took place in the Catholic Institute, St Andrews Square on Tuesday evening.

The office bearers are - Chairman - Mrs M. Davidson, vice chairman Jimmy Gunn, Portgordon, Secretary, James Miller, Buckpool Treasurer, John Allison, Portknockie.

New Head at Portgordon School - Mr Robert J. Bruce is the new headmaster at Portgordon taking up duty last week. A Maths graduate of Edinburgh University he has been in the teaching profession for 14 years coming to Portgordon from South

Queensferry High School where he was PT of Maths. At Portgordon he succeeds Mr W. F. Johnston who retired at the end of last session.

Oct 7 **High School organ** - Banffshire Education Committee have agreed to make an additional grant of £200 towards the cost of modernising and installing the former Buckie West Church organ in the drill hall of Buckie High School. This will bring their total contribution towards the project to £450.

The organ is one of the few in the country to be completely modernised and installed by the staff and pupils of a school (For a good many years it lay unused until it was completely removed in the 1980's.)

The Captain Scott- The Buckie built schooner having completed her trials was handed over to the Dulverton Trust on Monday and sailed on Tuesday afternoon for Plockton.

Appointed Chairman of Buckie Thistle - Abby Gowie has been appointed chairman of Buckie Thistle in succession to Councillor Robert McKenzie. Mr Gowie is the leading figure in the consortium of local businessmen who came forward some months ago to provide financial support to Buckie Thistle.

Rovers score nine goals again - Buckie Rovers beat Aberdeen team Rosemount by nine goals to three in the first round of the north Regional Cup.

The team was - Ross, Smith and McGoldrick; Johnston, Walker and Hay; Taylor, Mitchell, Murray, McKay and Stewart. Subs. - Robertson and Leask.

The scorers were - Peter Mitchell, 3, Doddie Robertson who came on as sub in the second half, 3, Davie 'Pecos' McKay 2 and Eric Hay.

The first - Twenty four years old Buckie cricketer, Gordon Pirie, has won the North of Scotland Cricket Association Cup for the lowest bowling average in the season just ended. He is the first member of the Buckie club to win this coveted honour since the trophy was instituted in 1938 Gordon who is a plater with the local firm of Hamilton Brothers, Engineers, has topped the club bowling averages for the past three years. He is a Lieutenant in 1st Buckie Boys Brigade in charge of the Junior Section.

Oct 14 **Buckie Folk Club** celebrate their second anniversary on Sunday 17th October when they will have the Aberdeen group, Ghillie Mhor at their meeting in the Commercial Hotel.

Wanted long distance lorry driver. This was placed by Moray Fish Supply 9-11 Low Street who built up a fleet of lorries which carried their products through Europe as far as the south of Italy in refrigerated lorries returning with cargoes of oranges etc. This continued to the late 90's until they were got rid of.

Second birthday - The Buckie branch of the Electrical Association for Women lit candles and cut a cake at their second birthday party held in the Town House last Thursday night.

Miss E. Riddoch, vice president welcomed the company and a concert party from Seafeld WRI provided the evening's entertainment. Mrs J. Pearson, Hon President proposed the vote of thanks.

Tragic accident - A young Buckie joiner, 24 year old David Smith, a married man with a two year old son of 26 Wallace Avenue was killed at Mallaig when 60 tons of timber crashed down on him and three workmates.

He was employed by Wm. Tawse Ltd meantime carrying out £5000,000 reconstruction of Mallaig Harbour. The only son of Mr and Mrs David Smith, St Aethens Station Road, Findochty he served his time at the Buckie shipyard of Herd & McKenzie.

Slimming Clinic - Miss Margaret McLean, Mill of Rathven opened a slimming clinic in Elgin last Tuesday titled the Elgin Clinic for Health and Beauty. In charge is a Bishopmill woman, who has recently completed a three-month slimming therapist course in Edinburgh.

Oct 21 **Long-serving bus driver retires** - John 'Jock' Smith a bus driver for the past 42 years service with Wm. Alexander & Sons (Northern) Ltd bus operators, 40 of them at the Buckie depot. A native of Aberdeen he began his career as an apprentice motor mechanic with Alexander Miller bus and garage proprietor who had their business on West Church Street now occupied by Charles Robertson, Central Garage. (In 2002 and for some years before the front part of the garage was a Chinese 'Take-Away' the rear part having been demolished with flats being built on the cleared area.) In 1926, two years later he left the trade to become a bus driver, first with Miller and other firms in Elgin, Aberdeen and Inverness when Millers were taken over by 'Alexander's he was transferred to Buckie in 1931 where he has served continuously as a driver until his recent retirement. He aims to spend his retirement at the new home he has had built on Marchmont Crescent.

Haulage contractor dies - A well-known Buckie haulage contractor. William G. S. 'Covie' Wright died at his home 5 Yuill Avenue on Monday after a short illness. He was 57.

He was in the haulage business for 40 years, working for many years with his father the late Willie Wright and on his death took over the business. He leaves a wife, three sons and three daughters.

Dance venues and music providers - Playing at the dance in the Cullen Town Hall on Friday 22 October will be **Mr Fantasy**. Cost of admission is 40 p to a dance, which will run from 9pm till 1am. The following week an Edinburgh group, **Mixed Spice** will provide the music.

A **Dinner Dance** ran by the Buckie Committee of the National Fund for Research in Crippling Diseases will take place in the St Andrews Hotel on 29 October. Music to be supplied by the evergreen **Bill Geddes and his band**.

Football at Pittodrie - Wm. Alexander and Sons are advertising that a bus or buses will run to Aberdeen for football followers wishing to see the Aberdeen versus Juventus UEFA cup tie on Wednesday evening 3 November. The coaches will leave Buckie at 5.15pm returning directly after the game. Special fare of 53p, seats to be booked in advance.

Advert - For your taxi try Joe Dawson, 9-11 Harbour Street Phone 3888.

Change of licence holder - The application made by George F. Lawson hotel manager, St Andrews Hotel for the transfer of the certificate to his name was granted by Buckie Licensing Court on Tuesday. Messrs Charles G. Clark, Station Hotel, Portsoy own the hotel.

Former 'Jannie' dies - A man who was known to many hundreds of schoolchildren who passed through Buckie St Peter's R.C. School, Mr George 'Dodie' Dawson, died in Seafield Hospital last week.

A native of Boharm, Mr Dawson, who lived at 11 Cooper Street was janitor at the school for 31 years until he retired 11 years ago. He was also former caretaker of the Catholic Institute on St Andrew's Square. Aged 76 he is survived by his wife and family of one son, George, who lives in Canada and a daughter, Mrs Marie Spence who lives locally.

Oct 28 **Baptismal font dedicated** - A baptismal font, gifted by Dr Ian W. Taylor of Chicago in memory of his parents who were married in Buckie North Church 71 years ago was dedicated at the forenoon service in the church on Sunday.

The new font which will replace the present stone font installed in the church at the beginning of this century was dedicated by the minister, Rev Ainslie Walton and was used immediately afterwards to baptise Allan Wilson, the three month infant son of Mr and Mrs Allan Wilson (Cathie Lyon) 66 Milton Drive.

A picture on page one shows the ceremony taking place.

The 'Tea Room' to reopen - The popular small tea room situated at 50 East Church Street near the Post Office which has been missed during the time that it has been closed is to re-open on Monday 1st November. Serving teas, coffees, snacks and home baking. Open from Monday till Saturday from 10am till 5.30pm. Closed Wednesdays.

Enzie Church Minister dies - Rev Wm. M. Wallace the Enzie Church of Scotland minister for the past ten years died in Woodend Hospital, Aberdeen last Wednesday aged 58.

Cullen's Popular Gala Week Axed read the headline on the front page. The Gala, which was organised and ran by the football club blamed their reason for choosing to end the popular even on the disappointing response from business people in the village. The decision was taken at the annual general meeting of the football club. Ron Shepherd, club secretary and local town councillor said that shopkeepers and business people at large took no interest in the gala

The Seafield Arms, Cullen, the laird exercises his right of pre-emption - A Huntly man who lives in Cambridgeshire, Mr R. D. Fraser, who had intended to buy the Seafield Hotel in Cullen along with a partner, Mr T. H. Eaton have had their plans thwarted. They had bought the hotel subject to the license being transferred and subject also to the condition of the title deeds, which included a right of pre-emption. At the weekend the superior, the Earl of Seafield, exercised his right of pre-emption and the certificate holder, Mr Raymond Garioch withdrew his consent to the transfer of the license to Mr Fraser.

Nov 4 **New Cullen Fire Station** - A report is given on page one of the opening of the new £22,000 fire station at Cullen.

Business announcement - The business of Moray Refrigeration, Pinefield Estate, Elgin has been taken over by Moray Fish Supply, Low Street Buckie as from 1st November 1971 and will continue to operate and trade under the name Moray Refrigeration from 9 Low Street.

Firm's annual dinner and dance - Wm. Douglas and Sons Building Contractors, are to hold their annual Dinner and Dance in the Marine Hotel on Friday 12 November. Tickets costing £1.40 may be had from 7 West Cathcart Street.

Seafield Hotel, Cullen - Lord Seafield has purchased the Seafield Hotel and has also by mutual agreement with Pat Duff the proprietor of the Seafield Garage next to the hotel formerly the coaching stables.

Buckie High School Orienteering Club - The club that was only formed last summer by Mr D. B. McGinn the school's PT of Physics made a successful appearance in their first competitive event held at Tullybaccart Forest near Coupar Angus on Sunday. Seventeen boys and thirteen girls carried off the Stobie-Galloppen Shield awarded to the team achieving the six best times for boys and girls under 16 years of age.

Although comparatively new in this country orienteering is a flourishing sport in Scandinavian countries where it is now a compulsory activity in many school curricula.

Held usually in forests, orienteering, which has been described as 'cunning running' calls for a combination of quick and accurate map and compass work. Though some athletic ability is also required to gain the best times the sport may be equally enjoyed by people of all ages who wish to walk round the various courses which have been designed.

High School pupil, George Bruce won the under 15 boys event while Lorna Bowie and Margaret Scott came first in under 15 girls pairs.

Dance venue and music providers - A dance will take place in the Town Hall, Cullen on Friday 5 November when music for dancing will be played by the **Billy Steele Combo**. The following week the group booked to play is Scotland's Famous **Poets**.

We will cut your grass at a cost - Buckie Town Council have agreed to a request from a number of old age pensioners living on Milton Drive to cut the grass at their houses at a charge of 4d per week throughout the year which will be added on to their rent.

Nov 11 **Buckie 'Heppies' take the cup again** - The Buckie branch of Hepworths, manager, Peter Slater, retained the North of Scotland Trade Cup awarded by the company to the branch showing the biggest increase in trade during the six months ending last September.

Long established shop to close - George Bruce, Tobacconist and Confectioner, at 29 East Church Street is to close on the 13th November. He wishes to thank his many customers for their support over the years. Galloway's candy will still be on sale in the town and the shops where it will be obtainable will be given later.

Rotary Club of Buckie seek applications - The Rotary Club have sent a notice to the youth organisations in Buckie asking them to put forward the names of likely candidates aged from 16 to 21 to be considered for a place on the Captain Scott Training Scheme.

Move for High School teacher - Mr John Fraser PT. History at Buckie High School, organist of the North Church and who has been deeply involved in the setting up of the former West Church organ in the school has been appointed Assistant Head of Peterhead Academy. He is 35.

An Appreciation is the name of a poem found on page 7.

On parade - A detachment of Gordon Highlanders from the Keith platoon of the 2nd Battalion 51st Highland Volunteers, formed in the early part of this year under a Territorial Army Expansion Scheme will take part in the Buckie Remembrance Day parade and service on Sunday first.

Ex Hib's man at centre half for Buckie - Buckie Thistle had former Hib's centre half, Robert Barr helping them to a three-one home victory against Forres.

Nov 18 **Welfare Society annual hand out** - A total of £430 in donations was distributed to a wide number of local organisations in the annual Welfare Society hand out. The sums awarded ranged from £40 as in the case of Buckie's OAP's down to £5 to groups like the Tufty Club.

Dance venue and music providers - A dance will take place in the Town Hall, Cullen on 19 November with music by **Patt'r 4**. The following week Stockpile will play.

Legion Concert - The Royal British Legion Buckie and District Branch will stage a concert in the hall on Friday 19 November when Cathie Kay and supporting artistes will be appearing. Tickets for members and guests only - 30p. A dance will follow to music by the Two SS's and Ian. 10p

Captain Scott - The first cruise of the new three masted schooners was a complete success. The cruise, which ended last week, saw 30 boys aged between 16 and 21 spend 26 days at sea off the west coast.

Sponsorship Scheme - Under a sponsorship scheme recently announced by Buckie Rotary Club a boy from the Buckie district will shortly be selected to attend one of the Captain Scott courses the fee, which is £90 per head.

Nov 25 **A new Church of Scotland minister** - A new minister has been appointed to the linked charge of Portknockie and Findochty Church of Scotland. He is Rev Thomas A. Bertram who is presently at East Kilbride.

Boat launch - The 68 feet long seiner/trawler, **Ocean Monarch** was launched from the Buckie shipyard of Messrs Jones on Saturday. The new vessel has been built for Skipper John E. Smith, Portsoy and two partners, Wm. McKay, Cullen and John McKay, Sandend. The skipper formerly had the Buckie fishing boat, Corona. A full report and also pictures of the launch are shown on pages 4 and 5.

Big meeting of Methodists - Over 300 Methodists from a wide area were in Buckie to hear the President of the Methodist Conference, Rev Kenneth L. Wright preach.

This big fish didn't get away - A 14 stone halibut was landed at Buckie this week from the local fishing boat Stroma. It was later sold for £63

Sea Angling club formed - A meeting took place on Wednesday night with 28 people present. The following officials were appointed - Chairman - George Cowie, Secretary - J. D. Flett, Treasurer - Bert Innes, Committee - A. Thomson. L. Marshall, A. S. Reid, J. Ferguson, Alex C. Thomson - all Buckie and N. Farley, Lossiemouth.

Buckie men go to Campbelltown for new boat - A new steel, 80feet long seiner/trawler has been ordered to be built at the Campbelltown shipyard for Skipper George Murray, 22 Great Western Road, and his brother, James Murray 11 Chancellor Road, Portessie. The new boat will replace their wooden seine netter Opportune II.

Advert - Buckie Painting Company.

Dec 2 **Coffee mornings now the vogue** - In this edition of the local paper no less than three are to take place on Saturday. Episcopal Church, Boys Scouts and Cubs and the Girls Guides. Tickets range from 12 ½ to 15p.

In the Northern Scot Christmas Number - Saint Peter's Fair of Rathven - Memories of an Old World Fair (illustrated) by Margaret Winefride Simpson

Advert - General Drapery Store 51-53 West Church Street

Advert - Deep Freeze Supplies - (Aberdeen) Ltd. 31 West Church Street.

Another dual fatality on the A98 - This year already two young men were killed on the A98 at the Bog of Rannas when their car left the road and now a further two lost their lives on Saturday night when their cars were in collision 100 yards west of Arradoul school. The two men who both died instantly were - Stephen Coull, 21, 3 Brodie Drive, Buckie and Stephen James Mclean, 24, of Lower Inchberry, Fochabers. Stephen Coull, a single man, was a clerk with Moray Fish Supply while Stephen McLean was a married man whose wife Sheila is a daughter of Mr and Mrs James Barclay, 2 Seaview Place, Buckie. He was returning home after visiting his in-laws while Coull was travelling towards Buckie.

Buckie Thistle release three players - Full-back, Charlie Douglas, Centre half, John Green and Inside forward Phil Williams.

Rovers out of the Scottish Cup - Carnoustie Panmure beat Buckie Rovers in the 2nd round of the Scottish Junior Cup.

Dec 9 **Still another road death** - Mrs Isabel Louise Murray was killed on Friday when travelling in a car with her husband John and baby daughter Christine. The accident took place near the Towie Tavern on the Turriff to Fyvie road while the family were returning from a visit to Aberdeen. Both the husband and child received only minor injuries and though two year old Christine was kept over the

weekend in Aberdeen Royal Infirmary John was allowed home after treatment at the Turriff Hospital

Mrs Murray, 31, was a former teacher in the infant department of Buckie Primary School.

Christmas and New Year's Day lunches - Grant Arms, Cullen, Cliff House Hotel, Buckie, Lennox Inn, Portgordon, Lunches and dinners Music by Ethel and Sandy, Dec 18, 24 and 31. Seafield Arms Hotel, Cullen.

Sprats Galore - During the current sprat bonanza more than 7800 cwts of sprats valued at £5,300 were landed at Buckie last week and sent to Fraserburgh. A photograph on page 10 shows the local fishing boat 'Girl Elma' laden to the gunnels with sprats. A Norwegian boat called at the beginning of the week to take away 500 crans of sprats for canning.

Dec 16 **An indoor swimming pool** - The project to build an indoor swimming pool at Buckie is to be partly financed by the town councils of Buckie, Cullen, Portknockie and Findochty, The councils of Buckie, Cullen and Portknockie accepted that the pool would be shared by the community and the school. It is proposed that the pool should be incorporated as part of the new physical education block to be built at Buckie High School.

The contributions from each council to be - £70,000 from Buckie £10,000 each from Cullen, Portknockie and Findochty with £30,000 from the landward areas including Portgordon.

No more taxis - Messrs James Mayne, Taxi and Coach Hirers, Cluny Garage are to cease their taxi service as from 12 midnight on 31st December. This decision has been taken on account of rising overheads and staff shortages.

Dance venue and music provider - Cullen football club will run a dance in the Town Hall, Cullen on Christmas Night, The group, **Carbine** will supply the music

Girls of the Buckie Senior Youth Club are seen in a photograph on page one with a fine array of foodstuffs they have collected and will hand out to pensioners in the Buckie area.

Opening announcement - George Davidson and Son, builders, have opened a showroom at 19 High Street (formerly Meallies) with tile grates and hearths on display.

Chosen for cruise on the Captain Scott - Two boys chosen for the sponsored cruise on the Captain Scott are John M. Thain, 16 of 14 Hall Street and Terence L. Pickard 17, 14 St Peter's Road.

A picture on page 5 shows the Captain Scott back in the Buckie Harbour with the two boys taken alongside the vessel along with Mr Ian Forbes, Chairman of Buckie Rotary Club and Mr John Hendry Convenor of the Club's Services Committee.

Boat launch - The 65' long trawler, Celerity was launched from the shipyard of George Thomson and son on Saturday. The new boat, which cost £65,000, was built for Skipper Sandy Bruce, 9 Provost Reid Crescent, Alistair Addison, 39 Samson Avenue, Portessie and other partners. Sandy Bruce is presently skipper of the Diligent and has given the same name and number to the new vessel as that of his grandfather's boat, BCK142, which was one of the early motor boats brought into service on the Moray Firth.

The Celerity will be powered by a 320hp Caterpillar engine when she is ready to take to the sea in about a month's time.

The Thistle form is most erratic - An eight to one defeat by Inverness Thistle was the second beating on the trot. The report said how keeper Tubby Ogston saved the Thistle from an even bigger hiding.

The team was - Ogston, Cowie and Cardno; Morris, Pirie and Lyon; Davenport, McDonald, Bagshaw, Flett and Mchardy. Sub. MacEachen.

Dec 30 **Gift of coal** - Arradoul Harvest Home Committee provided 27 old people in the Arradoul area with a Christmas gift of 3 cwts, of coal each.

Pedestrian crossings - Buckie Town Council approved the recommendations of Roads Department for pedestrian crossings on High Street, and East and West Church Street.

To close - Florence Hair Stylist, Cullen is to close on 1st January 1972.

Dance venue and music provider - The group **Hornblower** from Manchester will play in the town Hall, Cullen on Saturday 1st January. On Monday 3rd **Billy Steele Combo** will play.

Strathlene Hotel - A dance will take place on New Year's Day when the group **Elusive Faith** will play. .

Mount Pleasant - a book **of poetry by Peter Buchan** The poems portray life in a fishing community.

Buckie ended the year as they started with a win over their Banffshire rivals - Deveronvale 1 Buckie Thistle 3
Thistle team - Ogston (Wood) Cowie and Gordon; Morris, Pirie and Lyon; Geddes, Cardno, Bagshaw, Flett and Mchardy. The keeper was hurt and had to retire.