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Jan. 4 **Christmas Social** - A good clear photograph (rare) taken at the Baptist Church Christmas Social. Recognised in the photograph are Mrs Hen Jean Hay, James Street and her daughter, Mrs Nan Cowie. Others are recognised though unable to name them.

"Tracing the Trend " is the name of a poem by James Slater, Portsoy. This is found on page 4.

Buckie Rovers go out of the 'Scottish' - The Rovers were beaten by five goals to three by the Buckhaven team, Frances Colliery in the third round of the Scottish Junior Cup. The game was played at Glenrothes last Saturday

Jan 11 **Dance venue and music providers** - The group who will play at a dance in the Town Hall, Cullen, on Friday 12 January is **Firefly** while the following week dancers have the opportunity to hear a new band from Aberdeen called **Prior**.

City beat the Jags - Elgin City 4 Buckie Thistle 1
The Thistle team was - Shand, Mair, Cardno; Lyon, Wright, McDonald; Winton, W. Cowie, Simmers Davidson and Flett. Sub. Smith.

Big score - Buckie Rovers 10 Bishopmill United 0 James Geddes had four goals, Brian Taylor 2, Pat Murray 2 and Kenny Anderson and Raymond Boyd one a piece.

Jan 18 **Fate of the War Memorial** - The Buckie War Memorial, which has to be moved to allow work on the new sewage system, will be stored pending a decision on the new site. The cost of removal, storage and cleaning is estimated at £3,288.

Alterations at Strathlene Hotel - Plans submitted by the new owner Mr M. McDavid, for internal alterations to the hotel were unanimously approved by Buckie Licensing Court.

Strathlene Hotel - Supper Dances - These will take place in the Islander Room on Friday 19 and Saturday 20 January. Music on Friday will be provided by the **Strollers** and on Saturday by the **Vine**.

For sale - The Harbour Bar, 83 Main Street, Buckpool.

Highest membership ever - At the annual general meeting the secretary of the Buckie branch of the Royal British Legion. Joseph L. Shaw reported that membership had reached the new record figure of 1300. .
During the past year a large number of donations were made to a wide variety of organisations.

Winter Sales are all the rage with the following shops having adverts in the local paper - These include : C. I. Shearer, Draper, 6-8 East Church Street, Francis Ritchie, Draper, 72-74A East Church Street, A. B. Smith, Draper, Seaview Road, Findochty, George Herd, Drapery Stores, 12 Station Road, Findochty, Mackays (James Mackay) Drapers etc. 5 East Church Street, George Robertson, Drapers, Cullen, George Sutherland (Shoemakers), 22 West Church Street, Robertsons (Fordyce) West Church Street and 17 High Street Furniture, Carpets, Andrew Begg (Shoemakers), 14-16 High Street, Clydesdale, 6/7 Cluny Square, Washing Machines, Radios, TV's, Cookers, Cleaners etc. Alex Slater, Complete House Furnishers, 23-25 East Church Street, General Drapery Store, 51-53 West Church Street, John Sandison, Draper, 22 East Church Street, Alex Esson, Tailor and Outfitter, Cluny Square. Baby Boutique, 15A, East Church Street

Search for rare book - Cullen Town Council is to take steps to trace the whereabouts of a rare and valuable book, which is the property of the council. It is not known how the book came into the possession of the town council but it is known that it lay for many years in the Town Hall along with copies of old minutes

and records. It was damaged by water in the fire on 1941 that destroyed the Town Hall.

The book, written in Latin and about the size of an exercise book has leather covers. It is an illuminated manuscript of part of the Gospel and is of great age. Dean of Guild Gordon Bain was of the opinion that there was only one other copy of the book and this was in the Vatican. He added that if this was so it would certainly be very valuable.

The book was sent to a specialist firm in Edinburgh for repairs and it is after this that it seems to have disappeared. **The full story is given on page 7.**

Dance venues and music providers - Elgin Town Hall on Thursday 25 January the following three groups will play - **Teeny Boppin, Sweet and Windy Miller.** Admission 85p. Free buses as Saturday.

Gably Eves will play in the Town Hall, Cullen on Friday 19 January while the following Friday **Levi** will play in the funky denim style.

Jan 25 **Proposed Social Club** - An application has been made by Buckie Thistle Football Club to open a licensed social club on East Church Street.

A change of ownership - Helen and Sydney McIntosh have sold their Fish and Chip shop at 20 St Paul Street to Mr and Mrs W. D. Coull. They wish to thank all their customers and friends for their patronage over the past 11½ years. they have been in business.

Thistle player coach resigns - Wm. Cowie has tendered his resignation as player/coach of Buckie Thistle on a matter of principal. Contrary to the arrangements that had been made at the start the committee interfered in his team selection and asked him to leave out a certain player from the previous week's team.

Feb 1 **Big hike to council rents** - Buckie Council rents are to go up by 25% from May 16.

Portessie Headmaster to retire - Mr John A. Brown, Head of Portessie School since 1957 is to retire at the end of this week. He had spent 38 years in education, 25 of them in Banffshire.

Opening announcement - Andrew Wyper, is to commence in business as a Slater and Cement Worker - 13 Turner Street.

New shop to open Central Stores, 36 James Street is to open on Monday 5th February. The shop will store a big selection of wedding gifts - china, hardware, and fancy goods -, also drapery and baby wear.

Where to site the War Memorial - The local paper said how a new site for the War Memorial had become a lively topic of discussion and argument ever since the town council had disclosed that it was to be moved from its present site in the middle of Cluny Square to allow the laying of pipes for a new sewer.

Some councillors favoured only moving the memorial slightly to the north, which it was said would be better for traffic. Others were for having it sited on the north west quadrant. Bailie Jack Cole was against both of these proposals saying that the War Memorial deserved better than a mere traffic island while if it was put on the north west quadrant it would make the Square look lop-sided. He proposed that it be sited in the Ian Johnston park, surrounded by rose bushes and seats.

The Thistle lose their player/coach - Wm. Cowie has parted company with Buckie Thistle after taking exception to the committee interfering with his powers of team selection. The move would seem to be unfortunate with Buckie doing better this season up till now than for some years. Willie had played himself in the last few games since part of his contract was a month's notice either way.

Feb 8 **Former High School rector dies** - Mr George J. Milne who was rector of Buckie High School from 1934 to 1948 after moving to Buckie from Keith Grammar, died in A.R.I. on Sunday at the age of 89.

Proposed plans for improving the Amenities at Buckie - The Burgh Surveyor, Mr Ron Stewart put forward his plans for improving the amenities of Buckie. These to cost £55,786. Among his proposals was £10,143 to be spent on the Buckie Burn., and involved pathways, bridges over the burn and a metal staircase leading up to the school playing fields from near the former dam. These all came to fruition but were largely destroyed by the water during different spates. Another suggestion was to lift the tarmac on both the northeast and northwest quadrants of Cluny Square and lay the two areas out in grass and flower beds.

Thistle have new football coach - Kenny Malcolm presently coach of the Aberdeen Junior side, Banks of Dee took over as coach of Buckie Thistle following the departure of former player/coach, Willie Cowie.

Feb 15 **The War Memorial** - The front-page headline read - Council vote 6-4 against re-erecting the War Memorial in the centre of Cluny Square. The subject was discussed at the meeting on Monday. Banff Roads Department saw the War Memorial in the centre of the crossing as a traffic hazard but where it was eventually put, they said, was up to the town council.

Portgordon headmaster to move - Robert I Bruce who came to Portgordon School as head in September 1971 is to move to a school in Selkirk at April. He is an elder of Enzie Church of Scotland and also a member of Buckie Speakers' Club.

Feb 22 **New Clinic opened** - Buckie's new Health Clinic on Cathcart Grove has been in operation since Monday of this week.

Legion dances - Buckie Royal British Legion is holding two annual dinners dances on Friday 16 March and Saturday 17 March with music by Bill Murray's band. Admittance £1.50.

Boat launch - The **Stella Maris**, a seiner/trawler, built for two Helmsdale men, was launched from the shipyard of Messrs Jones on Monday. The **Stella Maris**, the first new boat to be built for the Helmsdale fleet in 12 years is 55 feet long and cost £60,000 to build. It is powered by a 280 hp Caterpillar diesel engine and is fitted with all the latest fishing gear, aid and equipment, including an electronically operated Shetland gutting machine. She was launched complete and sailed round to the harbour under her own power. She will complete her fitting out and undergo trials this week before leaving for her home port.

The War Memorial - The local paper has received a number of letters from older people as well as young who without exception ask that the memorial be replaced in its original place in the centre of the Square.

March 5 **Death of Enzie Parish priest** - The death took place in Elgin of Rev Father James K. Robertson MA a native of Inch, Aberdeenshire, and a graduate of Aberdeen University. He was parish priest at Preshome for 25 years. He was 73. He is remembered as a very quiet, unassuming and truly nice man who never looked more happy than when he was conducting the orchestra in connection with the Enzie Amateur Dramatic Society of which I was a member. **A report is given on page 1.**

Enzie Sub postmaster to retire - Andy Geddes, sub postmaster at Enzie for 27 years will retire on March 4. Andy was badly wounded in North Africa at El Alamein but despite the injuries with which he left was able to carry out competently all the duties required in the position. **A report is given on page one.**

Some amenity improvement proposals accepted. At their meeting on Monday members of the town council agreed to spend £33,000 on some of the proposed amenity improvement schemes proposed by the Burgh Surveyor. £3,316 to be spent on levelling and laying new turf on Victoria Bowling Green. £4,650 to be spent on clearing and levelling the area of derelict land between Merson Street and Robert Street houses. A winding tarmac footpath to be laid with shrub beds and trees planted and the provision of seats, litter bins and a new fence. The council, however, turned down the proposal to lift the tarmac on the north east and north west quadrants of Cluny Square though it was accepted that if the War Memorial was to be sited on the north west quadrant further thought would be given to the surroundings then.

A new name on the dance scene - The group **Love Affair** will play at a dance in the Town Hall, Cullen on Friday 23 March.

Advert for Rathburn Hotel - Make your way up 'Hungry Hill' this Saturday and enjoy steak, scampi, salmon steak and chicken suppers.

Golden Opportunity Sale - Firth Furnishers, 33-37 West Church Street. (Charlie Geddes and John Patience)

Cullen People Favour Scheme that involves demolition of the viaduct read the headline on page 6 of this edition. This was in answer to a number of proposals that had been put forward.

Gowie Trophies presented - At the annual Fishermen's Ball, the shield for boats of over 60 feet landing the most fish at Buckie over the past year was awarded to Allan Cowie of the light trawler, *Orcades*. John, H. McKay, Portsoy, *Delightful*, took the award for the second year for boats under 60'. The trophies were handed over to both skippers by Mrs Elsie Murray, wife of George Murray, Skipper of the *Manna* and chairman of the Scottish Inshore White Fish Producers Association.

New signing for the Thistle - Buckie Thistle have signed Norman Perry of Lewis United a Scottish Junior Internationalist at full back.

Photo of the Opportune - A photograph on page 12 in this edition shows the steel-built seiner and pair trawler, **Opportune** as she arrived at her home port for the first time prior to beginning fishing operations. The *Opportune* at 80' is one of the largest and most powerful vessels in the Buckie fishing fleet. She was built and launched earlier this month at Campbeltown for two Buckie men, Skipper George Murray and his brother, James Murray. George previously had the **Opportune II**. The new boat is powered by a 400 Caterpillar diesel engine and has an insulated fishroom with a capacity of 5000 cubic feet arranged to carry boxed fish. Accommodation for the crew of eight in the after part of the boat while her equipment on deck includes a combination seine/trawler hydraulic winch below the whaleback forward and a power block aft.

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Road crash claims the lives of three Portknockie men - Eric Slater, David Slater and John Badenoch were all killed when returning home from a football match at Pittodrie. The car of which Eric Slater was the driver was in collision with a van at Crichtie Corner a mile south of Inverurie on the main Aberdeen to Inverness road.

Bill Geddes' band is to play at the Buckie Thistle Dinner Dance in the St Andrew's Hotel on Saturday night, 24 March. Tickets which may be had from the committee cost £1.50.

Masons' dance - Lodge Innocents 224 are to hold a dance in the Town Hall Cullen on Saturday 17 March. - Paddy's Day. The band booked to play is the Sandy Herd Five from Buckie. Free bus to Buckie after the dance. Admission 30p.

Chemist to call it a day - J. R. Pearson FPS is to retire and is informing all those interested that after 31st March he will not be dispensing National Health Prescriptions. The shop at 46 West Church Street will remain open for a limited period to dispose of stock. Thanks are extended to all for their custom and friendship during the 44 years in business in the town.

The Burgh Surveyor's proposals for the Buckie Burn - Three bridges of the burn, a breach in the dam wall to create a waterfall, a five foot wide tarmac road from Highfield Road to South Land Street, 14 seats. Litter bins cultivation and grass sown where needed and the planting of 200 trees. (A steel staircase up from the valley bottom on to the school playing field must have provided instead of a continuation of the path to Highfield Road. This was removed in 2002 after it had become unsafe.)

Advert - Frank Slater, Electrical Contractor, and 49 Linn Crescent. Bungalows and House wiring.

Deep snow proved to be no deterrent - A heavy snowfall and strong winds that caused drifting to block a number of farm roads didn't stop some farmers from reaching Cullen where the annual Farmers' Ball was taking place last Friday night. Using the tractor to take them across fields and down roads, which were nigh impassable, until they reached the main road and the bus to take them the rest of the way. The ball, which attracted a crowd of 250, took place in the partly renovated Seafiel Hotel.

Not many reach this age - A grand old lady who is a native of Banffshire has recently celebrated her 106th birthday in Canada. She is Mrs Eliza Balmer of Portage, Manitoba who was born at Craibstone, Deskford and the youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Sutherland. The family emigrated to Canada in 1873 when she was six.

Boat launch - The 80-foot long seiner/trawler, Golden Splendour, was launched on Saturday from the shipyard of Herd & McKenzie. The vessel, which cost £100,000, was built for Skipper Tom Ross and partners, Burghead.

The Golden Splendour slipped into the water from the cradle almost complete and is expected to be ready for sea next week and will fish from Peterhead. She will replace Skipper Ross's former boat, Rosenbloom, also built by Herd & McKenzie in 1959.

The transom-stern, Golden Splendour is powered by a 500hp Caterpillar diesel engine and fitted with all the latest fishing gear and equipment, including a hydraulic seine and trawl winch and a 24" power block.

Mar 15 **New council chamber opened** - Provost Douglas still recuperating from a recent illness made the effort to attend the council meeting on Monday to open the new council chamber in the Town House. Situated just inside the building on the right this was at one time the office of the Town Chamberlain and Burgh Collector and subsequently for many years housed the town's public library. The new council chamber replaces the former old, dismal and unsuitable chamber at the rear of the Town House. Building which had been used for many years.

The cost of conversion was £1700 with all the work being done by the burgh staff under the supervision of the Burgh Surveyor. Involved in the conversion was re-decoration of the room, installation of modern lighting, and heating, carpeting and complete furnishings with new tables and chairs.

Strathlene Hotel owner buys land - Buckie Town Council agreed to sell the piece of land at Strathlene between the main Buckie to Findochty road and the access road to the hotel. Certain stipulations were laid down such as not being allowed to build anything on the land. He said it was merely for amenity purposes. The owner of the hotel also asked to have possession and control of the land on the seaward side of the hotel from the lodge to the open-air swimming pool. It was agreed to give him this for an experimental period to the end of 1973 subject to a number of conditions such as the public being given free access to the grass for picnics etc.

A volunteer - Rev Ainslie Walton , minister of the North Church, Buckie answered the call made by the Church of Scotland for ministers to go and serve in Belfast for a month. He was the first of 20 ministers to go from the north.

Promotion for Buckie-born journalist - A forty-six year old Buckie-born journalist, Peter Watson has been appointed Deputy Editor of the Aberdeen Press and Journal newspaper. A son of the late Wm. Watson and Mrs Rachel Watson who at one time lived at 4 Seaview Terrace, Buckpool. Mr Watson left Buckie with his parents at the age of five when his father, a herring fisherman moved to Aberdeen to take up trawling in the early 1930's. He began his newspaper career as a copy boy 32 years ago and was motoring correspondent of the paper and later features editor before becoming assistant editor about a year ago. Married with two daughters he has a number of relatives living in Buckie including two aunts , Mrs Nellie Hay, 6 Seaview Terrace and Mrs Maggie J. Murray Wilson's Land.

Former master baker dies - Alexander M. Valentine, a retired master baker of Struan, Cluny Square, Buckie died in the Seafield Hospital last Thursday at the age of 82. He had been in poor health for some time. A native of the town he took over his father's bakery business on Low Street in 1919 and ran it along with branches on East Church Street and Cluny Square before selling up in 1948 on retiring. He also took a keen interest in agriculture and farmed Preshome, near Clochan, for many years. He won the MC as a Lieutenant in the Royal Naval Division during WWI. Following the war he was a Captain in the Territorials and O/C of the Buckie Company for a long time. During WWII he was in charge of the local branch of the Royal Observer Corps.

Mar 22 **Change of title** - The shop at 1 Gordon Street formerly known as Billy Garden has now been changed to Cavanagh and Garden, Carpets and Removals.

Mar 29 **Sub Postmasters retire** - Two Sub Postmasters from the Buckie area, Andrew 'Andy ' Geddes and David Main were honoured by their Post Office colleagues at a dinner held in the St Andrews Hotel last Thursday night to mark their resignation. Mr Geddes who was wounded in North Africa during the battle of El Alamein in WWII was left permanently handicapped with very little use of both arms retired earlier this month after 27 years. Mr Main had run the post office in Buckpool along with his chemist's business since 1922 becoming sub postmaster in 1947. With the retirement of Mr Geddes the Enzie sub post office has been closed down after being in existence since the early part of this century. (There was a Post Office in the Enzie before this, however, about a quarter a mile east owned by the Taylor family for a long time .) The Buckpool Post Office though will continue , being run by Mr Main's daughter, Alice. Mr Alex C. Lobban, Buckie Postmaster, paid tribute to both men. Mr Geddes received an inscribed silver salver and Mr Main an everlasting clock, both of which were handed over by Miss Irene M. Anderson, Postal Officer who also presented bouquets to both wives.

Closing down - James Greig , Newsagent and General Merchant, 5 Seaview Road, Findochty is to close down. Thanks are extended to all his many customers for their custom over 25 years.

Notice - As from 1st April the two firms Davidson's Joiners and Thain and Davidson, Electricians will be known as Davidson's Joiners and Electrical Contractors, 26 East Church Street.

Dance venue and music provider - The band booked to play in the Town Hall, Cullen on Friday 6 April is a new one on the dance scene called - **Corrosive**.

Shop to shift - The business known as the Baby Boutique is to move from 15A, East Church Street, to new premises at 45 West Church Street.

Opening announcement - J & D. Campbell, Building Contractors 63 Yardie, All types of building and pre-cast work undertaken.

Buckie Publican retires - Licensee of the Harbour Bar on Main Street, Buckpool for 27 years, Alex J. Gauld was presented with a fishing rod from his customers on Saturday night to mark his retirement. The presentation took place at a farewell ceremony held in the bar during which the gift was handed over by Gordon Young, Arradoul Mains.

Mr Gauld who lives at 1 Duguid Street was a bus driver with Wm. Alexander and Sons Ltd for 17 years before entering the licensed trade in 1946.

The new licensee of the Harbour Bar is John A. McRitchie, Gowanbrae, St Peter's Road, a former proprietor of the Victoria Hotel in Portknockie.

The end of the line - The Child Welfare Clinic which has been held in the Town House once per week for the past fifty years and staffed by a team of volunteers has been disbanded with the opening last month of the new Health Clinic on Cathcart Grove.

The members held a farewell dinner in the Commercial Hotel on Tuesday attended by 25 ladies and one gentleman, Dr Dawson. Among those present was one of the founder members of the clinic half a century ago, Mrs Mary Wilson, 60 St Peter's Road.

The old clinic was first opened in the Town House in 1923 before the day of the National Health Service.

Cullen Golf Club is to take over the golf course and putting green on the links from Cullen Town Council as from May 15 next.

'Player of the Year' 1972/73 - Buckie Thistle's 'Player of the Year', voted for by supporters, is this year centre forward, Dod Simmers. A native of Keith he lives in Alves. He played junior football with Forres Thistle, Buckie Rovers and Islavale, before joining the Thistle. He was given a statuette and gift handed over by Mrs I. Stewart, wife of Police Inspector, Lachie Stewart.

Moving to Turriff - Alex C. Lobban has been appointed Postmaster at Turriff. He has been Postmaster at Buckie for the past 8 years. He joined the Post Office as a Telegraph Boy in 1931. In 1935 he became a sorting clerk and telegraphist. He was appointed Assistant Head Postmaster in 1960 and Head Postmaster in 1965. From 1940 until 1946 he served as a Wireless Telegraphist in the Royal Navy.

Notice - G.W. Davidson will cease to be a partner in the firm of Davidsons' Joiners as from 30th March. He is to start on his own account.

Dance venue and music providers - The band booked to play in the Town Hall, Cullen, on 13 April is Jolson formerly known as the Billy Steele Combo.

Closing down on 5th April - - A. B. Smith, Draper, Seaview Road, Findochty

Building site for sale - A site for the construction of a new house at Murray Brae (sic) should read Moray Brae, Tynet. (My parents stayed there for a time in 1958. I remember well how my brother Joseph and I robbed Peter to pay Paul in terms of pieces of wood to mend all the broken parts of the floor in the existing house. I remember too how my dad made an excellent garden out of a really wild piece of ground between the house and the main road. This must have taken a lot of hard work and he was by then 60 years of age. He had to be admired for this, having the ability to turn almost any kind of land into a good growing garden.)

Advert - Scandinavian Electric Heating Thistle (Moray) Ltd. 17B High Street, Buckie.

Chemist to shut up shop - After 44 years in business as a chemist in Buckie, Mr John R. Pearson retired on Saturday.

He was born in Pitlochry but spent his early life in Turriff where he began his career as a chemist. He later moved to Aberdeen and after qualifying went to London where he stayed for five years before returning north to Buckie to take over the shop at 46 West Church Street previously owned by Robert Stewart and has run it ever since up till now. The chemist business closed down on his retirement.

***** **Peter Anson's paintings etc.-** Buckie Town Council has accepted a gift of more than 400 water colour paintings by the well-known writer and painter, Peter F. Anson.

The paintings are to be displayed in the museum once it has been opened but preparations are being made for the temporary display of the pictures. Illustrating the Panorama of the Scottish Fishing Industry from the 16th to the 20th century the paintings were to be displayed at Anstruther but the Scottish Fisheries Museum Trust Ltd decided that the premises were too small.

Peter Anson has also agreed to donate his valuable collection of maritime books to Buckie as well as the fisheries documentation collection of the past half-century.

April 12 **All over bar the shouting** - Though the local paper continued to receive many letters generated by the need to have the war memorial removed to allow work to take place on the sewage system and its subsequent re-erection, the council decided that the new site for the structure would be on the north West quadrant of Cluny Square.

The High School speech contest - Sandy Scott, South Sutherland Street, Buckie, won the speech contest held at Buckie High School. His speech titled - "Competition is a Sport Designed to bring out the Worst". **A report is given on page 7.** Mary Keough, Admiralty Street, Buckie was second in a speech titled - "Scotland in Europe".

Boat launch - The 56' seiner/trawler, **Laurisa**, costing £56,000 built for Skipper James Gibson of Maidens, Ayrshire was launched from the shipyard of Messrs Herd & McKenzie on Saturday. The **Laurisa** a wooden transom sterned vessel was modelled on the Silver Spray built by Herd & McKenzie for the Buckie fleet last year. The **Laurisa** is powered by a 230hp Gardner diesel engine and is fitted with all the latest electronic equipment and fishing gear including hydraulic seine and trawl winch. She is expected to be ready for the sea by the end of this week when she will sail for Ayr.

Apr 19 **The Buckie War Memorial** - Though the council, by a majority vote has agreed on the new site for the War Memorial controversy still rages on with a number of letters found in the local paper each week.

Footballer player's shock death - Former Thistle team captain James Innes died in Aberdeen Royal Infirmary on Thursday at the age of 27. He had been in ill health for some time. James was the only son of Mr and Mrs John C. Innes, 12 Rannes Place, Portessie.

A married man he lived at 25 Barhill Road and formerly worked as a cooper at a cooperage in Craigellachie prior to his illness. He is survived by his wife, Freda.

As a schoolboy he played football for Banffshire Schools before playing in the Welfare league with Portsoy and in the Juniors with Fochabers and the Rovers before joining Buckie Thistle in season 1965/66. He was voted 'Player of the Year' by Buckie fans in 1969. He later signed for Lossiemouth and had again signed for the Morayshire club this season before becoming ill.

Dance venue and music providers - Dancers can hear and dance to the music of Lucas and Harmony Express plus Disco Scene at the dance in Cullen Town Hall on Friday 27 April.

Advert - Buckie and District **Captain Scott Committee** 1973 Schooner Course. Those boys between the ages 16 and 20 years interested in the above courses are asked to contact the chairman - 2 Garden Lane, Portgordon.

Retail Van Salesman Wanted - Wm. Murray , 18-20 Westmoreland Street, Fochabers require a retail salesperson, Male or Female for the Grantown and Lossiemouth areas. Permanent position wages - £30 to £40 per week, Pension and Life Assurance, 3 weeks holidays per year. (This seemed to be a strange advert when one considers that Murray had recently closed down their enterprise in Fochabers.)

Local bank manager designs pendants - Mr Thomas G. Kennedy, Manager of the Buckie and Cullen branches of the Aberdeen Savings Bank is to design commemorative silver pendants to be given by the bank to all the female staff. This is to mark the achievement of the bank in reaching the magnificent figure of £100,000,000 in funds. The male staff had already been given a memento.

Apr 26 **North Church minister to leave** - Rev A. Walton, minister of Buckie North Church for the past eight years is leaving to start training to become a qualified teacher of Religious Education in September. He will attend Aberdeen College of Education in October for one year followed by two years teaching before receiving his parchment.

Two great bands will play in Cullen Town Hall on Friday May 3. Bilbo Baggins, Scotland's rave band tipped to take over from the Bay City Rollers plus Dundee's coolest customers, **Frieze**.

More letters, centred around the War Memorial - One letter writer had said how the war memorial should be taken out and dumped in the Moray Firth for as he/she said it was all about war mongering and jingoism. Letter came back, naturally enough, to shoot the writer down and take a completely different stance.

Top A.A. Salesman - Mr Wm. Cowie, 10 Blantyre Terrace, Ianstown was the Automobile Association salesman of the year for Scotland and N.I. in 1971 and 1972.

Teams in the Buckie and District League this season - Buckie British Legion, Findochty, Cullen, Portknockie, Keith, Cornhill, Whitehills, Portsoy.

May 3 **Proposed Developments near Buckie** -- Seaford Estates have put forward application to Banff County Council for two developments - a) Low Density private houses on a 27 acre site at Longfolds , Hill of Maud. b) Hotel development on 5.2 acres adjacent to Cordiner's Garage on the A942 or Toll Bar road.

Band leader returns - Alex Sutherland returns to Elgin to head a new quartet appearing every week-end in the new Eight Acre hotel on the western outskirts of Elgin.

'Buckie's Night of the Year', reads the blurb - **The Corries** in concert in the Fishermen's Hall on 4th May. Tickets - 80p, 65p, 50p and 40p. After the show a Special Dance featuring a top Scottish Rock Group, Dog Eat Dog also featuring the North's most popular show, The Disco Scene 30p

Dinner Dance in the Strathlene Hotel Saturday 5th May. The band, **Zenith**, will be there to entertain.

Labourers wanted at the Buckie Slaughterhouse willing to learn line system slaughtering. Apply to the Slaughterhouse between 9 and 11 am on Saturday.

Interesting photograph on page 5 - This shows a number of local naval men who were mobilised for the emergency of 1938, assembled in Cluny Square.

Buckpool Boot Boys - Over the past month or so a number of Buckpool youths have been in trouble with the police. It was said that they went around as a gang all dressed the same They had earned the name of the Buckpool Boot Boys because of their habit of wearing big brown 'bovver' boots the rest of their 'uniform' being white trousers and black blazers.

Thistle lose to the Broch at home - The team was - Sutherland, Mair and McDonald; Wright, Flett and Perry; Christianson, Davidson, Simmers, Kennedy and McBean. Sub. Shand.

May 10 **The growing menace of vandalism** - Council members learnt that £550 had had to be spent on repairs to council property alone in the past month.

Steep rise in cost of the indoor swimming pool - The cost of providing the new indoor swimming pool at Buckie High School, which is to be shared by the schools and the public in the area has now soared to £215,. This is a substantial increase on the last estimate of £165,000 given to the Buckie Swimming Pool Joint Committee nearly eight months ago but Buckie Town Council agreed to accept the tender.

Only allowed a short period of retirement - A Buckie butcher who only retired four months ago has died. Mr Tommy Taylor who was for many years in business with his uncle James at 42 East Church Street died in A. R. I. On Sunday night a few hours after becoming ill at his home 4 Mill Crescent. He was 59.

He was a native of Dundee but had lived in Buckie for most of his life, serving his time as a butcher with James Mair on West Church Street. After serving for six years in the Army during WWII he went into partnership with his uncle in 1946 and carried on the business after James retired 8 years ago until he suffered ill health himself and was forced to stop working.

He was a prominent footballer in his youth, playing in the Welfare League and making several appearances for Buckie Thistle.

He is survived by his wife Jean, son Sandy and daughter, Ann.

Boat launch - The fishing boat, **Odyssey** costing over £62,000 to build was launched from the shipyard of George Thomson and Son on Saturday. She has been built for three Buckie fishermen, Skipper, Stewart Cowie, 3 East Carlton Terrace, while joining him as partners in this his first fishing venture on his own are his brothers, John, 17 Hall Street and George, 12 Gordon Street..

The **Odyssey** is to be fitted with all the latest fishing gear and navigational aids and equipment and powered by a 320 hp Kelvin diesel engine. She is expected to be ready to begin fishing operations by the end of next month.

Application to change use of. W. J. Smith, 16 West Cathcart Street has made application to change the use of the building to the rear of Rock House from a domestic garage to a joiner's workshop.

Long established barber moves - Charles Cole is to move from Cluny Square to 13 Cluny Terrace.

Advert - W. J. Smith, Joiners, 16 West Cathcart Street.

Shop for sale at 18 St Paul Street. Meantime being used as a General Merchants.

We're nae peying - Cullen Town Council took the decision at their recent meeting not to pay a share of the soaring cost of the swimming pool at Buckie, their share having risen from £10,000 to £16,538.

Councillor who forgot co-opted - Councillor Alex McIntosh who forgot to lodge his papers in time was unanimously co-opted to fill the vacant seat on the council at Friday night's statutory meeting of the council following the uncontested election in the burgh last week.

May 17 **That winna dee Cullen - You must pay your share** - At a meeting of Banffshire's Management and Finance Committee Joint Swimming Pool Committee it was agreed that there was no way that Cullen could escape from paying a share of the new estimated cost of the swimming pool at Buckie. The Cullen council had been one of five councils who had accepted the agreement drawn up and must abide by this.

Strathlene Hotel -Islander Room - Restaurant open daily for lunches and dinners. Saturday 19th May Dinner and Dance with music by **The Strollers**. On Sunday 20 May Suppler Dance with music played by **Zenith**.

Vacancies - Hamilton Brothers have vacancies for skilled and unskilled men.

Death of Mrs Jessie Campbell - A woman who over the years contributed many poems to the Banffshire Advertiser and other newspapers and magazines on a great variety of subjects has died Mrs Jessie Campbell of Reid Place, Portgordon, died in Seafield Hospital at the age of 67. She was the widow of Dick Campbell who at one time owned a shoe shop in Buckie. She is survived by a family of four sons and six daughters. Some of her verses were read by Rev Jameison at her funeral in the Methodist Church, Portgordon.

Newspaper heading - Sheriff Croan warns 'Boot Boy' that he was nearing the end of the road when prison for an extended period would certainly be the punishment if he came up in front of him again.

May 24 **Council house to be sold** - By a narrow margin of six votes to five Buckie Town Council decided on Monday night to sell a vacant municipal house at 19 James Street to the highest bidder. The sale, however, will be restricted to Buckie Council tenants only and is seen as an experiment to test the market value of such houses.

The Banffshire Advertiser to cost more. The proprietors said that owing to an increase in newsprint they had reluctantly to increase the cost of the *Banffshire Advertiser* from 2½p to 3p.

Boys Football Association - A meeting is to take place in the Town House, Cluny Place on Wednesday 30 May of all interested parents and adults with a view to forming a Buckie Boys Football Association.

Dance venue and music provider - A dance will take place in the Town Hall, Cullen on Friday 1st June when those present can listen and dance to music played by **Scharnhorst**.

New shop opened at 15 East Church Street - Army and Navy Stores.

Old road roller has new use - A group of youngsters perched themselves on an old road roller. 'Big Bertha' now a feature in the Ian Johnston Park when the photographer asked them to pose for a picture. This is shown on page four but unfortunately the reproduction is poor.

Cullen Golf Course was handed over to the local club on Wednesday. A ceremonial title of 'precept of seisen' was handed over to the club captain, Mr Alex G. Mair by senior magistrate, Bailie Thomas T. Burnett deputising for the Provost, Wm. R. Wishart who is still on the sick list. The title was prepared by the Town Clerk, Patrick B. Regan with the script executed by Bailie James Smith, Head of Art at Banff Academy bore the burgh seal and was signed on behalf of the council by Bailie T. Burnett, Dean of Guild Gordon Bain and Mr Regan.

1967 Lord Seafield then president of the Cullen Club gave the Cullen Links, on which the course is situated to Cullen Town Council for the nominal sum of £1 and he has now granted a minute of waiver to allow the course to be transferred to the club.

A fuller report of the ceremony is given on page 9.

May 31 **A Step Forward** - Cluny Sea Angling Club formed two years ago have just taken delivery of their first boat - the MB Lorraine, a 32' diesel engined craft. The £1200 vessel arrived in Cluny Harbour on Saturday night after having been sailed north from Stonehaven by John Cowie, formerly skipper of the local fishing boat, Girl Mary, assisted by club chairman, George Cowie.

The club , which has a membership of 40, received a grant of £600 from the Scottish Sports Council towards the purchase of the boat and the rest of the money was raised through the efforts of the members themselves and wives.

The Cullen viaduct - - Contrary to what might have been expected the opening paragraph in a report on the subject began - There was good news at last Tuesday's meeting of Banff County Council when they came to debate the future for the Cullen viaduct. From other plans put forward they chose the one which will mean the demolition of the viaduct. The removal of the viaduct and landscaping at a cost of £200,000 was favoured by the council and **also the majority of the residents in Cullen**

Seems odd - The furniture, carpets and removal firm which was opened by Billy Garden under this name and then changed to Cavanagh and Garden some weeks back has again reverted to the original name of Billy Garden.

New Head at Portgordon School - The new Headmaster at Portgordon is Mr Wm. Burnett who took up his duties on Monday. He came to Portgordon from Glenrothes.

Football Competition winners - Buckie and District Round Table won the area Five - A- Side football competition for the Cock o' the North Cup at Hazelhead, Aberdeen, on Saturday. All together 18 teams took part in an area stretching from Wick to Stonehaven. The Buckie team was Captain Malcolm Cowie, Willie Cowie, Wm. McDonald, John Stewart and Sandy Coull.

New President for Buckie Thistle - Colin McRae, Fochabers, who was previously vice chair was elected the new president of the club to succeed retired businessman and town councillor, Police Judge, Adam Gowie who has given up the post due to ill health.

Colin McRae is a fish salesman and a son of a former Thistle chairman, the late Mr James McRae. John McIntosh was re-elected secretary while Francis Ritchie was voted treasurer to succeed Alex Watt who resigned owing to pressure of business. The committee is as follows - Pat Donald, Dick Grant, John Nicol, Gordon Pirie, Ron S. Stewart, John and James Leslie.

Struan, Cluny Square, to become an Abbeyfield Home - A three-year search to find a suitable property in the burgh ended when Struan came on the market and was bought to convert into an Abbeyfield Home for elderly .

June 14 **Narrow bridge at Portknockie stops big lorry** - The coast road between Portknockie and Findochty was blocked for five hours when a 65' long haulage vehicle and trailer carrying a 11 ton overhead gantry crane came twice unstuck while attempting to negotiate the narrow bridge over the former railway line at the east end of Portknockie. (Why the driver coming up from the south chose to take the coast road is difficult to understand when he could have stayed on the A98 and then the Toll Bar road or taken the A96 from Aberdeen to Inverness and then the B class road, two miles west of Keith, down the Enzie Braes.)

Central Garage sold - The Central Garage on West Church Street which was first opened by A. Miller Junior has been sold by its present owner, Charles Robertson, better known as Charlie Poosie, to James Simpson and Son (Peterhead) Ltd, Motor Engineers. Mr Robertson had owned the Central Garage since 1955. He still retains the cycle shop at 14 East Church Street , which he opened in 1946, after serving in the Forces during WWII.

Bakehouse to a Commercial Garage? - An application to effect this change at 6-8 Gordon Street has been made by James Fowler, Garlogie, West Church Street. Banff County Council Planning Department turned it down.

'The Mill' Hotel - Tynet Opens - - The former meal mill at Tynet, now owned by Christies (Fochabers), Ltd, is to open on Wednesday 27 June at 6pm. It will from this date be open for morning coffee lunches, afternoon teas and dinners.

Dinner/Supper dances will take place every Saturday night in the Function Room that can accommodate 120. The Hotel will not be open on Sundays.

Detention for Buckpool 'Boot Boy' A prominent member of the so called Buckpool Boot Boys gang, a youth of 17 was sent to a detention centre for three months at Banff Sheriff Court on Wednesday. He had been charged with assault, Breach of the Peace and house-breaking. When the police checked his home they found in his bedroom clippings and newspaper billboards concerning things in which he was involved. It was evident that he was deriving great delight from his fame or notoriety, said the fiscal.

Boot Boy Went Berserk - So read the headline when it described how a 16 year old boy a member of the notorious gang of ruffians had behaved at a dance in Cullen. He was dressed in the familiar outfit of black blazer, white trouser and brown 'bovver' boots, the last so called after the Cockney word bovver for bother. The fashion of wearing the big brown lace-up Doc Marten boots had begun in the east end of London. In assault cases the boots were used to kick their victims or give them bovver.

June 21 **Report on the opening of the Hotel and licensed restaurant at Tynet** A new chapter has begun in the long history of the Mill at Tynet located by the burn of that name which is now a licensed restaurant and function centre.

The mill is believed to have been built around 200 years ago and was bought by Wm. Thomson, a transport pioneer who was then chairman of the Coaching Board which operated from Aberdeen to Wick. It remained in the Thomson family for 109 years until sold to the Angus Milling Company in 1946 by Mr Thomson's grandson, Mr Ian Thomson, who lives at Burnside House and works the farm of Burnside of Tynet.

During that time and right up to the end of the 1939-45 war it was used to produce oatmeal by successive families of the Thomson family, although for a period in the early part of this century sweets and jams were manufactured on the premises. A relic of this period can still be seen today, part of a chimney that has been preserved in the reconstruction. Also for a long time there was a sawmill which was found in the area where the function room has been created.

The Angus Milling Company ran the mill for about four years after taking it over and later the building was used as a store until finally it was bought by Christies (Fochabers) Ltd for their new venture.

(When I was about 13 I used to spend some time at the mill, living as I did a short distance away, and remember being taught how to sew the meal bags by Willie Grant, an old man, who was one of the millers at the time. The head miller was Dod Kelman, a noted centre forward with Elgin City in pre war days and who also turned out for Buckie Thistle. The corn used for meal was dried on a floor up above the big furnaces and one or two of us lads used to come and sit and yarn around the fire during the evening before giving the night dryster, Wattie Findlay or perhaps, Danny McBride, another miller, a hand to turn over the corn with a big wooden shovel.

Geordie Slorach was an old crofter from Auchenthalrig who during the war used to come to the mill on a Saturday morning with his little pony and cart to collect a bag of bruised corn for his animals. One day an aeroplane, most probably from RAF Dallachy, flew over. Geordie looked up at the aeroplane quizzically for some time before turning to Danny and saying, "Wid she be Scotch, Dan? It's odd the things one remember, and the fun we had, and my memories are kindled anew any time that I call in past the mill.)

The manager of the Mill is Peter Robertson, ex MN. He was a former chief steward purser with the Anchor Line. He has been bar manager of the Gordon Arms in Fochabers for the past five years.

Dance venue and music provider - A dance will take place in the Town Hall, Cullen on Friday 29th June when dancers can step it lively to the music played by a 'fantastic Edinburgh band' **Peppermill**

Opening announcement - F. S. Benson is now in business as a n Architectural Consultant at 3 Banff Street.

***** **Gift of a model clipper** - Mr Peter Smith, Commercial Hotel, Buckie , has handed over a model of a clipper to the new maritime museum which is to be opened in Buckie shortly. News of the gift was announced this week by Treasurer Alex J. Murray convenor of the Buckie Town Council's museum committee

June 28 **Long services** - Two Buckie teachers with a total of 92 year's service them are to retire. Mary Jessie Cowie (who I always remember was never seen without a hat) and Miss Anne R. Clark spent 86 years between them at Buckie Primary School.

Miss Cowie began her teaching career in 1926 at Gardenstown and in 1931 joined the staff of Buckie Primary School where she has been for 42 years.

Miss Clark a former pupil of Buckie Primary School has taught for 44 years there becoming a member of staff in 1929 after spending a year teaching in other schools in the Buckie area.

Miss Cowie was a pupil of Lady Cathcart School

At a presentation that took place for the two teachers, Miss Cowie was given a watch while Miss Clark received a gold brooch and gardening tokens.

Buckie Maritime Museum - - The sum of £1417 was spent on wages and material in converting two rooms in the Town House, Cluny Place, into the new maritime museum which is to open shortly. The work involved a complete new floor and extensive plaster repairs. The sum spent did not include the provision of display stands, seating and the framing of the collection of colour paintings recently gifted by Peter Anson which will form the centre piece of the museum. Mr Ron Stewart estimated that those would cost £200, seating for the gallery £439 and framing of the pictures £300, a total of £2739. This to be paid from the Common good Fund. A rent per annum of £25 would also come from the Common Good Fund.

Mason firm to fold - The partnership of Scott and Henderson will be dissolved in three week's time with both partners going to start working on their own account, one as George Scott and Sons and the other Henderson Construction, Portgordon.

New for old - An application has been lodge to demolish the old toilets on the Square of Cullen and replace them with new ones.

Christian Aid Week - - The sum of £890 was collected in the Buckie District during Christian Aid Week.

Proposed alterations at the Buckie Playhouse Cinema - The plans put forward would allow films to be shown simultaneously with the holding of Bingo sessions and were shown to members of the town council on Monday night by F. M. Irons of Caledonian Associated Cinemas Ltd. The plans envisaged dividing the present building into two separate places with Bingo taking place on the ground floor and a cinema showing films six times a week, instead of three, in the balcony area. The work was not expected to start until May of next year.

Hospital Fete - Buckie Rotary Club's Community Service under the convenorship of Dr Sutherland are to hold a fete in the grounds of Seafield Hospital on Saturday September 8 in aid of hospital amenities and other charities.

Bin Hill Church Service - A service took place on Sunday morning on the summit of the Bin Hill. A party of around 40 was present including a number of children. The North Church minister, Rev Ainslie Walton, led a short service at the cairn before partaking of a picnic breakfast. The party returned to Buckie by cars.

Buckie British Legion Beauty Queen is Miss Margaret Geddes, 2 Dunbar Street, Buckpool.

July 5 **The Duxes of Buckie High School** - Otto Thorensen and Jimmy Robertson were joint Duxes of Buckie High School this year.

School roll to rise - - At the prize-giving ceremony the Rector, Mr George McKenzie said how Buckie High School roll would rise to a total of 1050 pupils next session when the full effect of the raising of the school leaving age is felt.

Banffshire Advertisers announce important changes - The Banffshire Advertiser, which has been printed by the Banffshire Journal in Banff for some time, will no longer be done. With the coming change of a printer the local paper will not be on sale until the middle of Thursday.

A lot of blood - Mr Frank Anderson, former Police Inspector in Buckie, of Sunnyside, Cathcart Street gave his 50th pint of blood at a Blood Transfusion session held in the Fishermen's Hall on Sunday.

A housing scheme at Mains of Gollachy? Duncan Bros., of Westside, Portsoy, has lodged an application with Banffshire County Council for permission to build private houses at Gollachy farm by Portgordon.

A quick shift for the 'Lightning Barber' - Bill Forbes Gents Hairdresser in to move from his existing premises on Cluny Square to new premises at 13 Baron Street, opening there on Monday 9th July.

Opening announcement - Henderson Construction - Richmond Place, Portgordon.

Dance venue and music providers - Dancers attending the dance in the Cullen Town hall on Friday 13 July will be able to hear music played a group who call themselves, '**Lucky Dog**'. The following week centre stage will be taken by '**Four in a Bush**'

At the Mill, Tynet - On Wednesday 11 July 'Bothy Night' will take place in the function room from 8 till 10.30pm. Scampi or chicken suppers at 70p will be served, On Friday 13 July and Saturday 14 July a Dinner Dance will take place in the Function room from 8 till 11,45.

Jobs on offer - Boys are required to serve their time as apprentices in the following trades - Plater, Welder, Engineer, Carpenter also a youth for office work. Apply in own hand writing to Herd and McKenzie, Shipyard, Buckie.

School Swimming Gala at Strathlene - Lennox House were comfortable winners of the Inter House Championships at Buckie High School Annual Swimming Gala at Strathlene pool last week.

A Blood -y Good Show - A total of 375 pints of blood were given at the two session held over the past two Sundays in the Fishermen's Hall. On the first Sunday 190 pints were given while on the second the number was 185. This tops the previous record. Of the 197 who turned up on Sunday 19 were new donors.

High Ranking Officer Inspects - Rear Admiral John McBeath, Hone Commandant of the Sea Cadet Corps in Great Britain visited Buckie Sea Cadet Unit at their Low Street Headquarters last week. The unit was paraded under the command of their Co. Lieut. Bernard Hill.

The launching of two boats - Two new fishing boats were launched within half an hour from Buckie shipyards on Saturday. The first, the 74' **Ocean Trust** took to the water from the shipyard of Herd & McKenzie, built at a cost of around £130,000 for Skipper James Watt Junior of Fraserburgh and partners including his parents and brother, Alex Watt, Engineer, Gardenstown. The new vessel has been named after his present boat.

Built of steel to a new design the **Ocean Trust** has a cruiser stern and is fitted with all the latest fishing gear navigation aids and electronic equipment. **She is the first vessel of the inshore fishing fleet in Britain to be powered by a 575-hp British Polar engine.** She will be ready to begin fishing operations in a few weeks.

Shortly after the launching of the **Ocean Trust** a 56' seiner/trawler was launched from the shipyard of George Thomson and Son. This was the **Heather Anne**, a transom stern craft built at a cost of £53,000 under the White Fish Authority and Highland and Islands Development Board grant and loan scheme for Skipper Alexander Wm. McKenzie of Wick who at present commands the Wick seiner/trawler, Morning Star.

Associated with him in the new venture are his son, Albert, and the Wick fish-selling company, John S. Duncan Ltd.

The **Heather Anne** will be powered by a 250-hp Caterpillar diesel engine and is fitted with the entire most modern fishing equipment and aids. She is the second boat to be built by G. Thomson and Son for the Wick fleet in the past 6 months.

A big shot - While fishing off the Butt of Lewis last week the Buckie fishing boat, **Strathpeffer** had a catch for the week of 950 boxes of cod and codling valued at £9800, **believed to be a Scottish record.**

Skipper of the Strathpeffer is Wm. Cowie, Junior, Laurel Bank, 2 Cliff Terrace, Buckie.

Duxes at Portknockie Primary - Two pupils shared the Dux Prize at Portknockie Primary School this year. The two boys, James A. Bruce and James Slater shared the Anderson Bruce Dux prize.

Buckpool golfer's proud record - John M. Clark won the Buckpool Golf Club Championship for the 11th time on Friday with a 72 hole aggregate score of 293. The Runner Up was his brother, Bill, who finished 10 strokes behind.

12 July

New Style Banffshire Advertiser - This is the new eight page form, a style used up to the early part of the post war years. The change has been brought about due to a change in printing arrangements with the ending of printing arrangements with Banffshire Journals Ltd. P. Scrogie Ltd. Printers Peterhead is meantime undertaking the work.

The paper will not be on sale until mid morning on Thursday. (There was a marked improvement in the print and also the photographs following the change since this has been extremely poor for some time.)

New Postmaster at Buckie - Mr Clifford Sinclair and Inverness Postal Officer has been appointed as the new Postmaster at Buckie in succession to Mr Alex Lobban who is now serving at Turriff.

Galas - The paper carried full page adverts for the week long Fochabers Gal and also for the Round Table Weekend Gala. The Round Table Gala is to take place over three week-ends. Sunday 15 Saturday 21st, Sunday 22nd, Friday 27 and Saturday 28 of July.

Islavale (Keith) fix up new trainer - Malcolm Cowie, who formerly played at Right Back for Buckie Thistle and is now a PE teacher at Keith Grammar has been appointed trainer of the junior side, Islavale.

Thistle sign former Junior Internationalist -- Jimmy Simpson who was capped for Junior Scotland at centre forward and who formerly played for Keith and Huntly has put pen to paper for Buckie Thistle. They have also re-signed Gordon Davidson.

19 July

Boat launch - A crowd of spectators on Saturday morning saw the 56' transom sterned seiner/trawler, **Lynn Marie** plunge into the water from the shipyard of Herd and McKenzie. This was the second fishing boat to be launched from the Herd & McKenzie shipyard within a fortnight.

The new vessel, built at a cost of around £62,000 was ordered by Skipper Wm. Wilson 9 Stuart Street, Portessie in partnership with George Murray 25 Admiralty Street and George Ramsay, Fish Merchant, Aberdeen.

The **Lynn Marie** will be powered by a 270hp diesel engine and is fitted with all the most modern fishing gear, fish finding equipment and navigation aids. She is expected to be ready to join the Buckie fleet within a fortnight.

Cluny buildings sold - The Cluny buildings the large block of property which occupy a prominent site in the town centre was sold by public roup last Thursday to the well-known Morayshire tree nursery firm, Christie's (Fochabers) Ltd. who already have a florists and gardening shop nearby. The price paid was £7,800. The property fronting High Street and Cluny Square comprises the former Cluny Temperance Hotel, the major part of which has lain empty for the past 18 years, a butcher's shop, hairdressers shop and two vacant shops with houses above together with a large area of ground behind.

The roup was conducted by Robert McGowan Elgin auctioneer and created a lot of interest over a wide area with 50 people crowding into one of the rooms of the Town House. The bidding started at the low figure of £200 rising in steps of £100 to the final bid made by George Christie at £7.800.

Opening of the Maritime Museum - The new Maritime Museum being set up in the Town House, Buckie is not likely to be opened until early in September. The opening ceremony is to be performed by Peter F. Anson, 83 year old marine artist and author who recently gifted a collection of some 40 of his water colour paintings to the burgh which are to form the centre piece of the museum.

***** **Gift of three masted model** - Mr David Watson, 39 Reidhaven Street, Cullen has gifted the model of a three masted sailing ship called the **Otago** to the new Buckie Maritime Museum.

Cash and Carry Deep Freeze bargains - Thistle (Moray) Ltd 17b , High Street.

Poem on page 3 - Lines on Dis - Contentment by James Slater, Portsoy.

***** **Interesting story found on page 4** - - A Prophet Hath No Honour - by Major James Findlay - well worth repeating .

Dance venue - promoters and music provider - Buckie and District Round Table are holding a dance in the Cullen Town Hall on Peter Fair night with music being played by Purple Heather. 9.30 till 1am Admission 55p

Advert - An Exhibition of Maritime and Folk Items of local interest will take place in the Masonic Hall, Seafield Street, Cullen from Friday 27 July to Saturday 18 August. Opening times - 6 till 9pm daily except Sunday. Admission - collection.

Photographic reproduction at this time first class

Have you anyone in hospital in Aberdeen ? Buckie Branch of the Royal British Legion is to start a weekly Sunday bus service for visitations to the Aberdeen Group of Hospitals starting on Sunday 29 June. The bus will leave the Legion headquarters at 1pm returning from Aberdeen at 6pm. Providing that there are seats available the service will be open to members of the public in the area other than Legionnaires. Those interested should contact J. L. Shaw, Welfare Officer.

26 July **Photograph of Legion minibus and caravan is shown on the front page.** Dr Cameron branch chairman is seen handing over the keys to Welfare Officer, J. L. Shaw.

Peter Fair - A brief paragraph said how the popular , one time horse market, and fair was to take place the following day, Friday. (This was the only mention given with nothing in the paper the following week.)

Buckie War Memorial - Banff County Council's Planning Committee decided by 7 votes to 5 last Wednesday to recommend that Buckie Town Council be granted planning permission to re-site the town's war memorial in the north west quadrant of Cluny Square. The shifting of the war memorial had been a very controversial subject in Buckie since it was removed from its original position in the centre of Cluny Square to enable extensive sewer laying operations to be carried out .

Aug 2 **Big changes at Victoria Park** - - Buckie Thistle lost nearly all their last year's team at the end of the season. They have now re-signed Sandy Shand, goalkeeper, Willie McDonald and Norman Perry, wing halves, Right back, Malcolm Mair and forward Norman Davidson. Newcomers signed - David 'Pecos' Mackay and Brian Taylor from local junior team, Buckie Rovers. Bobby Samuels ex Dundee United and Peterhead, who plays on the right wing, David Forsyth, ex Huntly and Peterhead, inside forward, Donnie Maceachen, former Thistle player who has since been with Lossiemouth and Rothes and centre forward, Jimmy Simpson a former junior football internationalist who has seen service with Keith and Huntly.

We dinna like walking far could be the answer of many - Members of Buckie Town Council expressed some disappointment last week that after providing a large new car park on Newlands Lane near the town centre it remains almost empty, while parking on East Church Street, one of the main thoroughfares less than 100 yards away gets packed. (They should see the situation thirty years further on .)

Advert - Sandy Anderson, Painter and Decorator, 36 Great Western Road, Buckie.

Now open in Portgordon - The Blue Diamond, Ladies Hairdressers, Fochabers , have now opened a branch shop in Portgordon on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 7 Lennox Place. .

Mayne's Taxi business for sale - The taxi business started by Jimmy Mayne from his home on East Cathcart Street after WWII is for sale. Included is the good will and three cars. Excellent contracts. Premises to let if required.

9 Aug - **Peter Fair Queen** - The girl chosen as Peter Fair Queen at a dance ran in the Cullen Town Hall by Buckie District Round Table is Miss Morag McKay, Cumbrae, Cathay Terrace, Cullen.

Farmer and former Highland League footballer dies - Mr Ian McLean died at his home, Cuttlebrae Farm, Clochan on Monday aged 53. A former Highland League football player with Buckie Thistle, Keith and Elgin City had been ill for some time. He took over the farm of Cuttlebrae 17 years ago along with his younger brother James on the death of his father.

He was called up for Army service with the Militia prior to the start of the war in 1939, serving the Gordon Highlanders and the 51st Highland Division in North Africa and Italy. He is survived by his wife, Isobel and five year old daughter.

Dance venue and music providers - A dance will take place in the Town hall, Cullen on Friday 17 August . "Its Rock and Roll Night with **Micky Finn** plus **Comic Sounds disco**. Grand Rock and Roll competition."

Advert - Controlled Electric Central Heating - thistle (Moray) Ltd. 17b, High Street.

Good work by new groundsman - Jimmy Ewen the newly appointed club groundsman at Victoria Park receives a pat on the back for the condition of the ground, terracing and enclosure. " With the pavilion also receiving a fresh coat of paint the whole ground looks the best it has done in years."

Score in the first game of season 1973/74 - Buckie Thistle 1 Nairn County 3 - Team - Shand, Hazle and Walker; Perry, Cassie and Samuel; Forsyth, McDonald, Simpson, Mackay and Taylor. Sub. Maceachen.

New Thistle signings - Alex Walker, (Left/Back) formerly with Deveronvale, Billy Cassie, ex Glasgow Junior who has moved to Mosstodloch. On trial last week was Jimmy Hazel, ex Clach, Forres and Nairn.

16 Aug - **Bob Dawson triumphs again** - Mr Bob Dawson, Land Street, Buckie who in recent years has emerged as a very successful exhibitor at local Flower Shows took the top award at Cullen Flower Show for the second year running. He came first in

the Pot Plants, Cut Flowers, Floral Art, Vegetables and Honey Sections besides winning a number of special prizes.

Advert - A Garden Fete will take place in the grounds of Enzie Manse at Enzie Crossroads on Saturday 18 August beginning at 2.30pm. The fete will be opened by the Countess of Seafield. There will be music played by Buckie Brass Band, Highland Dancers, Bowls, Putting, Quoits, and stalls selling Cake and Candy, Flowers, Teas and refreshments will be available also a barbecue. There will be funfare stalls A helicopter flying overhead? Please come and enjoy yourself.

Photograph of Buckie Thistle F.C. 1973/74 All the players are named. The reproduction is quite good.

Can we please build a workshop on Baron Street? Davidsons, Joiners and Electricians have tendered an application to build a Joiner and Electricians workshop on land zoned as open space on Baron Street.

Aberdeen Savings Bank, Cluny Square have applied for permission to rebuild their property on Cluny Square.

New Houses - Buckpool Estates have applied for permission to build private housing on a 3.16 acre site off Netherha Road, Buckpool.

23 Aug **The Enzie Church of Scotland Garden Fete was most successful.** The sum of £260 was raised . A woman from Portgordon won the prize for guessing the height of the helicopter as it flew overhead . At a guess of 1131 feet she was only seven feet out and by far the closest.

Boat launch - A new pocket trawler launched by John Lewis and Sons Ltd Aberdeen for the Aberdeen fleet will be commanded by Sandy Phimister, 21 Harbour Place, Portknockie.

The vessel of which Skipper Phimister is part owner was named Margona by his wife. The **Margona**, 86 feet long is powered by a 636 Mirrlees Blackstone diesel with bridge control of engine and gear box. The trawler is fitted for starboard fishing with a hydraulically operated two barrel winch.

The all aluminium fish room is completely insulated and is lined on both sides, bulkheads and deckhead. Its capacity is 110 cubic metres. Accommodation is provided midships and aft for a crew of nine.

The Margona has a raked soft nose stem, flared bow, turtle back forecastle transom stern and tubular operated two barrel winch.

Skipper Phimister is a member of a well-known Findochty fishing family is associated in the new venture with his father, Skipper 'Dip' Phimister and the Don Fishing company Ltd a John Wood Group subsidiary.

Willie Cowie signs for Keith F.C. - Buckie Thistle Player/Coach of last season, Willie Cowie, PT of PE at Buckie High School signed for Keith last week and was included in the team that beat Rothes by five goals to nothing. He joins other former Thistle players, his brother Malcolm Spencer Lyon and Dod Simmers.

Advert - For Wrangler Jeans try Francis Ritchie,

No report of Thistle match this week - - The league table shows a dreich picture P3 L3 Fr 2 Ag. 10 Pts 0.

30 Aug **Boat launch** - The **Marandi**, (Mary and I) a 63 foot twin screw ocean going luxury motor yacht built for John H. McKenzie head of the firm of Herd & McKenzie was launched by the firm on Monday.

The main structure of the boat is oak with planking in iroko, an African hardwood.

The Marandi has been built on fishing boat lines and incorporates in her design and layout many of John McKenzie's own ideas as a shipbuilder of long experience and a keen practical sailor himself for many years.

The Marandi has both a sun lounge and a sun deck. There is accommodation for 8 in four cabins; one aft for the owner and his wife and three smaller, forward all furnished to quality of a high degree, with toilets, wash hand basins and shower. Central heating has been installed throughout.

The boat has been fitted with 2 176 Gardner diesel engines.

New teachers at Buckie High School - D. Liebnitz - Maths and Physics; Mrs E. Duncan, Home Economics; Mrs C. B. Scott, Geography; Miss J. Chittleburgh, Biology and Miss I Reaich, Business Studies.

Highland League - Lossiemouth 4 Buckie Thistle 1 - Team - Shand, Mair and Walker; Samuels, Mackay and Hay; Leslie , Perry, MacEachen, Taylor and Forsyth. Sub. Simpson.

Chemist's business changes hands - Mr Wm. S. Taylor, Chemist, 1 High Street, has disposed of his business to Mr Wm. G. McEwen of Inverness who takes over on 3rd September.

Wanted an organist and choirmaster for the North Church - Apply to Mr Wm. Taylor, Session Clerk.

Opening announcement - Eric Stalker, 4 West Carlton Terrace, All types of building work undertaken, plastering, harling, and taping.

Advert - George Scott and Sons - Builders, 6 Stripeside.

Time again to get started - The following organisations advertised that they were to start again after the summer recess - 6th Brownies, St Peters School; 2 Company Girl Guides - Lady Cathcart School. Both begin again on Friday and extend a welcome to new members.

Sept 6 **The Marandi** - Two photographs of the new McKenzie yacht appear on the front page of this issue.

Opening announcement - Harvey and Clark - Builders - Bungalows, garages, Coating and Harling.

A better result for the 'Jags' Buckie Thistle 1 Inverness Thistle 1 - The Inverness team were Highland League Champions the previous season. Buckie picked up their first point of the season and the scribe said it was well deserved.

Hospital Fete - Buckie Rotary Club are to hold a Garden Fete at Seaford Hospital on Saturday 8 September.

Sept 13 **Coastal protection** - A photograph in this edition, albeit a poor reproduction, shows work going on to form a sea wall inside the harbour at Portgordon.

For the Maritime museum - A Negus taffrail log used by fishermen on the sailing ships of last century (19th) to register sea mileage covered has been handed over for display in the new maritime museum which is soon to be opened.

The gift comes from Mr James R. Sutherland, 4 Castle Street, Findochty, and Skipper of the MB **Shannon** one of the last Zulu sail boats, which was converted to motor.

Sept 20 **Chip shop changes hands** - Mr and Mrs Willie Coull have sold their chip shop on East Cathcart Street to Mr Jackie Shek of the Dragon City Chines Restaurant in Elgin.

Headline - Strong opposition to new site for the War Memorial.

Maritime Museum - The new maritime museum which Buckie Town Council have set up in the Town House on Cluny Place is to be officially opened tomorrow, Friday , by 83 year old Mr Peter F. Anson.

Advert - The Eastern Star Chinese Restaurant and Carry Out meals Service - 25 East Cathcart Street, Buckie, opposite the bus station, is now open for service.

Vandals attack Findlater Castle - A number of stones have been torn from the walls of the castle and thrown into the sea. It is very disappointing since work has been going on to stabilise the walls as part of an ongoing programme. Banff County Council is meantime spending £2750 on upgrading the cliff-top pathway between Sandend and Sunnyside beach and a car park will eventually be provided at the Barnyards of Findlater for visitors to the castle

Dance venue and music providers - A dance will take place in the Town Hall, Cullen on Friday 21 September when dancers will have the opportunity to hear the **John Wayne** group play. The following week it will be the turn of **Powerhouse**.

Buckie Rovers photo call - A photograph of the 1973/74 team is found in this issue. The names of the players are given - Wm. Imlach, Wm. Wood, and Geo. Walker, Eric Hay, John Green, Brian Ross, R. Hendry, D. Wallace, Jimmy Mitchell (Trainer), A. Hay, B. Costello, P. Mitchell, Wm. McGoldrick, J. Geddes. The Rovers are dressed in their traditional colours of White tops and black shorts.

It wis the photograph that did it - The Rovers experienced their first defeat of the season when they went down , overwhelmed the scribe said, by the section champs, Burghead who won by six goals to one at Buckie.

27 Sept. **The War Memorial Stays Put where planned** - - This was the last word on the subject by the town council

Museum opened - Buckie new maritime museum was officially opened last Friday by 84 year old Mr Peter F. Anson. There were 100 invited guests present. I wis never asked. As well as the 40 paintings Mr Anson also decided some time ago that his lifetime collection of books and documents related to fishing - totalling around 1000 should be handed over to Banff County Library after his death with the stipulation that they be housed in Buckie.

Recommended admission charges to the museum are as follows - Adults 10p juveniles 5p. Opening hours to be from 2till 5pm Monday to Saturday with no admissions after 4.30pm. This would be for an experimental period of 1 month

Dance venue and music providers - A dance will take place in the Town Hall, Cullen on Friday 28 September with the group **Snids** providing the music. On Friday 5 October it will be the turn of **Sparrie**, the blue-eyed boys from Fyfe (sic)

Holiday Brochure - Cullen Town Council are to produce a new holiday brochure in colour , which should be ready by next February. 2000 copies are to be printed.

Opening announcement - D. Beck - 78 Seatown, Cullen - Building plans drawn for extensions, bungalows, etc. signs, posters, designs.

4 Oct **Important notice from the proprietors of the Banffshire Advertiser - Owing to difficulties that have arisen in connection with printing of the 'Advertiser' publication will cease as from today's issue until further notice.**

Stop ! Do not sell your grandfather clocks, sets of chairs, or anything old or interesting before contacting M. S. Grant, 16 Low Street, Buckie.

Get in among the brummies - Baxter's of Speyside are paying 10p a pound for brambles delivered to their factory.

Buckie Thistle lose their 'keeper - Sandy Shand who has been in goal for Buckie for some time has been transferred to Inverness Thistle. Buckie had Joe Wood in his place on Saturday and they also had on trial, Grant Stewart, son of George

Stewart, former Buckie thistle and Dundee player. They lost to Huntly by three goals to one.

11 Oct **The Banffshire Advertiser was not printed this week.**

18 Oct **The Banffshire Advertiser was not printed this week.**

25 Oct **The 'Advertiser' has now been reduced to only four pages** - Little of note to copy

1 Nov **Buckpool Golf Club wishes to buy the course.**

Dance venue and music provider - A dance will take place in the Town Hall, Cullen on Friday 2 November when music for dancing will be provided by **Doktor**. The following week the group **Portroys Complaint** has been booked to appear.

Nov 7 **Buckie Cricketers Celebrate their First ever Championship win** - To mark their success they held a dinner in the Mill, Tynet on Friday where they were presented with an inscribed plaque bearing the burgh coat of arms

Buckie War Memorial has now been re-erected in its new site on the north west quadrant of Cluny Square and is to be rededicated before the open air Remembrance Service on Sunday.

The Maritime Museum and organised school parties - The recent decision by Buckie Town Council to waive charges for organised school parties visiting the town's new maritime museum and Peter Anson picture gallery brought very quick dividends in terms of appreciation. John Riddle, Town Clerk reported to the town council on Monday that the 32 nine year old school pupils from Keith Primary School who had been conducted around the museum had each sent a personal letter of thanks to the town council. The letters in beautiful handwriting and describing the pupil's impression of what they had seen on the visit were placed on the council table and will be passed to members to read at their leisure.

Buckie Rovers make a quick exit - The Rovers lost by five goals to one in the first round of the Scottish Junior Cup against Tulliallan Thistle. The game was played at Victoria Park.

Fiona's Boutique has now opened in new premises on the Square, Cullen.

Wellheads, Clochan (I kent the place well) is for sale - There were two cottages at Wellheads plus the farmhouse. This was a very small cottage of one living room, one bedroom, porch, kitchen and toilet with a small garden. Buckie 5 miles away and Fochabers 3. Site rent £5 per year. Mayer and Fraser, Solicitors, Keith.

Advert - D.A. Simpson, 1 Gordon Street, Colour Aerial Installation, Electric Contracting.

Authorised Hoover Service Dealer - Wm. Cooper Reidhaven Street, Ianstown. Other makes of washing machines and vacuum cleaners and most domestic appliances repaired and services. Also small electrical installations undertaken.

Nov 14 **Buckie War Memorial Re-Dedicated** - Rev George Wm. Duncan, south and West Church led the service.

Buckie Welfare Society - What has now become a yearly event The Welfare Society gave out cash sums to a large number of organisations in the town. The sum to distribute this year was £405. Buckie OAP Association got the largest share

with £45. The lowest sums paid out was £5 to Buckie Brass Band and Buckie Victoria Bowling Club (Old Age Pensioners Section)

The Smiths retire from 'The Com' Peter Smith and his sister Betty, proprietors of the Commercial Hotel on High Street (changed to the Old Coachhouse Hotel in the 1990's) retired last week. The hotel has been bought by Scottish and Newcastle Breweries Ltd.

Strathlene Golf Club is to lease the course on a 21-year lease. This proposal was approved at the club's annual general meeting held in the clubhouse last Friday.

Boat launch - The 59-foot long trawler, **Solan** was launched from the shipyard of George Thomson and Son on Saturday. The new vessel, which cost around £60,000 was built for Skipper John J. Watson of Girvan. The Solan will be powered by a 275 hp Swedish-built diesel engine and will have all the latest fishing gear and navigation aids and equipment when she is ready for the sea in about five weeks time.

Skipper Watson has Buckie connections, his father was John Watson who belonged to 8 Craigenroan Place, Portessie.

Men are now more than welcome in the Little Wonder. An up to date Men's Department has been opened.

Dance venue and music providers - A dance will take place in the Town Hall, Cullen on Friday 16 November when music for dancing will be played by the group - **EIGHT MILES HIGH.** The following week **STILTZ** will play. Admission is 55p patrons are advised that the usual buses will run.

Nov 21` **Buckie Captain Scott Committee May Fold -** A lack of public interest has caused the committee to consider folding. Unless there is a better response from the youth in the Buckie area in the next year the Buckie and District Captain Scott Committee will be disbanded.

To send a boy on a Captain Scott course costs £100. Only one application was received this year out of a population of 15,000 from Cullen to Portgordon.

Buckie Brass Band take a photo call - A photograph on the front page of this issue shows the members of Buckie Brass Band with their conductor, Mr Andrew Leith.

Brass Band to lose their conductor - Mr Leith an instrument instructor with Banffshire Education Authority and conductor of Buckie and District Brass Band has been appointed the new bandmaster of Turriff Silver Band. A native of Turriff he began his music career in the Turriff Band after the last war.

Seaweed by the ton - Hundreds of tons of seaweed were hurled by gale-lashed seas on to a 600 yard stretch of the coast road at the west end of Portgordon in the early hours of Tuesday morning. A number of houses in Stewart Street were flooded.

Maritime Museum and Peter Anson Gallery - After 16 January 1974 and within a month of this date the town council will appoint a committee of not less than 10 and not more than 20 persons to deal with the affairs of the said Maritime Museum and Peter Anson Gallery. The committee shall consist equally of town council members and householders of the burgh.

The committee shall consist of 12 persons of whom 6 shall be householders. Persons interested in becoming members of the committee should notify the undersigned not later than 3rd December. John Riddel, Town Clerk.

The following Buckie chemists choose not to open on Sundays or Public Holidays - James E. Green, David Main and W.S. Taylor The decision has been

taken on economic grounds while it is also felt that the new closing times will not affect the majority of people unduly. Prescriptions marked Urgent by the doctor will be readily dispensed outside business hours as usual.

Nov 28 **Death of Archibald 'Archie' Adams** - A man well known to many people in Buckie, formerly of 31 Mill Crescent, died in Seafield Hospital last week aged 68. He had been ill for some time.

Born in Canterbury he spent his early life in Glasgow where he served his time as a heating engineer. After WWI he became North of Scotland representative for the firm and made his home in Buckie. In 1944 he joined the Prudential Assurance Co. as an agent and served for 23 years. Later he spent a few years behind the counter on the staff of James Mackay, Drapers etc. before retiring.

In his youth he was a Territorial with 5/8 Battalion Cameronians and during WWII served with the Home Guard. He was a member of the R.B. L. while his other interests included golf and freemasonry. He is survived by his wife two sons and one daughter.

Buckie Youth Club sees a dramatic decline in numbers - It has been described as a dramatic collapse; the size of the down turn in the number of young folk taking advantage of the facilities provided at the new Buckie Youth Club Centre on West Church Street.. The youth leaders are quite concerned.

In the senior section - 14-21 age group membership has fallen from 200 members to 70 and in the 10 to 14 , which had a membership of 200, a year ago now has only 40 of whom only 9 are girls.

The club is extremely well furnished, what was formerly the West Church was bought by Banffshire Education Authority and converted into a Youth Club at a cost of £10,000 including equipment, opened just over a year ago.

There is a large sports hall equipped for badminton, table tennis, indoor football, roller skating etc., an office, reception area and toilets with showers all on the ground floor. Upstairs there is a modern kitchen Facilities for a large variety of small indoor games are provided and the equipment includes a record player and colour TV set.

Dance venue and music provider A dance will take place in the Town Hall, Cullen, on Friday 30 November with music for dancing being provided by the **ROYAL TEENS**

Dec 5 **Not for sale** - The town council decided not to sell the 140 acre Buckpool Golf Course to the Buckpool Club. The club may get a longer lease instead.

Schools named - Following the Banffshire Education decision to name the new school being built in Buckie as Millbank Primary School the committee have decided that the existing primary school should now be known as Cluny Primary School.

Dec 12 **The Scottish Development Department queries Buckie council's plans** - The council had plans to borrow £27,000 for a number of environmental improvement schemes that had been identified by the Burgh Surveyor, Ron, S. Stewart but were asked to spread the works over a longer period.

Champion Show by Peggy Murray - Buckie born Peggy Murray , well known in the town as a member of Buckie Rovers F.C. committee and a keen snooker player before she emigrated to New Zealand and later Australia some years ago beat the world champion Eddie Charlton in Australia in a challenge 8 ball pool match.. The feat led to Emil Wojcik who ran a billiard saloon in Buckie to set up a challenge competition to mark the feat. Peggy came home from Australia to hand over the prizes to the winners.

(Both Peggy and Emil died in 2002. Peggy who had returned for good to Buckie and was living in Abbeyfield on Cluny Square returned 'Down Under' for a holiday earlier in the year and died suddenly while there. Emil died in the last week of July, in Seafield Hospital, at the age of 81.)

The Beacon Football Trophy - Buckie Youth Club won the Beacon Football Trophy for the third year in a row. In the final of the competition played at Keith on

Sunday they beat Beacon Club Bucksburn by two goals to nil. The scorers were - Eric Hay and Murray Innes.

Do you fancy living 'up the country'? A new bungalow is for sale at Slackhead, Enzie. The assessed rental has yet to be fixed but feu-duty is one old penny, if asked. The key to view can be had by contacting Charles Robertson.

Dec 19 **A double launch** - Two new fishing boats were launched from Buckie shipyards on Monday of last week.

The 81' seiner/trawler, **Noronya**, a 108 ton transom-sterned vessel was built by Messrs Jones at a cost of £100,000 for 26 year old Skipper Alex Reid and partners of Peterhead. The **Noronya** named after an island off the coast of Brazil is fitted with the most modern of fishing gear, navigational aids and electronic equipment. She is powered by a 495 hp Mirrlees Blackstone diesel engine and will be ready for the sea by Christmas.

A short time later the 54' anchor seiner, **Kesteven** took to the water from the shipyard of Herd & McKenzie. The **Kesteven** is the third boat of the same type to be built by the Buckie firm for her owners, The Delga Fishing Company of Grimbsy. The others were - Pacemaker, and Lairlochic. The Kesteven will be powered by a 150 hp Gardner engine and like the Noronya should be ready by Christmas.

The Captain Scott - A picture on page 3 shows the schooner, Captain Scott, as she returns to Buckie for her annual refit.

The Buckie Welfare League - The Royal British Legion won four trophies during the season in the Buckie and District Welfare League. The St Valery Trophy, The Lyon Cup, the Ferguson Shield and the Consolation Cup. Plaques and medals were presented to the pool of 18 players involved in winning the various competitions.

26 Dec **A Hotel at Cleanhill** - Seafield Estates who wished to build a hotel at the farm of Cleanhill, just off the A98, after being persuaded away from their first choice of site near Cordiners Garage on the Toll Bar road now find their new site criticised.

No more grants or loans for fishing vessels are to be approved at present except for any improvements directed to the safety of the vessel or its crew. This was stated in the House of Commons by Anthony Stoddart, Minister of State at the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. The present level of grants are 30% of the approved costs of vessels less than 80' in length and 25% for others.

The Buckie Fishermen's Mutual Association Shield awarded for the first time to the skipper and crew of the fishing boat landing the highest catch in a single day during the year has been won by the 60' Transcend, Skipper John A. Flett. Marma, Provost Reid Crescent, Buckie. The crew members are - George Sutherland, Alister Donaldson and Bruce Robertson.

Victoria Park storm bound for two weeks - no football.

Tony's Taxis will be running 24 hours at weekends and over the festive season. Proprietor S. Morrison.

Second hand furniture and antiques bought - M. S. Grant, 9 Cluny Terrace. Removals or part removals undertaken.

For all occasion - Hire Cluny Taxis.

Buckie Thistle lose to the 'Vale - They were beaten by five goals to two at Victoria Park and still languish at the bottom of the league.