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Jan 2 The reproduction is very poor and only with difficulty can anything be seen in the photographs.

Jan 9 **First Headmaster appointed** - Mr T. M. Aitchison presently headmaster of Dyke Primary School near Forres in Moray for the past 7 years has been appointed the first headmaster of the new Millbank Primary School at present being built in Buckie and expected to be open in August.

Wont you please come to our area? - The biggest ever drive costing £25,000 has been launched by Grampian Tourist Association to try to attract more tourists to the north east .

Stake Ness project Banff County Council say that the proposed Stake Ness project should be reviewed. The current energy problems facing the country have brought the postponed Stake Ness nuclear power station near Whitehills back into the limelight again in Banffshire.

Closing down - Home Decorators at 18 East Church Street is to close down and are to hold a closing down sale beginning Wednesday 9 January.

Winter and Annual Sales - The following shops are holding sales - T. M. Jack, Outfitters, East Church Street, Andrew Begg , Shoe Shop, 14-16 High Street, Robertsons (Fordyce) Ltd, Furniture Sale, Ritchies Draper, Men and Women's Outfitter, East Church Street, General Drapery Store, 51-53 West Church Street. Wood's Drapery , Portknockie and Banff big reduction in China and Knitwear. Slaters of Buckie, House Furnisher, 23-25 East Church Street, John Sandison, Draper, Annual Sale, 22 East Church Street, Clydesdale, Cluny Square, Washing Machines, Freezers, Cookers, Cleaners, Radios, TV's etc. etc. Sale. James Mackay, 5 East Church Street, Winter Sale. Winter Sale, George Herd. Annual Clearance Sale, C. I. Shearer, Draper and Outfitter, East Church Street. Sale of anoraks and household goods, Crosshill Fashions, Glasgow.

Restrictions on use of power led to many organisations cancelling their meetings - among them were the Lifeboat Guild and dancing classes while Evening Classes at the school were rearranged. No heating or lighting was to be allowed on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in the Fishermen's Hall or the Town House hall or any meeting rooms with the Town House. Parties using any of these places to supply their own heat and light.

Dance venue and music provider - A dance will take place in the Town Hall, Cullen on Friday 25 January when dancers will have the pleasure of listening and dancing to **Diamond Lille**.

Jan 16 **Flats to be modernised** - Buckie Town Council accepted a tender of £193,000 to improve and modernise 48 flats at Wallace Avenue and Burns Square.

Move for Buckie man - An assistant in the Fishery Service of the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries for Scotland meantime in Aberdeen, Mr John Flett has been appointed Fishery Officer at Eyemouth. (John who previously lived on Titness Street served his time as a joiner with Alex Hendry and Sons before joining the Fishery Service.)

Jan 23 **No more municipal housing improvements meantime** - Buckie Town Council are to protest to the Scottish Secretary of State, Gordon Campbell MP over the decision to postpone housing improvements and modernisation schemes. The Councils of Cullen and Portsoy were told the same and are also to protest.

Death of north sportsman and prominent figure in professional life - The death took place of Alex Smith a well-known north sportsman and prominent figure in professional life in the Buckie area. He died in Aberdeen Royal Infirmary last Thursday aged 59. Prior to the war he was a very accomplished footballer playing for Buckie Thistle, Forres Mechanics before signing for Liverpool. He was commissioned in the army during WWII serving first with the 5/7 Gordon Highlanders and later the 10th Gurkha Rifles ending up as a Major and being awarded the MC for Gallantry. He lost a leg in Burma, which ended his football career.

He retained an interest in football, however, and was manager of Buckie Thistle for a short time though cricket became his main interest. He was to large extent responsible for keeping cricket alive in Buckie and despite his handicap played regularly and was a very active official. He spent much of his time at Linzee Gordon Park tending to and repairing the wicket. In addition he wrote the weekly report in the local paper.

He was an accountant.

Joiner firm boss refused permission - George Campbell, who runs a Joiner's business on Railway Terrace had his application to build a bungalow at the junction of Barhill Road and St Peter's Road turned down by Banffshire Planning and Development Committee. Mr A. Wilson County Architect pointed out that the site was zoned for public open space and was owned by Buckie Town Council. It was let on a 40-year lease to Buckpool Golf Club who intended to use the site and adjoining land for a pitch and put course. (A house was later built on the site and occupied by Peter Reid, Master Plumber.)

Advert - Buckie Plumbing and Heating Engineers

30 Jan **British Legion proves popular** - The membership of Buckie and District Branch of the Royal British Legion continues to grow and now stands at 1350 a small. increase on that of last year.

This was disclosed at the annual general meeting when the following officials were appointed - John Young, Skipper of the fishing boat, Acorn is the new vice chair in place of Hugh Munro who resigned. Joseph L. Shaw was re-appointed secretary. President - Wm. J. Reaich, Chairman - Dr John F. Cameron, Treasurer, John S, Ross, Welfare Officer - J. L. Shaw, Executive committee - J. Thom. H. Dawson, G. Henderson, L. G. Penwright, J. B. Reid, J. Campbell. J. Grant, A. Wilson and Mrs Alice Chalmers.

Club chairman - James Thom, vice Alan Wilson, secretary- J. L. Shaw, Club Welfare Committee J. L. Shaw Convenor, W. J. Reaich, C. Roy and Mrs A. Chalmers.

Refit complete - The three-masted adventure and sail training schooner, Captain Scott which has been undergoing its annual refit back at Her and McKenzie shipyard sailed from the port yesterday.

The new expedition officer is 46 year old John Hinde a former Flight Sergeant in the RAF whose wife, Betty, belongs to Buckie, the daughter of Mr John Lyon, Harbourhead. He joined the Captain Scott as a member of the permanent crew when he retired from the RAF last September after serving for 30 years. During his service career he became a skilled and experienced mountaineer, taking part in many RAF mountaineering expeditions in various parts of the world including the Himalayas. (John collapsed and died in July 2002 at his home in Findochty after returning from hill-walking on the Cairngorms with a group of friends.)

Buckie apprentice was a trainee on the final Captain Scott cruise of 1973. He was Steven Westmacott a 16 year old apprentice electrician with Messrs Jones Shipbuilders. Steven, whose parents own the Lennox Bar in Portgordon, and who was about the youngest trainee on board got an excellent report for his work on the course.

A backward glance at the year 1973 - Mary Donaldson owner of a Buckie garage and taxi business on Newlands Lane retired in December.

A long time wed - Findochty couple, Mr and Mrs Wm. Bruce, 2 Jubilee Terrace, celebrated 70 years of married life.

Feb 6 **Buckie MS Circle now given Branch status** - The only body of its kind operating in Banffshire and Morayshire the thriving Buckie Circle of the Multiple Sclerosis Society has now become effectively the Society's Banff and Moray Branch.

Generous Round Table - The Buckie and District Round Table handed out donations amounting to £450 to organisations from Portgordon to Portsoy. The sums given ranged from £25 to £10.

Dance venue and music providers - A dance will take place in the Town Hall, Cullen on Friday 8 February when music will be played by **Diamond Lille**, the following week dancers will have the pleasure of hearing **Sparrie**.

Coffee mornings once a rarity are now very common. Sometimes as many as three take place on a Saturday morning. This week there was two, one being run by the Boys Brigade in the South and West Church hall and another by a committee for Christian Aid in the North Church hall.

Joiners, bricklayers and labourers wanted by Wimpy at Nairn. Bonus scheme in operation and first class conditions. Apply to C. McKay, General Foreman, 12 Scott Terrace, Buckie.

Feb 13 **Banffshire's line up for the General Election** - W. H. K. Baker, Conservative; Hamish Watt, SNP; Ronnie Fraser, Liberal; Robert Dool, Labour.

Baptist Church Hall opened- It was a Red Letter day for the congregation of Buckie Baptist Church when their £11,000 church hall was opened directly across from the church on Cluny Place. (I taped all the ceiling joints on the plasterboard some years later. This had never been done)

Death of the Cullen Provost - Mr Wm. R. Wishart, Provost of Cullen died in Woodend Hospital, Aberdeen this week at the age of 71. He had been ill for some time.

Fall in Church Roll - The number of people on the Communion Roll in the Presbytery of Strathbogie and Fordyce fell by 300 last year from 14,465 to 14,165.

Big splash - The new person who took over the chemist's shop previously owned by W.S. Taylor at 1 High Street was advertising themselves in good style with a big advert in this edition.

20 Feb **Further shift for Buckie Postmaster** - The Buckie Postmaster who resigned from the post recently after only 7 months in the job, on account of housing difficulties, has been appointed Postmaster at Linlithgow. Mr Sinclair, who rejoined the staff of Inverness Post Office after leaving Buckie takes up his new post early next month.

New church minister appointed - Rev Fred Coutts, assistant minister at Linwood Parish Church, Paisley was unanimously elected the new minister of Buckie North Church after preaching as sole nominee for the vacant charge at the forenoon service last Sunday. He is married with a young son. The charge has been vacant for five months following the departure of Rev Ainslie Walton.

Football - Buckie Thistle beat Huntly by four goals to one in the Aberdeenshire Cup. The team was Wood, Mair and Walker; Mackay, MacAndrew and McDonald; Masson, Boyd, Simpson, Perry and Brady. Subs Maceachen and Taylor - two subs now being allowed.

Buckie Rovers were beaten by five goals to one in a league match at Burghead.

New shop to open at 3 St Andrews Square on Thursday 21 February selling Ladies, Gents and Children's wear. (The owner Mr Shariff was killed in a road accident near Edinburgh some time later when the shop was then closed.) (In 2002 the shop was a photographic studio)

27 Feb **Uproar at a Cullen Town Council meeting** - Major James Findlay was appointed Provost to replace the late Mr Wishart, three councillors tendered their resignation. **A report is given on the front page.**

Methodists to celebrate 100 year anniversary - Methodists are to gather to celebrate 100 years of church history of Methodism in Portgordon.

Mar 6 **The Scottish Nationalists capture Banffshire** - Hamish Watt SNP was returned as MP for Banffshire when he ousted the previous member, Mr W. H. .K. Baker, Conservative. The votes were as follows - Watt, SNP 11,037; Baker, Conservative 8,252; Fraser, Liberal 3,121; Dool, Labour 1,528. In 1970 the results were as follows - Baker, 8457; Watt, 50006; Walls (Lab) 3795; Fraser (Lib) 4589.

Seafeld Estates application turned down. Banffshire Planning and Development Committee turned down the application made by Seafeld Estates for a 70-80 housing development on a 27 acre site on the Hill of Maud. The committee claimed that it would spoil the environment and could lead to depopulation of Buckie.

Chemist dies - Mr David Main who only retired a short time ago as Sub Postmaster in Buckpool when he received a presentation died in Woodend Hospital, Aberdeen on Friday at the age of 74. He was a native of Burghead and served his apprenticeship in Buckie. After qualifying he was in charge of the chemist's business belonging to Mr Robertson on Main Street combining this with the Buckpool Sub Post Office from 1922. After WWII he opened his present shop on St Andrews Square. He was an elder of the South and West Church. He is survived by his wife and daughter, his only son was lost at sea off the fishing boat, Sirius, when he went on a pleasure trip while on leave from the Wireless College in Aberdeen.

And another short retirement - - Mr George Craig who retired as a foreman joiner only 18 months ago died in Seafeld Hospital at the age of 69. He was well known in football circles both at Welfare and Junior levels in Banffshire and Morayshire areas.

He worked for more than 50 years with the Buckie firm of A. Hendry and Sons, Joiners and Carpenters, Land Street, Buckpool, starting as an apprentice in 1919 and apart from three years absence during WWII spent all his time with the firm, the last as foreman joiner.. He was an elder of Enzie Parish Church, former Session Clerk. He is survived by his wife and son.

Strathlene Swimming Pool - Buckie Town Council have decided to resume the running of the burgh open air swimming pool at Strathlene at Strathlene in the coming season, a step recommended by their Parks and Amenity Committee. Last season the pool was operated as an experiment under the Strathlene Hotel Management.

A tribute to the RNLI - A poem written by James Slater, Portsoy is found on page two as the organisation celebrates 150 years of service **Page 2 March 6 1974**

Tyre company open branch in Buckie - National Tyre Service one of Europe's largest firms of tyre specialists have opened a branch at the harbour front at 32 Commercial Road under the management of Mr George Smith who has been with the company for many years in their Elgin branch.

New committee takes over - The new committee has taken over responsibility for the Buckie Maritime Museum and Peter Anson Picture Gallery, which has been closed during the winter, and plans are to re-open at Easter. Treasurer, Alex J. Murray (B.T.C.) one of the leading lights in the establishment of the museum was confirmed as chairman of the committee which consists of council representatives and local householders in equal proportions. There are meantime two vacancies in the latter group to be filled.

Take your pick of coffee mornings - No less than three coffee mornings are to be touting for custom on Saturday first. One is being ran by the congregation of All Saints Church, a second by Rathven Church Bible Class and a third by Buckie North Church Women's Guild.

13 Mar **Crews saved as boats go down** - Two Buckie boats sank after hitting underwater obstacles off the west coast of Scotland, fortunately members of both crews were picked up safely from life-rafts. The boats were the **Marradale** and the **Stroma** that sank within 24 hours of one another.

Strathlene Golf Club approve £15,000 extension - Although only opened barely 15 months ago the new clubhouse is already bulging at the seams. It is now unable to cope with the club's golfing requirements and increasingly popular off course activities, The membership presently stands at 320 male, female, junior sections and house members.

Advert - Cliff Smith, Plumber and Heating Engineer, 7 Church Street, Portknockie.

New team joins the Welfare League - St Marnans F.C., a team from Aberchirder (Foggieloa) have joined Buckie and District Welfare Football League bringing the number of teams who will be competing in the new season, which starts in mid April to 11.

Forgue who were also seeking admission have withdrawn their application after having difficulty in getting sufficient players.

The teams are - Buckie British Legion, Buckpool Victoria, Findochty Youth Club, Portknockie, Cullen, Portsoy, Whitehills, Keith Dynamos, Cornhill and Macduff.

An industrial estate - Seafield Estates have been given permission by Banffshire Planning and Development Committee for the creation of an industrial estate on 13 acres of land to the east of the March Road.

Dance venue and music provider - A dance will take place in the Sandend Hall on Saturday 16 March when music for dancing will be provided by the group **Shallow Justice**.

According to NESDA - 1973 was probably the north east's best year this century for economic growth. This was stated in a front page article appearing in the Northern Light, the quarterly news sheet published by North East of Scotland Development Authority.

Do you want to buy some Angel Fish or maybe Guppies? Buckie Tropicals is opening at 12 Baron Street on 16th March.

Pedestrian crossing proposed - Banff County Council have made application to the Secretary of State for permission to construct pedestrian crossings on High Street near Cluny Lane and on East Church Street near to the North Church.

20 Mar **The Banffshire Advertiser now comes out on a Wednesday and has done for some weeks past.**

Abbeyfield Home get big loan - Despite all councillors not being in agreement Buckie Town Council approved a loan of £28,078 to Buckie Abbeyfield Home to cover the purchase price and cost of converting Struan (the former dwelling house on Cluny Square) into an Abbeyfield Home for elderly people. Police Judge A. Gowie remarked that it was a lot of money for 8 flats.

New Head at Portgordon - George M. Campbell, a former Head of the now closed Deskford Primary School has been appointed Head Teacher of Portgordon Primary School. He succeeds Mr Wm. Burnett who resigned from the post after ten months.

Dance venue and music provider - A dance will take place in the Town Hall, Cullen on Friday 29 March, with music being provided by **Full House**.

Mar 27 **Boat launch** - The 74' long seiner/trawler, **Margarita** took to the water from the shipyard of Messrs Herd & McKenzie on Saturday. The new vessel has been built for Skipper Leslie G. Mair, Otranto, Duguid Street, Buckie. Costing over £1000,000 the Margarita will replace Skipper Mair's present boat of the same name, which was also built by Herd & McKenzie in 1955 which, is to be sold. The Margarita is powered by a 425 Caterpillar diesel engine and is equipped with all the most modern of fishing gear, navigational aids and electronic equipment.

Dance venue and music provider - A dance will take place in the Town Hall, Cullen on Friday 5 April when a group from Aberdeen, the **Roustabouts** will provide the music.

3 Apr **No play this year** - The Victoria Bowling Green who has recently been relaid and turfing by Buckie Town Council at a cost of £300 will not be ready for play this season. This came as a shock to the members of the club.

Induction ceremony - The new minister of the North Church, Rev Fred Coutts has been inducted to Buckie North Church thus bringing to an end a seven-month vacancy.

Inchgower Distillery manager retires - Mr Andrew 'Ned' Shaw, manager of Inchgower Distillery retired at the end of last week after spending 56 years in the whisky distilling business. Mr Ronald Fetch who has been assistant manager is the new manager of Inchgower.

The annual public-speaking contest - Sandy Scott, 17, a 6th year pupil at Buckie High School won the annual public-speaking contest held by Buckie Speakers' Club for senior pupils for the second year running.

The title of his speech was - 'What Price a People, a Language and a Way of Life' which dealt with the effects of oil developments in the North Sea. The runner up was Alasdair McLean who in his speech discussed whether Scotland should have a National Anthem.

Other speakers taking part were - Brian Taylor, Michael Banks, Anita Redhead and Morag McRae.

New Buckie Postmaster appointed - Alex Geddes has been appointed as Postmaster of Buckie, a Postal and Telegraph Officer he has spent all his Post Office service in Buckie. He served with the RAF in Burma from 1941 till 1946

Dance venue and music provider - A dance will take place in the Town Hall, Cullen on Friday 12 April when dancers can hear and dance to music played by the group, **Legacy**.

Stake Ness - The answer given to Banff County Council was that there was little chance of an early start to the project.

10 Apr **Boat launch** - The 65' long fishing boat, Defiant, was launched from the shipyard of George Thomson and Son on Saturday. The new boat, which cost around £75,000 was built for Skipper Wm. A. Forbes, Mallaig and replaces his former boat, Atlanta that has been sold. The Defiant will be powered by a 415hp Kelvin diesel engine and will have on board all the latest navigational aids, fishing gear and electronic equipment. Assisted with Skipper Forbes in the venture is the Mallaig fish-selling company, Walkers.

A poem by James Slater, Portsoy is found on page 4. The title is Continental Scotland.

Cell room operators are required by BACO at the British Aluminium Company Red Works at Invergordon. £40 represent average earnings per week.

Football at this time got very little space in the local paper - All that was given of the Buckie Rovers' game was the score, while the Buckie Thistle game only five short paragraphs covered the Buckie Thistle game, which they lost, with no teams being given.

A big new housing scheme - A scheme totalling 221 houses has been planned for the Linn of Freuchny. They are to be built by the Mussleburgh firm of Crudens. There will be a number of different types and sizes ranging from one bedroom to four.

New Chairman - Mr George Jappy, an Executive Officer with the Department of Health and Social Security at Elgin has been appointed the new chairman of Buckie and District Round Table.

Founded at an early date - Mentioned in the death notice pertaining to the late Nettie Sandison was the fact that her father John Sandison, Draper and previously Hosier, had first set up in business in Buckie in 1877.

Apr 17 **The Banffshire Advertiser has now six pages after a spell when it was reduced to only four.**

A new, more powerful light is to be installed on the Mucks.

Do you have furniture and other goods to be shifted? For removals contact M. S. Grant, 16 Low Street. Distance no object.

Advert - Eric Stalker, 9 Barhill Road. All types of building work undertaken, also plastering, harling and taping.

On page 4 is found a map of the Grampian Region, and Moray District.

Region and District Elections on 7 May 1974 - On 7th May 1974 elections will take place to elect councillors to the new Regional and District Councils which will take the place of all existing local authorities in Scotland. The members of the new Regional and District Councils who will be appointed on 7th May will, however, work in tandem with existing local authorities until 15 May 1975 to allow the new authorities to make arrangements to take over all the functions of existing authorities on that date.

The functions of the new councils will be - Grampian Regional Council will be responsible for Major Planning, Education, Social Work, Police, Fire and Consumer Protection

Moray District Council will have responsibility for - Local Planning, Housing, Environmental Health, Building Control, Community Centres, Ports and Libraries. After the District Councils have been established, members of the public will be invited to make suggestions as regards the location and composition of **Community Councils** which will have responsibility for expressing the views of the community to both Regional and District Councils and other public bodies.

Dance venue and music provider - A dance will take place in the Deskford Hall on Saturday 20 April when music will be played by **Deveronside**.

New shop - Dennis Murray, House Furnisher who has been operating from 5 Commercial Road for some time has opened a branch at 1 Cluny Terrace though this is only open on Friday and Saturday afternoons only. (In the early 1980's he went out of the furniture line altogether and concentrated on removals, both short and long haul,)

Apr 24 **Three cornered fight in Regional Council for the burgh of Buckie seat** - Treasurer Alex J. Murray (Con.) Dean of Guild, Peter Jappy (Ind.) and John F. Reid (Lab.). Peter Jappy is also offering himself as a candidate for Buckie West, District seat along with another council colleague, Mrs Ethel Brown (Ind.). Councillor Reid has also decided to contest a District seat where his opponents will be Provost **E. Douglas and Police Judge A. Gowie, both standing as (Ind.)**

This wouldn't be allowed in the year 2002, showing a sexual bias - A female assistant over 18 wanted by Scotscoup (Bookmakers) Ltd, 27 West Church Street.

May 1 **Railway cutting to be infilled** - Arrangements are to be made to infill the former coast railway track cutting from North High Street to Cluny Place with builders rubble, stones and other suitable material.

Member of Buckie Speakers' Club wins National competition - Ronald Urquhart, Depute Rector at Buckie High School and Educational director of Buckie speakers' Club has won a National Speech-Making contest run by the National Association of Speakers' Clubs at his first attempt. Winner of two earlier rounds at area and district level Mr Urquhart was one of six contestants from all over Britain competing in the national finals held at Tynemouth during the Association annual conference. His own choice of subject was " Yet Another Immortal Memory" a light-hearted comment on burns and Shakespeare and the antipathy between Scots and English on the matter.

Promise not upheld - Despite the assurance given by the three chemist shops in Buckie that urgent prescriptions would still be attended to on a Sunday though the shops were effectively shut a letter writer complained that he could not get an urgent prescription seen to and no indication given at any of the shops in question as to where a chemist could be contacted. He went to Cullen one weekend and to Elgin the next. He signed himself Buckie OAP.

Advert - Mayne's Coaches for Service, Civility and Comfort. 12, 41 and 45 seater luxury coaches.

New Cemetery suffers at the hands of the vandals - More than 20 gravestones were found to have been toppled in the New Cemetery by vandals last Friday morning leaving many people shocked and very angry.

Buckie Thistle 'Player of the Year'. Wm. McDonald, a PE teacher at Buckie High School presently captain of the club was voted Player of the Year by the

fans in a competition ran annually by the Banffshire Advertiser. Willie a married man lives at 14 Brodie Avenue, Buckie.

Buckie teaching nun graduates - Sister Maria a Teaching Nun at Buckie St Peter's RC School was one of four Sisters of Mercy among the Open University students who graduated at a ceremony in Edinburgh.

No success in cup competitions - Buckie Rovers lost all interest in no less than four cups within a fortnight. (Someone once said that a tea bag stays longer in a cup than the Rovers. It is I known that this wasn't always the case of course, there being seasons when they swept the board.)

Buckie Thistle plan to have a player/coach again next season with a player more or less fixed up.

Another sexist advert - Young women required between 16 and 25 for fine hand work on special electric lamps. Good rates of pay and clean working conditions. Apply to Thorn Lighting Ltd, Marchmont Crescent, Buckie.

West End Garage, Arradoul - This garage has been purchased by John Duncan Construction Services. Petrol, diesel, repairs and servicing will continue as in the past. Steam cleaning and wash bay services will be introduced in the near future.

15 May **Propeller factory opened** - A building costing £70,00 to construct has been opened at Buckie for a local family headed by Norwegian-born Fred Langnes. The 7000 square feet factory is the first to be erected on Buckie's new industrial estate at Cunningholes. **A fuller report is given on page 1.**

New Regional and District Councillors - Treasurer Alex J. Murray, Provost Edward Douglas and Councillor Mrs Ethel Brown will represent the burgh of Buckie on the new Grampian Regional and Moray District Councils to be formed under local government reorganisation. This was the verdict at the polls held on May 7th.

Fordyce Castle - The 16th century Fordyce Castle has been bought by Mr Henry Hatherley an English businessman who lives in Portugal. For many years the castle has been used as a dwelling house and although he has no plans to live in it himself he intends to have it fully restored with its appearance changed both inside and out.

Advert - Sharif and Co. 3 St Andrews Square, Bargain Shop.

Buckie and Its Development is the title of a letter found on page three written by Robert K. Niven, whose home address in Buckie is 9 Sutherland Street, Buckpool. (By a strange coincidence I was about to type this up when I was given word that Robert, a nephew through marriage had died in a hospital in the north of England. The time then was 8.10pm on Sunday 11 August 2002. An architect by profession he was 49. His mother and father John and Bertha Niven were still alive at the time.)

Butcher's business to close down - Owing to the retirement of the owner the butcher's business at 1 St Andrews Square will be closing down on Tuesday 28 May. Mr and Mrs George Sandison wish to take this opportunity to thank all customers for their valued patronage over the years they have been in business.

A major change in the dance scene - Notice is given by the promoters that for the next three weeks they will be presenting the following discos - 24 May - **Vic Flett**; 31 May - **Cosmic Sounds** 7 June **Disco Ecosse**.

Advert - W. J. Smith - (Glazing) Glazing Contractor - 16 West Cathcart Street, Buckie.

22 May **Death of former factory manager** - John 'Jack' Davidson retired manager of the former Buckie net and rope manufacturer, Wm. Marshall and Coy Ltd, died at his home East Craigard, East Church Street. He was 72.

The average Scottish council house rent is now £2. 47 per week.

Opening announcement - Strathlene Builders, C/o Strathlene Hotel,. All building work undertaken. Restoration of old houses a speciality.

Plasterer and mason required - apply E. Stalker, Plasterer and Builder, 9 Barhill Road.

Contracts manager required - Apply Peter Reid, Plumber, High Street.

29 May **New ambulance depot** - although already in use the official opening of the new ambulance depot on Baron Street will not take place until July, The new building which cost £18,000 and sited on the former tennis courts replaces the old depot in the burgh yard that has been in use since the town acquired its first ambulance though voluntary efforts just after WWII. The local association will now be wound up.

Advert - Jamieson's Radio and TV 10 St Peter's Road, Buckpool.

First meeting - Moray District Council, consisting of 16 men and two women met in Elgin last Wednesday for the first time as a constituted body since the recent local government election.

Appointed chairman of the new authority is Mr J, M, Anderson, Miltonhill, Alves, presently vice convenor of Moray and Nairn County Council. The appointment lasts for three years.

Buckie Thistle again appoint Willie Cowie as Player/Coach - Willie Cowie, PT of PE (Boys) at Buckie High School who parted company with the club 15 months ago on a matter of principle and who played for Keith in the Highland League last season has rejoined the Thistle. He will have full charge of all team matters.

Buckie have also signed two former Buckie players who were with Keith last season, namely Malcolm Cowie, Willie's brother and Spencer Lyon.

Ladies hairdresser to close - Mrs Isabella Paterson, was giving notice that owing to circumstances outwith her control she would be closing her shop at 56 West Church Street as from 1st June.

5 June Georgie and Mrs Sandison honoured by customers - A long established butcher's business serving the Buckpool district closed down last week on the retirement of the owner for the past 43 years, Mr George Sandison, 42 Great Western Road.

George served his time with John Stewart in his shop at St Andrews Square (St Peter' Place) and in 1931 took over the business to run it ever since with the assistance of his wife Jean.

Last week the couple were met by a small deputation of customers and friends and presented with gifts to mark their retiral. George received radio cassette handed over by Mrs Jessie Tallis while Mrs Beattie O'Mahoney presented Mrs Sandison with a crystal vase and a bouquet of flowers.

Two local fishermen lost overboard - Skipper Alex Thain, 54, 7 New Street, Buckie and his close friend, Mr Billy Farquhar, 37, 4 Shore Street, Portgordon were both lost overboard from the 73' Aberdeen-registered fishing boat, Guiding Star off the island of Foula, Shetland Isles, last Thursday night. A member of the crew told how the two men were both caught by a swing door which knocked one of the men over one side before coming back to catch the other. Though

they searched for some time they were unable to save them before returning to Aberdeen with the sad news.

Long lease for Buckpool Golf Club - An agreement was reached between the Golf Club and Buckie Town Council on a 60 year lease for the ground on which the golf course has been created, with certain rent conditions. At the end of every ten years the situation will be renewed. The rent for the first ten years to be £150 per annum.

R.S. Cruickshank and Co. is the name above the radio and TV shop at 32 West Church Street previously W. G. Davidson. The firm also does electrical contracting.

12 June **Boat launch** - A 72' seiner/trawler, Athena. Built for a group of Shetland fishermen, including Skipper Magnus J. Jamieson, Whalsay, Shetland at a cost of over £100,000 was launched this week from the shipyard of Messrs Herd and McKenzie. The six members of his crew are all partners. The Athena is powered by a 450 s hp Bergius Kelvin diesel engine and has been fitted with all the latest fishing gear, fish-finding equipment and navigation aids.. She is to sail this week to join the Shetland fleet and is likely to be operating from Peterhead.

Boat launch - Launched last Friday from the shipyard of Macduff Boat-building and Engineering Company was the 65' square-sterned fishing boat **Lily Oak IV**. The new boat has been built for Skipper Wm. Wilson, 13 North Pringle Street, Buckie. The Lily Oak IV will be powered by a hp. Kelvin diesel engine.

Buckie High School Dux - Anita Redhead is this year's Dux of Buckie High School.

Boat launch - A new pocket 86' trawler, **Annwood** built for Findochty skipper, Alexander 'Dip' Phimister, 49, 10 Dyce Crescent, was launched from the shipyard of John Lewis and Sons Ltd last Thursday. Skipper Phimister who has been in charge of the successful trawler, **Millwood** for the past ten years is a partner in the new vessel.

Boat launch - A new 54' trawler, christened **Marelann**, built for Skipper George Hay and partners of Cullen, was launched from the shipyards of Smith and Hutton, Anstruther, last Wednesday.

Opening announcement - Moray District Tapers = George Thow, Portgordon and Wm. Russell, Elgin. Ames Tapers, Painters and Decorators.

19 June **Council approve** - At their meeting on Monday night the town council approved a revised programme for the rehabilitation of derelict land and removal of unsightly features. Amongst the work that will be done is the removal of the former Buckie railway station buildings, platforms etc., known to be the haunt of 'Boot Boys' and girls as drinking dens. The former summer house to the rear of the Town House on East Church Street, another howf will also be removed. The railway cutting from North High Street to Cluny Place, hence to Pringle Street to be infilled with builders rubble etc.

Portgordon lady celebrates her 100th birthday. Mrs Jane 'Jeannie' Reid, 17 Richmond Place. Portgordon celebrated her 100th birthday this week.

Dance venue and music provider - There is no mention of the long running Friday night dances in the Town Hall, Cullen but Cullen Bowling Club are to hold a dance in the hall on Saturday 22 June with music by the **Armour Brothers**.

June 26 **Boat launch** - The **Hazelmores**, a 74' seiner/trawler was launched from the shipyard of Herd & McKenzie on Saturday. The new vessel has been built for Skipper Wm. Bruce More, 32 Cameron Crescent, Buckie and partners. She will

replace his present boat; **Honestas** also built by Herd & McKenzie 14 years ago. The **Hazelmere** will be powered by a 425hp Caterpillar diesel engine with all the most modern fishing gear, including a combined seine and trawl winch, navigational aids and electronic equipment

Buckie man lost overboard - Mr Alexander 'Sye' Clark, 39, was lost overboard off the Helena, a Buckie seiner/trawler, 50 miles off Peterhead. He was making his first trip aboard the vessel after being a long

Mason wanted by Henderson Construction, Portgordon - **£1 per hour.**

Chief Executive of Moray District Council appointed - He is Mr James P. C. Bell, who was senior Depute county clerk of Moray and Nairn Joint County Councils. There was a short leet of five.

Application turned down - Banffshire Planning and Development Committee turned down an application by Mr and Mrs J. W. Medway of 7 Wallace Avenue to change part of the grocer's shop into a fish and chip shop at 5 Wallace Avenue. Members felt that the smell, noise and increased traffic level would spoil the area.

Also turned down was an application by Seaford Estates to change an area of 0.9 acres of agriculture land near Portessie station to private residential.

Buckie Town Council as benefactors - A number of donations ranging in size from £50 to £3.15 were handed out to different organisations from Buckie Town Council. The RNLI was one of the organisations that received £50 while £3.15 was given to the National Playing Fields Association.

July 3 **Former minister graduates** - Rev A. Walton who gave up the ministry of Buckie North Church to become a teacher of Religious Education has gained Aberdeen College of Education Secondary Teacher's Certificate and the Higher Diploma in RE. He has also been awarded the Diploma of Education by Aberdeen University and hopes to upgrade this to the degree of Master of Education next session before entering the teaching profession.

Headmaster retires - Head teacher at Buckie St Peter's RC School for the past 20 years, Mr A. Doran was honoured by staff and pupils last Friday on his retirement from the teaching profession. He and his wife Zetta who are to leave the burgh were presented with a 90 piece dinner and tea set.

The extension to Strathlene Golf Clubhouse to cost £32,000 - The town council who provided £5,000 from the Common Good Fund for the initial new building turned down the plea for more financial aid. **The story is given on page 1**

Findochty School Dux - This year's Dux of Findochty Primary School and winner of the Alistair John Olson Memorial Prize has been won by Allen Findlay.

Disco venue and music providers - A disco will take place in the Town Hall, Cullen on the 5th and also the 12th July when those present can hear first **Disco Ecosse** and secondly **Cosmic Sounds Disco.**

10July **Joint Duxes at Portknockie Primary School** - They were John Mair and Heather Wood who shared the Anderson/Bruce Prize

Clochan airman leads the Falcons - The RAF Falcons, the RAF famous free fall parachute team is led this year by Flt Lieutenant John Johnston, a former pupil of Enzie Public School and Buckie High. He is a son of Mr and Mrs W. F. Johnston former head teacher of Enzie and Portgordon schools who live in retirement at Sunnybrow, Clochan. **A much fuller report is given in the Banffshire Advertiser**

A bobby graduates - Police Inspector Louis Soeder who began his police career at Buckie and attended Evening Classes while stationed in the town graduated LLB at Aberdeen University last Thursday. He already holds a MA degree.

Boat launch - The 63' light trawler, **Courier**, was launched at Macduff last Friday for Skipper Alex Campbell, 32, 12 Reidhavenb Street, Portknockie. The Courier is one of a new generation of fishing boats designed specifically for inshore trawling either alone or paired with another similar craft. The **Courier** will be powered by a 280 hp Kelvin diesel engine and is the first boat to be launched from the Macduff Boat Building and Engineering Company to be fitted with the German designed Knort Nozzle. This device consists of a metal shroud round the fixed pitched propeller which increases 'screw power' by concentrating thrust within a short 'tunnel', important when towing heavy nets and gear boards. His present boat, **Penorwa** will be sold shortly.

Business to close - The firm of A. McKenzie, 18 Main Street, Findochty, will close for business at 5pm on 27 July.

17 July **Former Thistle player dies** - Joseph 'Jovie' Newlands who played for Buckie Thistle through the 1920's and into the 1930's died this week in Aberdeen royal Infirmary at the age of 79. He was a painter to trade, serving his time with Adam Robertson before moving to Aberdeen 36 years ago. He retired 14 years ago. Though badly wounded during WWI while serving with the 6th Battalion Gordon Highlanders he recovered to play football for many years. Along with 'Toshy' McIntosh both only around 5 feet in height they formed a great wing pair.

Parking on Cluny Square - The subject was discussed at the latest meeting of Buckie Town Council with one councillor describing the situation as one of chaos at times with so many wishing to park there while the newly constructed car park on Newlands Lane was lying practically empty. Provost Douglas suggested that they ban parking on Cluny Square all together. (Parking on the Square although it has continued up to the present (2002) and is likely to do so in the future has and continues to be a bone of contention.)

A new 'sit on' mower presented - Buckie Thistle were presented with a brand new mower by the club's Development Association. It was handed over by their chairman, Alex Stewart, to club chairmen, Colin Macrae. A photograph taken at the ceremony also shows groundsman James Ewen seated on the new mower. (Unfortunately the reproduction of the photograph is poor.)

Jobs For the Boys - Hamilton Brothers, Engineers are offering young men the opportunity to learn skilled trades combined with college training.

24 July **Haven taxis for sale** - Four cars and good going concern.

Second Hand washing machines for sale - A limited quantity of tested washing machines for sale. Apply to G. Hendry, 30 Low Street.

Disco venue and din provider - A Disco will take place in the Town Hall, Cullen on Friday 2 August when the Jamboree Disco will be present.

31 July **No housing for the Cunningholes Farm area** - An application by a Maidenhead, Kent, firm for planning permission in principle to develop 14 acres of land near Cunningholes Farm to the east of Buckie was unanimously refused by Banffshire Planning and Development Committee. Mr Sandy Wilson, County Planning Officer said that the site would form a natural extension to an adjoining industrial estate and should be reserved for this purpose.

They're building boats in Keith now - A luxury 40' cabin cruiser built by James Robb, a Keith coachbuilder and christened Bonaventure by his wife Mary was launched at Buckie on Saturday.

Weighing ten tons the new boat was lifted by a 36 ton crane on to an arctic lorry from the rear of the business premises on Balloch Road before starting out on the slow journey to Buckie. On the way the lorry had to stop several times so that telephone wires could be lifted over the mast.. In Buckie the mast brought a telephone wire down though happily no ill words were said before repairs could be effected.

The Bonaventure will be powered by a 200hp turbo charged engine. There is sleeping accommodation for six and is equipped with all modern conveniences. The kitchen or galley has a stainless steel sink and draining boards, calor gas cooker and fridge. There are two cabins with two bunk beds in another cabin, a flush toilet, wash hand basin and shower with hot and cold.

Mr Robb and his family are planning a holiday cruise on the west coast.

Buckie Thistle's 13 - The players that turned out for Buckie Thistle in a friendly against Aberdeen Lads Club were Donald Cordiner, Joe Wood (keeper) Ronald Leslie, David Mackay, George McAndrew, Alex Walker, Malcolm Cowie, Willie Cowie, Spencer Lyon, Bruce Masson, Jimmy Simpson, Willie McDonald and Brian Taylor.

7 Aug **Falkirk welcomed back to Victoria Park** - Falkirk, then Scottish Cup holders will always be remembered as the team that was helped to a win over Buckie thanks to the referee. This time, however, in a friendly played at Victoria Park on Saturday they had a convincing 7-2 win over the Jags. The Buckie team was - Wood, Leslie and Walker; M. Cowie, McAndrew and Mackay; Masson, W. Cowie, Simpson, McDonald and Taylor. Sub. Perry

No help to be give from the estate - Seafield Estates are to make no contribution to repairs to Findlater and Boyne Castles, they claim that they can't afford it in the present financial climate.

End of the line for Findochty bakery - A family bakery business in Findochty for almost half a century closed down last week with the retirement of the two partners, Gregor McKenzie 69 and his brother Hunter, 67. The business was set up in 1925 by their father, Alex, who after serving his time in Methlick, his native village, became foreman baker with the Co-op in Newmains, Lanarkshire then Dingwall before opening a baker's business, on his own account, in Findochty in 1925.

The two brothers took over the business in 1945 on the death of their father and at one time had a branch shop on East Church Street, Buckie, later moving to 12 High Street for a short time.

14 Aug **Ancient pottery uncovered in Fochabers 'Dig'** - Front page news describes the work of archaeologists meantime working on what is believed to be a Neolithic site in the Fochabers Woods.

A radical move - A woman has been chosen as the Labour Candidate for Banffshire in the forthcoming General Election. She is Mrs Anne W. M. Porteous, Senior Lecturer in charge at the School of Speech and Therapy, Robert Gordon's Institute of Technology in Aberdeen.

A point for the Jags - Buckie Thistle gained their first point of the season when they drew 1-1 with Inverness Thistle at Kingsmill Park, Inverness.

Those who played were - Wood, Leslie and Walker; M. Cowie, McAndrew and Lyon; Masson, McDonald, Simpson, W. Cowie and Taylor. Subs Mackay and Perry.

Garden Fete - A fete will take place in the manse grounds at Enzie Crossroads on Saturday 17 August. A disco will take place in the barn at night. (The sum of £400 was raised)

Tradesmen wanted - Platers and Plater/Welders wanted by Grampian Construction Company, Industrial Estate, Buckie.

Banffshire Youth Clubs are to hold a disco in Strathlene Hotel on Friday 23 August with music by Van de Graaf.

21 Aug **Three times for Bob** Bob Dawson of Land Street, Buckie has proved that he truly has 'green fingers' by winning the main trophy given to the exhibitor amassing most points at the Cullen Flower Show, which was held on Wednesday. He went on to also take the premier trophy at the Deskford Show on Saturday.

Schools resume after summer holidays - Buckie High with all other schools in the area resumed classes after the summer break on Tuesday. The school roll is 1000 including a record number of 250 first year pupils.

New teachers at Buckie High School - Tom Kennedy, who will be teaching Art and Allan Fraser, Geography and English. Mr Kennedy fills a vacancy while Mr Fraser replaces Miss Jean McCartney who leaves shortly to become PT of Geography at Anstruther.

An accident at work claims the life of Buckie joiner - A 32 year old Buckie joiner, George Cowie died in Aberdeen Royal Infirmary after receiving severe head injuries in an accident at Pittyvaich Distillery, Dufftown. He was employed by Cubbitts Construction. He fell and struck his head against the steel rim of the foundation work.

Poor football coverage - The line - 'Rovers started the new season with a one all draw against Islavale', was the sum total of the report on the Junior scene.

No advert for the Cullen dances . Could the long running dances have come to an end?

28 Aug Millbank Primary School opens its doors to pupils - The new Buckie Primary School (Millbank) came into operation last week though the official formal opening will not take place till later.

Mr Aitcheson and staff had a busy day sorting out and organising into classes 400 or so children living on the east side of the town's High Street. As a result of the opening of Millbank the roll at Cluny Primary School fell by almost 50% from 830 pupils to 430, with the staff reduced by a third. **A report is given on page one.**

Chip Shop to re-open - The Fry Inn, 19 West Church Street will re-open on 2 September.

Advert - Jobbing Joiners, Masons, Slater and Plumber seek work in the Buckie area.

Advert Ames Taping by Eric Stalker, 9 Barhill Road.

The Hydro Board returns to old home - The Hydro Board returned after 7 months absence to their refurbished quarters in East Church Street. During the seven months the work has been in progress the office and showroom have been in the former T.A. Centre on West Church Street

E.G.M. Dissatisfied with recent results and other matters Buckie Thistle Supporters Club is to call an Extra Special Meeting in the Royal British Legion Headquarters

Sept 4 **Mrs Thomson of Tynet** - Mrs Elsie G. F. Thomson, has died at her home at Wellheads, Clochan. She was 87. She was closely associated with the WRI movement, both nationally and locally for many years. She previously lived at Burnside House and was the widow of Mr Frank Thomson who had the farm of Burnside of Tynet now ran by her son Ian. (In 2002 the farm is still in the Thomson family being ran by two of her grandsons.)

A photograph of the Rovers' team appears in this edition of the B. A. The reproduction is poor.

W. Wood, W Imlach, J. Green, M. Matthews, R. Hendry, D. Clark, B. Main, S. Innes, A. McDonald, W. Cormack, S. Hay, S. Coull.

Liptons Supermarket name changed to Templetons - Some meat prices on offer -Scotch Fry (Topside) 69p LB, Shoulder Steak 39p LB, Lean Steak Mince 39p LB, Lamb Chops, rolled Lamb, Gigot Lamb Chops, Roasting Gigot Chops, all at 49p per LB.

Couple required to run the Commercial Hotel - Apply to Scottish and Newcastle Breweries.

Advert - 'We are rebuilding Aberdeen Savings Bank (Buckie Branch)'

Notice - Meet Edward Heath MBE MP Leader of the Conservative and Unionist Party in Cluny Square on Thursday 5 September at 3.30. (I knew a woman who was so delighted to have shaken hands with Ted that she vowed she wouldn't wash her hand for a week and slept with it below her pillow.) (The big guns had rolled into town to try to help the Conservative candidate, Jimmy Gordon, in the General Election.)

11 Sept. **Mr Heath Takes Buckie by Storm** read the headline in the local paper, which also carried a number of photographs, unfortunately, none showed one of my freen.

Aground at Sunnyside beach east of Cullen - A photograph on the front page shows the Fraserburgh fishing boat, **Artemis** aground on razor sharp rocks at Sunnyside beach two miles east of Cullen. She went aground at 4 am on Monday morning. The crew was all-able to get ashore safely.

Boat launch - A 73' seiner/trawler was launched from the shipyard of George Thomson and Son last week. Built for Grimbsy Co. Offshore, Charles Ltd, the new £120,000 boat christened, **Meldarnic** is to be skippered by 27 year old Mervyn Jappy, 39 Milton Drive, Buckie, formerly mate on the **Conquest**. Named after the letters of his three children, Melvyn, Daryn and Nicola, the Meldarnic will be fitted with all the latest fishing gear, navigation aids and electronic equipment. She will be powered by a 425hp Caterpillar diesel engine and should be ready to begin fishing operations next month.

Wanted a wages clerkess - Apply to Thorn Lighting Ltd. Buckie.

The Thorn Thunderbolts a football team of young ladies took part in a competition ran as part of the Buckpool Golf Club Gala Day.

31 July **An innovation** - A photograph in this edition shows Linda, Janella and Brenda Pirie, 54 St Peter's Road with Bishop J. Begg Aberdeen, who conducted a service in the Episcopal Church, Buckie. This is the first time that any women have had the honour of being altar servers at such a service.

A new use for the former Drill Hall - Recently the hall was used by the Hydro Board as an office and showroom during the time that their premises on East Church were being done up. Now it is the turn of the Aberdeen Savings Bank to use the Drill Hall as their premises on Cluny Square are also being refurbished.

18 Sept **Buckie shock Elgin** read the headline on the sports page of the local paper. The Thistle who have been having a less than illustrious season so far went and beat Elgin City by four goals to three and at Boroughbriggs on Saturday. The team was Wood, Leslie and McDonald; M. Cowie, G. McAndrew and Hay; Taylor, W. Cowie, Simpson, Perry and Walker. Subs. N. McAndrew, Mackay.

We're back and to prove it we're here - A common saying from away back might have been said by the long time promoters of the dances in the Cullen Town Hall with respect to bands rather than discos. On Friday 20 September a band that played often before the disco groups came on the go, **Mandingo**, will supply the music. A week later it will be the turn of the group, **Levi**. Admission now costs 60p with the usual free buses laid on.

25 Sept **Candidates for the General Election in Banffshire-** Hamish Watt (SNP), Jimmy Gordon (Con.) Colin McLeod (Liberal) Ann Porteous (Lab.)

Tender for a massive council housing scheme approved - Buckie Town Council at their meeting on Monday evening approved a £2,300,000 tender for a new housing scheme on the Freuchny estate. This will be good news for the applicants on the lengthy Buckie housing list. An early start is expected. The houses will be a mixture of sizes and styles with 43 being two apartments. 112, three apartment, 56 four apartment and 10 five apartments. The average cost of a house, including cost of heating system and design fee is £10,395. The council also accepted a tender amounting to £79,453, the lowest of four submitted by local firms for carrying out improvements to the flats on Wallace Avenue and Burns Square.

Dance venue and music providers A dance will take place in the Town Hall, Cullen on 27 September when music for dancing will be supplied by **Levi**. A week later **Fabrin** will play.

2 Oct **Not a laughing matter , or was it?** - The theme of an evening at a recent meeting of Turriff Ladies Speakers' Club was "No Laughing Matter". Somebody was kidding as one of the items on the programme was a demonstration of how to don a pair of tights while immobilised by lumbago. The scribe said it must have brought the house down.

From the High School notes - Two technical students, Wm. Thomson and Graeme Gerrard leave this week after a three-week spell of teaching practice at Buckie High School. (Graeme Gerrard was still at the school in 2002 but had changed disciplines some time before and for many years past had been PT of Computing.)

The Buckie Burn - A photographer from the local paper had taken a picture looking down into the valley of the burn from the edge of the putting green and looking south. A birds-eye view the picture shows the new path that had been constructed from the site of the former turning and sawmill upstream towards the dam. The reproduction, unfortunately, is poor.

Portknockie man lost overboard - Alex Mair, 30, the only son of Mr and Mrs Frank Mair, 10 Harbour Place was lost overboard from the Peterhead trawler, Trident.

Boat launch - A 56' stern trawler, built for Alex Campbell, 1 Craigview, Findochty and three partners was launched from the shipyard of Herd & McKenzie

on Saturday. She was christened **Wavecrest** and is the third boat to be owned by Skipper Campbell to bear the same name. His partners are brothers, John and Alex Anderson, both of Findochty and Wm. Mair, Haig Street, Portknockie.

The new boat built of steel cost in the region of £100,000 will be powered by a Volvo diesel engine and has been fitted out with all the modern navigation and fishing aids.

Advert - Findochty Builders - Jobbing Joiners, Mason, Slater and Plumber.

Advert - R & C Murray, Plant Hire. All types of excavation, drainage and demolition work undertaken.

Advert - Doolin and Clarke, Painters and Decorators, 48 High Street. (Jack Clarke a former Navy man joined in partnership with Charles Doolin who had been in business himself for some time.)

Advert - A. Cameron Murray, Carpet Specialist, 29 West Church Street. (This shop was once the Buttercup Dairy, The Maybank Café and for some time prior to 2002 was Yvonne's. (Marshall) She sold a lot of different kinds of material including men's underclothes and shirts.)

Advert - For new doors, windows porches etc. Phone Lhanbryde 402.

Dance venue and music provider - A dance will take place in the Town Hall, Cullen on Friday 18 October. Music provided by **Sheegra**.

**** **Millbank Primary School** - The official opening of Millbank Primary School will take place on Thursday 17 October and will be open to all parents and members of the public on Thursday and Friday evenings from 7 till 9 p.m.

Cullen Bowling Club is holding a dance for members and guests only in the hall on Saturday 12 October. Music to be supplied by the **Redcoats**. Admission 30p

16 Oct. **Radio Buckie** - The hospital broadcasting service set up at Buckie High School some time ago to produce news, features and music programmes especially for patients at Seafield Hospital will shortly be in full operation.

Among the programmes patients will hear is one titled 'Our Heritage' - Anita Redhead's ceilidh covering the complete spectrum of Scottish entertainment. The programme is produced by Keith Fraser. Both are senior pupils of the school. Other involved with the station as compilers and producers are - Steve Wilson, Alison Campbell, Morag McRae, Jill Adam, George Bruce, and Lyndsay Shearer. Transmission engineers are - Jimmy Robertson, Innes Flett and Michael Holloway.

A fuller report is given on the front page of the Banffshire Advertiser of Wednesday 16 October 1974 on columns 5 and 6.

Long serving priest to retire - Rev Monsignor Wm. Murdoch is to retire after 50 years as a parish priest. He is to be succeeded at St Peter's Church, Buckie by Father David Keith, who is presently at Aviemore. Monsignor Murdoch is 73 and Vicar General of the Aberdeen RC Diocese.

New minister - Rev David Bennett has been appointed the new minister of the linked charge of Findochty/Portknockie Church of Scotland.

Dance venue and music provider - A dance will take place in the Town Hall, Cullen on Friday 18 October. The group making their first visit to Cullen will be **Sheigra**.

Firm to move - The electrical firm , Thistle (Moray) Ltd that had a shop selling appliances at 17 High Street, Buckie are to move to Fochabers where they aim to concentrate on the heating part of their business.

23 Oct **Big extension given go ahead** - Strathlene Golf Club have been given permission by Banff County Planning and Development committee to go ahead with their planned £35,000 extension.

Advert - A Home of your own by W. E. Mitchell Smith and Sons (Properties) Lossiemouth. Local contractor, George Henderson , Portgordon.

The schooner, Captain Scott - A photograph in this edition shows the schooner Captain Scott back in Buckie for her annual refit at the shipyard of Herd & McKenzie.

Cullen Town Council plans their own 'funeral' . The town council has a series of events lined up to mark the end of Cullen Town Council next May when local government will disappear under reorganisation.

The reproduction of all photographs is extremely poor and has been for some time.

Advert - Haven Taxis, 11 Station Road, Portessie. Phone 32300

Advert - Mace Shop, Portgordon, J. Esslemont, 4-6 Station Road.

Advert - Eric Stalker, 9 Barhill Road, . Plasterer and Builder. Masons and Plasterers wanted. Rates £1 per hour with bonus and overtime additional. Phone 31458

Dance venue and music provider - A dance will take place in the Town Hall, Cullen on Friday 1st November. Music to be provided by the group - **Patt R Four**.

Cullen Bowling Club dance - This will take place in the hall on Saturday 26 October with music by **Concorde**.

30 Oct **The Captain Scott committee to fold** - The Buckie Captain Scott committee has decided to fold after the general apathy has dealt a mortal blow. At a meeting this week the committee decided to disband, destroyed by the continuous lack of interest shown in its work by the general public, local organisations, parents and young people in the local area. The committee came into being two years ago with the committee made up of a cross section of the community.

A report is given on the front page.

New TV station opens - A new ITV station opened in Banffshire this week that will allow programmes to be brought to 30,000 more viewers. The new station is at Knock More on Ben Aigen three miles south of Rothies.

Captain Scott - A poor picture on the front page shows the schooner, Captain Scott as she leaves Buckie harbour following her annual refit.

The report said - The Captain Scott, the largest sailing ship, sailed from Buckie after a refit lasting six weeks. On board was the new skipper, Captain George Shaw who succeeded Commander Victor Clark (66) who is retiring after commanding the vessel since she was completed three years before.

Formerly head of the Nautical Department at Gordonstoun School Captain Shaw has been for the past few years in command of the smaller Aberdeen built schooner Malcolm Miller run by the Sail Training Association

Dance venue and music provider - A dance will take place in the Town Hall, Cullen on Friday 8 November when dancers can hear music played by the group, Frieze.

Cullen Provost dies suddenly - Major James Findlay, 58, a former regular soldier, who was only appointed to the post of Provost eight months ago died suddenly this week.

Fishery Inspector retires - Tom Burnett who has been Fishery Inspector at Buckie for the past 17 years retired last Thursday after 38 years with the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries for Scotland. He is succeeded by Ken Harper, an Irishman, who has been in Aberdeen since February.

13 Nov **Buckie's first policewoman** - Fiona Middleton took up duty in Buckie this week as the first ever policewoman in the town.

A poem is found on page 2 - Written by James Slater, Portsoy, it is titled 'Working To Rule'

Peter Anson books to be published - Two books written by Peter Anson artist and author, titled 'Mariners of Brittany' and 'Fishing Boats and Fisherfolk' are to be published.

Second win over the old enemy - Buckie Thistle beat Elgin City on Saturday by two goals to one to do the double over the great rivals. The Thistle team was - Wood, M. Cowie and Walker; Leslie, G. McAndrew and Hay; N. McAndrew, McDonald, Simpson, Perry and Pirie. Subs. McKay and Wm. Cowie.

Rovers play in the 'Scottish' - Buckie Rovers are faced with a long journey when they travel to Ayrshire to meet Hurlford in the 'Scottish'.

20 Nov **The old metal dustbins to go** - When Moray District Council come into being it is planned to make a switch from the metal dust bins to a paper bag system.

Welfare Association annual hand out - This year the sum distributed to a variety of organisations amounted to £370. The sum was lower than some past years. A total of twenty organisations received sums ranging from £45 given to Buckie Old Age Pensioners Association to £5 to Buckie and District Brass Band and Methodist Church Junior Badminton Club.

**** **The controversial Friday night dances in the Town Hall, Cullen, are to be brought to an end immediately. This was the decision arrived at by the town council.** The dances which have been ran for a long time have been a source of trouble for some time with incidents occurring regularly many resulting in court cases.

By coincidence the hirers of the hall and promoters of the dances had contacted the Cullen Burgh Surveyor, Mr Tom Herbertson and informed him that they were considering a voluntary halt to the dances because of falling attendances in recent weeks. They had said, however, the dances would restart in the New Year.

The council also agreed that a request from the hirers for a special permit for a Beauty Queen Dance on November 29 be turned down.

Advert The Fry In 19 West Church Street. Carry out and table service. Chicken, Scampi, Omelettes, Pies etc.

Dance venue and music provider - The 'Cullen' dance will take place in the Town Hall, Portsoy on Friday 13 December, when dancers can hear music played by **Fabric**.

27 Nov **The Lyric Opera makes its return** - After a lapse of three years the Buckie Lyric Opera Company returned to the local stage last week with a very successful performance of Gilbert and Sullivan ever-popular comic opera, The Mikado

Missing skipper's body found - The body of Skipper Alex Thain 54 of 7 New Street, Buckie who was lost over boards some time back was recovered from the sea near the island of Foula by a Faeroes fishing boat. He was buried in the New Cemetery.

Three Provosts in nine months - Bailie Cook stepped up to become Cullen's third provost in nine months when he succeeded the late Major Findlay.

Advert - Wm. Findlay, Painter and Decorator, 2 Hope Street, Portessie.

Advert - Milton and Turner, Painters and Decorators. Ames Taping Contracts entertained.

4 Dec **Boat launch** - A Danish type anchor/seiner boat christened the **Arnbog** was launched from the shipyard of Herd & McKenzie last week. The Arnbog is the first of twin fishing boats to be built at the port for Boston Deep Sea Fisheries, Hull. The second will be completed early in 1975.

**** The 54' **Arnbog** was launched ready for sea. Although conventional in most respects the new vessel is the first to be built in the area to be fitted with Grenae rope drums - a gear handling aid being increasingly adopted for inshore fishermen.

The Strathlene Golf Club extension - Increased costs have delayed the decision by Strathlene Golf Club to proceed with their planned extension to the clubhouse.

More lounge space is needed at Netherha Old Folk's Home It was said that the residents were crammed together in the lounge as if in jail.

Buckie's first woman councillor dies - Mrs Jessie A. Milne died suddenly at her home 13 Harbour Street early last Saturday after a long illness. She was 72.

Although born in Botriphnie she spent most of her life in Buckie. She served for nine years on the town council. She is survived by her husband James, a member of the present town council since 1971 and a married son and daughter.

Advert - M. Sharif and Anwar, 3 St Andrews Square, Buckpool, Bargain Sale in Seafield Hall, Portknockie.

Cullen Bowling Club Dance - Music by the **Ury Four**.

Joiners wanted - Apply to Davidson's Baron Lane.

No more petrol - Petrol sales will any longer be available at the Barhill Garage. Prop John West.

Dec 11 **Plans submitted** - Detailed plans of a proposal to build a comprehensive block of government offices on the site of the former Territorial Army Centre on West Church Street have been submitted to Buckie Town Council.

It is intended that the new building will accommodate all the government departments presently occupying other premises throughout the town.

As government departments are exempt from the need to obtain planning permission and building warrants the council simply noted the plans and agreed to make no comment.

New editorial reporter - Mr Raymond Shewan, 22, Mosstodloch, an Arts graduate of Aberdeen University is the new editorial reporter of the Banffshire Advertiser (In 2002 Raymond was with the P & J in Elgin.) It is said that he has joined the Advertiser staff for an indefinite period but is planning a career in journalism.

Do you want a pair of 'Baggies'? Special announcement. We have just received a delivery of 'Baggies' sizes 25-32 waist, all colours. General Drapery Store, 51-53 West Church Street.

18 Dec **Buckie man received serious injuries** - Buckie man, Garson Reid, 43, was seriously injured on Saturday morning when the car he was driving was involved in an accident with a tanker on the Braes of Enzie. Suffering from multiple injuries he was taken to Aberdeen Royal Infirmary. A production manager with Baxter's, Fochabers he is a married man living at 71 Well Road. The two passengers in the car were Martin Reid, 18, and Miss Patricia Edwards, 6 Hall Street who escaped serious injuries although were admitted to Dr Grays Hospital in Elgin for treatment.

Advert - Martin Percy Studios, Gordon Square, Portgordon. Toys, Cards, Cosmetics, Fancy Goods.

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Advert - Window glass replaced same day. Minor joiner work carried out. We supply and deliver all types of building materials. W. J. Smith.

Woman poet dies - Mrs Catherine Paterson nee Barron, Cowfurrich a poet who had a small book of poetry published, died at her home at Cowfurrich on 14 December 1974. She was a widow of the late John Paterson, Shoemaker. One of her poems described the Enzie while another told of the day of Peter Fair.

25 Dec **Shows promise** - David Reid, 14, son of Mr and Mrs Wm. Reid, Eastdale, St Peter's Road came first out of an entry of 2,700 in a national painting competition - 12-16 age group - and received a cheque for £50. His painting showed two fishing boats in a storm. The judges said: 'Although he did not attempt to draw his figures accurately we felt that the movement in the picture, the threatening sky and the sea captured extremely well the hostility of the elements in which a fisherman often has to work.' He has, however, no ambition to be an artist though he enjoys painting. He is though likely to become actively involved with the sea but in a scientific capacity.

Car parking on Cluny Square will continue to be allowed - A motion that car parking be banned in part of Cluny Square led to a heated argument at Buckie Town Council meeting last week and in the end the proposal was thrown out by the narrowest of margins. The motion was proposed by Treasurer A. J. Murray who suggested that the two southern quadrants of the Square should be withdrawn as a parking area so that the centre of the town could be beautified.

See report on the front page.

To the west not the north - Any extension to the New Cemetery will be west wards instead of northwards as had previously been the provision.

Advert - Christie Morrison - Haulage Contractor, Maintenance and Servicing of light commercial and private vehicles. 2 Bryson Crescent.

Advert - RSR Decorators, 22 Seaview Road - Fred Rumbles, John Smith and Harry Reid, Junior

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