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1 Jan **Joint Christmas Service** - Enzie North and Enzie South Churches on Sunday held a joint Christmas Service rendered by elders and office bearers. Mr Eric Johnston conducted the service and the sermon preached by Mr John Coull. Miss H. McGregor gave the children's address. Items contributed by the Sunday Schools were under the direction of Mr Bill Hunter and Mrs F. Shand. A collection to help provide holidays for Protestant and Catholic children from Northern Ireland raised £15.

Adverts - Wm. Findlay, Painter and Decorator, 2 Hope Street, Portessie.
Eric Stalker 9 Barhill Road, All types of building work undertaken also plastering, harling and taping.

J and D Campbell, 63 Yardie, Building and Pre-cast work

Spencer Lyon, Plumber, 6 Yuill Avenue.

R. Johnston, Wallpaper and Paint, 68 West Church Street.

J. H. Smith, Builders, 1McIntosh, Avenue, Craigbo.

George Scott and Sons, Builders, Stripeside, Buckie.

Sandy Anderson, Painter and Decorator, 36 Great Western Road.

James Campbell, Electrical Contractor, Redwood, High Street, Buckie.

Football - Deveronvale 1 Buckie Thistle 4 (H/L) With this win Buckie completed the festive time double over their old rivals.

8 Jan **In the New Year's Honour's List** - John Mackenzie, Managing Director of the shipyard of Herd & Mackenzie was made an OBE. Jack Cole, Engineer on the Buckie Lifeboat and Senior Baillie on Buckie Town Council received the BEM

New Year came in with a bang - To celebrate the beginning of the new year 75 rockets were set off by revellers on the Low Shore, Buckie on Hogmanay. (This was seen as news. In November 2002 rockets were being put off from mid October through to mid November much to the annoyance of most people with the police receiving many phone complaints and the call for fireworks to be outlawed apart from those in charge of bona fide firework displays. Some would like to see an end to them all together, believing that they serve no purpose.)

A major hand out - Buckie and District Round Table handed out the sum of £435 to different charities and organisations from Portsoy to Portgordon.

Bridgend today and yesterday - This edition of the 'Advertiser' showed a picture taken of Bridgend around the year 1900 and another this year. One shows the harbour packed with boats while the new one shows the harbour area as a dump. Unfortunately the reproduction is very poor

New vessel comes home - The fishing boat **Surmount**, built by the shipyard of Scott Lithgow at Campbeltown at a cost of £180,000 for Skipper George Slater, 51 of Glensheilin, 13 King Edward Terrace, Portknockie arrived at her home port of Buckie this week. Part owner of the new boat is Derek Wood also of Portknockie.

At 80 feet the Surmount is one of the largest boats in the Buckie Harbour, she has been fitted with a 500hp Alpha diesel engine and a 114hp Volvo auxiliary engine. On board the Surmount has all the latest Atlas equipment, including radar, echo finder and plotter.

Popular path receives repairs - The path that runs along the coast between Findochty and Strathlene and which is popular with both locals and visitors alike has been upgraded at a cost of £540. The costs were shared equally between the town councils of Buckie and Findochty.

Are you dancing? Buckie Fishermen's Association is to hold their Annual Ball in the St Andrew's Hall on Friday 31st January from 8 till 1.30am. Music by Bill Geddes and his band. Tickets cost 35.

A dance will take place in Deskford Public Hall on Friday 10 January from 9.30pm till 1am Music by the New Caledonia band. Admittance 40p

Cullen Bowling Club is holding a dance on Saturday 11 January for Members and guests only. Music by the Happy Wanderers. Tickets cost 40p.

Jan 15 **Aerial photograph of Buckie** - This was taken looking north with Victoria Park in the foreground. The reproduction is once again poor.

Enzie farmer dies - Ian Thomson, farmer, Burnside of Tynet died on Saturday after a long illness. He was in his late 50's. He was a Clydesdale enthusiast in earlier years and regularly won prizes at local shows. He leaves a wife and two sons, Frank and Wilson. The Thomsons have been in farming for over 150years.

Honour for former Buckie man - A medical man brought up and educated in Buckie has been appointed honorary physician to the Queen.

Dr Christie W. Gordon is Chief Medical Officer of West Midland Regional Health Authority based in Birmingham. He is a son of the late John Gordon who was Chief Public Assistance Officer for Banffshire before the war. His brother, Dr Ian Gordon is the consultant physician for North East of Scotland.

Badly required - A letter to the 'Advertiser' from a Dallachy woman spoke of the urgent need for a proper ladies' cloakroom near the centre of Buckie. She said that she did quite a lot of shopping in the town and the need had to be a pressing one before she would use the present cloakroom where there wasn't even water to wash one's hands.

What a shame about the quality of the reproduction - It is difficult to make out the people in the two photographs showing members of Lodge Richmond and Lodge Bulwark, both of which appear in this edition of the B. A. One is on page one the other on page 3.

New Assistant PT at B.H.S - James Coull, a native of Montrose has been appointed APT in Maths at Buckie High School. (Jim later left to become PT of Maths at Stranraer before later moving again to Kiriemuir)

*** **Poem** The poem Evangeline and also a short article tell of the sinking of the Portknockie fishing boat 70 years before with the loss of the whole crew. This was sent in by Charles Gardiner, 15 Logie Avenue, Cullen. **This is found on page 4.**

Article Winter and Our Feathered Friends **page 4 columns 1 and 2.**

22 Jan **Two launches from 'Herdies' on one day** - The first of the day was the second of twin Danish type anchor seiners built by Herd & Mackenzie shipyard. The 54 **Vikingborg** is identical in almost every respect to the **Arnborg**, which was launched at the end of November. Both boats were built for the Boston Deep Sea Fisheries of Hull and cost around £100,000 each. The second launch was that of the **Helenus**, a 56 stern trawler built for Skipper Albert Farquhar, 7 Wood Place, Portknockie. The Ullapool registered Helenus will fish mainly out of Lochinver and is a replacement for Mr Farquhar's old boat, **Smallwood**. He has been a skipper for about 7 years. Rev David Bennett, minister of Findochty and Portknockie Church of Scotland read the service before the launch.

Houses to be upgraded - Renovation work costing almost £82,000 is to start soon on the 48 flats in Wallace Avenue and Burns Square to bring them up to modern standards.

The internal work will be fairly extensive and includes the lining of the inside walls, removal of fireplaces to replace the old cast iron back boilers with new copper ones.

No launch, rough weather stopped play - Rough weather causing high seas led to a delay in the launching of the 70' **Rowantree**, a new fishing boat built by George Thomson and Son for Skipper George Reaich 2 Linn Crescent, Buckie. Although the launching didn't take place the new boat was named by Skipper Reaich's two daughters, Mary and Wilma.

Okay you can go ahead - Buckie Town council decided to grant a permit to W. D. Coull allowing him to install a gaming machine in the Buckpool Fish Bar but only on the condition that he would disconnect it during the busiest part of his day - between 4.30 and 5.30pm when it was thought the machine would cause an intolerable crowding in the shop.

Jan 29 **Legions hands out donations** - Buckie British Legion handed out donations over the past year of £1670. Of this £735 went on Christmas gifts to widows and old age pensioners while £566 was donated to the Earl Haig Fund.

Schoolboy's painting hung in the gallery - The painting that won 15 year old David Reid Eastdale, St Peter's Road, Buckpool a cheque for £50 when he came first out of almost 3000 entries in a competition for paintings about the sea or fishing is now on display in the Peter Anson Gallery in the Buckie Museum.

Pedestrian crossings on Buckie streets - A picture on page three of this week's edition of the 'Advertiser' shows the newly installed pedestrian crossing on High Street. Other crossings have been installed on East and West Church Streets.

Feb 5 **Boat launch** - The Lerwick registered **Venturous**, weighing 120 tons the biggest fishing boat ever built by Jones' Buckie shipyard was launched last week. The 82' vessel was built for Skipper William Williamson, Whalsay, Shetland and cost £150,000. The Venturous is powered by a 500hp Alpha two stroke engine and has a controllable pitch propeller. She carries a combined seine/trawl winch made by Sutherland of Lossiemouth.

Road accident claims the life of a Buckie man - George 'Dodie' Stewart, 4 Seaview Road, died in Falkirk hospital on Friday after receiving extensive injuries in a head on collision with a lorry near Cumbernauld. Mr Stewart who had been in Glasgow undergoing a six week course for a trainee ambulance driver was on his way home for the weekend when the accident occurred. He leaves a wife, one son and one daughter.

The Buckie Common Good Fund - Councillors decided to ask members of the public for sensible suggestions as to how they would like to see the £36,000 in the Common Good Fund spent.

Winter sales - Alex Esson, Tailor and Outfitter, Cluny Square. Baby Boutique. 45 West Church Street. General Drapery Store 51-53 West Church Street.

The Fry Inn (now called Louis') 19 west Church Street - We specialise in chicken, fish, scampi, omelettes, pies etc. We can deliver.

Campbell's (Joiners) Dinner Dance - St Andrew's Hotel on Friday 7 February. Bill Geddes and his band. Tickets cost £2.25. Commence at 7.30pm.

12 Feb **Portknockie Harbour** - Two pictures showing the harbour 'Yesterday and Today' Unfortunately the reproduction is poor

You are invited to come and see the new modern showroom opened for Jameison at 47 West Church Street. All makes of radio and TV in stock. The existing premises at 10 St Peter's Road will close on Saturday 15 February with the new shop opening on Monday 17 February.

Advert - Don't panic if window gets broken we will fit glass the same day also minor joiner work carried out. We supply and deliver all types of building materials. W. J. Smith. Phone 31757.

Adverts - Cliff Smith, Plumber and heating Engineer, 14 King Edward Terrace, Portknockie
Stanley Bowie, Electrical contractor, Domestic and Marine Work, Workshop and Showroom, 13 New Street, Portknockie

Are you smart enough? Smart boy wanted 16-17 years old and tidy. Claude Alexander's, 7 High Street.

Cathcart Chip Bar to open on February 25th - We will try to please you if we may So why not call round our way.
Carry out and table service. Ices, Confectionery and Cigarettes.
Closed Mondays. Tuesdays - Sundays - 9am till 11pm. Frying time - 4-11pm.
Proprietors Sheila and George Gauld.

Notice G. P and J. Hendry Dentists, 93 West Church Street wish to announce that as from Saturday 1st March their premises will be closed on Saturday afternoons.

19 Feb **Long serving postie retires** - Norman Taylor retired from the Post Office after serving for a period of 45 years. He received a presentation from Mr Alex Geddes, Postmaster.
He served with the Royal Engineers from 1940 till 1946 partly in the Middle East.

Radio Buckie the broadcasting service initiated and run by senior pupils at Buckie High School has extended its service to Seafield Hospital where patients will be able to tune in on two afternoons a week to programmes planned to suit all tastes.

Photographs show some of the members of the group including - Innes Flett, engineer, and producer Keith Fraser, both fifth year pupils, newscaster, Jill Adams 15 and 18 year old Morag McRae as they prepare their material and 5th year David Samuel working on the important filing system. **(Front page)**
(As usual the reproduction of the photographs are not of the best quality.)

Salmon season begins on the River Spey - Three pictures on page three show the boat crews going about their work but reproduction is poor.

26 Feb **Hotel managers receive presentation** - Mrs Jean Cowie presented Mr and Mrs George Lawson with a silver tea service on the occasion of their leaving the St Andrew's Hotel after three and a half years as managers. The couple are moving to Dalwhinnie where they are to take over the 24 bed Lockerfell Hotel.

New club formed - A senior citizen's club was formed in Buckie this week arising from the pensioners' day held every Thursday in the Community Centre. The office bearers elected were - President Councillor Ethel Brown, St Peter's Road, Secretary, Mrs J. Brown, 24 Inward Road, treasurer, Mrs Gray, 26 Sutherland Street. Committee - Mrs Farquhar, Carnie Place, Mrs Thomson, Seatown, Mrs Garden, Seatown, Councillor J. Milne, Mr J. Milton, Linn Crescent, Mr A. Brown, 24 Inward Road.

New bus - Aberdeen students handed over a specially adapted mini bus costing £3000 to the Multiple Sclerosis Society, Buckie Branch, at a ceremony on Cluny Square on Saturday afternoon (Report on page 1)

Death of Buckie town councillor - The death took place at his home 1 Ianstown Terrace on Tuesday of Robert M. McKenzie at the age of 53. He had been ill for some time. Mr McKenzie came to Buckie around 20 years ago and was co-opted on to Buckie town Council in May 1969. He was a JP and manager of the Buckie branch of the marine electronics firm of Decca Navigation Company Ltd. He leaves a wife and a married daughter.

Poem - 'Concerning The Covetous' is found on page 3, written by James Slater, Portsoy.

Advert - R.S.R. Painters and Decorators - F. Rumbles, J. Smith and H. Reid Jun.

5 Mar **To purchase the club house** - The clubhouse at Strathlene Golf Club which was built by Buckie Town Council three years ago at a cost of £6250 will soon become the property of the club itself. At present the town council owns both the clubhouse and the 18-hole golf course.

How to spend the Common Good Fund - Buckie Town Council held a special meeting on Thursday night last week to discuss the disbursement of the £36,000 in the Common Good Fund but after two hours only £6,600 was definitely disposed of. Buckie Thistle had asked for £8,000 for floodlights while Buckie Rovers asked for either a new strip or a donation.

Big Advert - Webster's (Grampian) Ltd, All types of electrical goods - TV's, W/M's, etc. etc. electric blankets and fires. 27 Bishopmill, Elgin.

Advert - Home Care, East Church Street, Wallpaper and Paints etc.

12 Mar **Advert** - Grove School of Motoring - Bob Hendry, 11 Cathcart Grove.

Huge Advert - George Davidson a Son, Builders, 19 High Street presents a Fireplace Show and Sale in the Commercial Hotel on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 18 -20 March from 10am till 9pm daily.

Advert - The Chippy West High Street, Portgordon.

Advert - Business Lunch three course - Monday to Saturday from 12.30 till 1.30pm. 75p inc. VAT. Commercial Hotel.

Butcher retires - W.J. Taylor, Butcher, 18 East Church Street has retired. He and his wife Beth thank customers and friends for their custom over the past 27 years.

Advert - Riddoch's of Rothiemay Ltd, Sawmill, and Mosstodloch.

Sawn Timber **2" x 1" (50x25) 11p per metre**
 4"x 2" (110x50) 40p per metre
 3"x 2" (75x50) 32p per metre

19 Mar **No £8,000 for Buckie Thistle** - The town council decided not to give Buckie Thistle the £8,00 they had asked for from the Common Good Fund to pay for floodlights.

New owners take over - The Cathcart Chip Shop on East Cathcart Street long owned by Mr Willie Coull is now under new management.

Rome Villa up for sale

26 Mar **SNP stalwart dies** - The death took place on Sunday of, John West, proprietor of the Barhill Garage, and a leading figure in the SNP in Banffshire. He had been in poor health for some time.

No more herring fishing until July.

Closing Down Sale - Final Reductions - Silkie Fashions, Cluny Square.

2 April **Horror Crash Claims Lives of three Buckie people** - A Buckie man, his wife and daughter were killed on Monday in a head-on crash in the Fochabers Woods less than two miles east of Fochabers while on their way to some Easter shopping in Elgin.

The party was Mr Alexander Coull, 49, his wife, Helen 45, and daughter June 18, Mr Coull was a crew-member of the fishing boat, Avoca. Two sons, James and William are left as orphans and are being cared for by relatives.

Boats Blockade - As a protest about the import of cheap foreign fish there was a blockade of the Buckie Harbour by inshore fishing boats.

Advert - Sandy Anderson, Painter and Decorator - 16 Great Eastern Road. (Sandy was still going on in 2002)

Advert - RSR Painters and Decorators (The firm had folded some years before 2002 after two of the partners, Jocky Smith and Harry Reid had suffered ill health. Fred Rumbles was still going on in 2002 and did a number of jobs for us at 21 Sutherland Street over recent years.)

Brrrr not such a Good Friday for some. Photographs in the local paper showed a fair fall of snow in the Buckie area. The Buckie Thistle versus Rothes game was off due to the depth of snow on Victoria Park.

End of the line for JP courts - The last Buckie JP court took place on Thursday past. Those on the bench were Jack Cole and Charles I. Shearer.

An archivist appointed - Moray District Council have appointed an archivist to look after burgh records. (At one time there were two but sadly some time after Moray Council came into power in their wisdom felt that they could be got rid of. It would seem that a number of valuable artefacts, including a valuable 13th century charter, have disappeared with their departure.)

Opening announcement - A new Sports Shop is to open at 29 West Church Street on 21 April. Proprietors, Mr and Mrs James Bruce. (The shop was recently occupied by Cammie Murray as a carpet shop. Some previous uses for the property was as a café, Maybank Café and further back the Buttercup Dairy. For some years prior to 2002 the property had been occupied by Yvonne Marshall who sold different kinds of material besides articles of men and women's underclothes.)

Fancy a run tae Aiberdeen? A cheap day excursion to Aberdeen has been organised by Alexander's. The fare is £1.30 for adults and 87 p for juveniles.

9 April **End of the blockade** - The fishermen returned to sea this week after a three-day blockade of the harbour as a protest against the import of cheap fish. A photograph in the local paper showed some fishing boats across the mouth of the harbour stopping a cargo boat from sailing.

A Social Club - Buckie Thistle have been given the go-ahead to convert the former Territorial Hall on West Church Street into a Social Club. This was the decision of Banffshire Planning Committee last week who approved of the application. An objection was lodged by the Small Bore Rifle Club whose range is found to the rear of the building and who claimed that the conversion would mean an end to the club which had been in existence for nearly twenty years. (It was.) County architect, Mr Sandy Wilson, said how **this wasn't a valid reason for objecting.**)

*******Appointment of Buckie's last town councillor - Geddes Wood (30) employed as a carpenter with the firm of George Thomson and Son, of 11 Turner Street was co-opted on to the town council recently. His reign is to be a short one as the council meets for the last time next Monday.**

Buckie Tufty Club - Road Safety Training - The enrolment and first meeting of the club for children of 3-5 years will take place on Wednesday 18 April 1975 from 2.15 till 3pm Cost 20p Crèche available.

Buckie Lyric Opera Committee is to hold a Spring Fayre in the Fishermen's hall on Saturday 12 April from 10 am till 4.30pm. Tea tickets admission 15p with children 10p. Various stalls, Raffle - Fun for children.

16 April **Boat launch** - A 74' seine net trawler, **Copious built** for Wm. McKay. Sandend was launched from the shipyard of Herd & McKenzie on Saturday afternoon. The new boat is BF registered. Skipper McKay, 47, who replaced his old boat also called Copious with the new one has been fishing for 25 years and a skipper for 13 is joined in the new venture by two sons, William, 22, and Ian, 19 who are part owners. The Copious is powered by a Kelvin diesel engine and has a Sutherland combined winch.

Former Buckie man killed - Dr Edwin Moul, 28, son of a former Methodist minister who served at Buckie from 1956 to 1962 was killed in a motor cycle accident near Oban while on holiday in the area. Dr Moul was Dux of Buckie High School in 1962. He was an MA graduate in classics of Glasgow University before taking his PhD at an English University. He was latterly employed with the Ministry of Defence at Chelmsford.

Moray District Council The Provisional budget for their first year has been set at £2,500,000

Advert - Henderson Construction ,Portgordon, 6-wheel tipper lorry for hire.

Advert - Cluny Sports, 29 West Church Street, next to the Playhouse is to open on Monday 21 April. Props. Mr and Mrs Joe Bruce.

23 Apr. **The end of a long line** - Buckie Town Council meets for the last time on Monday and aim to distribute a further £10,000 from the Common Good Fund. This brings the total of money paid out to £26,700 and leaves £15,000 still in the kitty.

Buckie Thistle got £2000, Buckpool Golf club the same. The shelter for fishermen at the harbour, Buckie and District Benevolent Society £2000. Radio Buckie £1000. Buckie Rovers F.C. £400; Buckie Cricket Club £500; Boy Scouts £400; Girl Guides £400; Buckie Bird Cage Society £50.

(The whole list is given on page one of the 'Advertiser')

Buckie Town Council - A photograph of the council, taken in the council chambers is to be found in this edition of the 'Advertiser'. A report is given on each of the members.

It was agreed that streets in the new Linn of Freuchny housing scheme should be named after former provosts of the town - Douglas Crescent - Shearer Avenue and Archibald Grove. Raffan Road to be named after Mrs Jessie Milne whose own surname was Raffan.

Closing down - Silkie Fashions, Cluny Square is to close down on 3 May.

Open now - Come and visit Buckie's newest lounge bar. The Commercial Hotel is proud to announce the opening of the Harness Room.

30 Apr. **Long serving people to retire** - Buckie's Town Chamberlain, Miss Ann Stewart and her deputy, George Findlay who between them have seen almost 75 year's service with the town council are to retire on May 15, the eve of local government reform in Scotland. Miss Stewart, Duncraig, High Street, is an MA graduate of Aberdeen University and a post graduate of Accounts and Economics of Dundee School of Economics. She has been Town chamberlain for the past 15 years and was depute chamberlain for four years before that.

A launch took place -- The hull of the 65' seiner trawler **Quo Vadis** was launched from the yard of George Thomson and Son on Saturday. The Quo Vadis is being built for Wick skipper George Donn and part-owner, Kenneth Gunn at a cost of £120,000 to replace his present boat, **Good Hope**. The new vessel is to be fitted with a 415 Kelvin diesel engine with a Sutherland combined winch and will be ready for the sea in about two month's time.

Buckie Round Table Five-a-Side team won the Scottish Round Table Championships at Perth. Those in the team were - Sandy Coull, Willie McDonald, Willie Cowie, Bruce Roy and Malcolm Cowie - other member John McVean. There is a photograph of the players on page three but the reproduction is very poor.

Findochty F.C. A photograph of the team that has been playing in the Buckie and district Welfare League is to be found in this edition of the B. A. But once again the reproduction is poor. The players, all named, are - S. Grier, J. Anderson, C. Farquhar, W. Smith, J. Farquhar, R. Green, R. Nicol, J. Sutherland, D. Chalmers, M. Smith, J. Slater, P. Clark and George Cowie. The last named went on to play for West Ham and later Hearts.

A light in the darkness - A photograph on page three shows a Bristow helicopter placing a new £900 warning light on the tower on the West Mucks rocks which guard the entrance to Buckie Harbour. The light is fitted with a photo cell battery with a 12 month life span which operates with the light density to which it is exposed. In murky or twilight conditions therefore the light will operate automatically

May 7 **Payment for councillors** - Moray District Councillors is to be pay £10 for attending council meetings in Elgin? They can also claim up to £10 per month for holding consultative meetings with members of the public in their wards

New team - A new football team has entered the Buckie and District Welfare League . This is the Propeller Works. A photo of the team together with their names is given in this edition of the local paper.

Winners for the third time - Buckie and District Round Table became three times winner of the annual Five-A-Side championships. It is little wonder they had in their team Willie Cowie, Malcolm Cowie and Spencer Lyon , all three still playing in the Highland League. Also in the side was former player Bruce Roy.

Moray District - A map on page four of the local paper shows the newly created Moray District with all the names of the wards printed on top. The Regional boundary is also shown . **Moray District Council to become operational on 16 May 1975.**

Advert - Allan Jamieson. Coachbuilder, Highland Yard, Freuchny Lane

14 May - **Advert** - John Black, Building Contractor , Clochan. Tipping lorry for hire.

***** **Big change** - At midnight tomorrow, Thursday 15 May 1975, the counties of Scotland will lose their identities in the larger District and Regional units . Buckie, Cullen and Keith will fall within Moray while newcomers, Turriff and Fraserburgh will join Banff and Buchan.

Saving Bank museum window - The public were advised that they could see something of maps, councillors and items, new and old in the changing scene of local government in this week's Museum Window of the Aberdeen Savings Bank. You can see a specimen of the Grampian Christmas card and the commemorative booklet of Banffshire released this month.

New Depute rector appointed - Mr E. J. Jagger was this week appointed Depute rector of Buckie High School to succeed Mr Ronald Urquhart who has become rector of Campbeltown High School, Mr Jagger is presently assistant headteacher Curriculum at Inverness High School. He takes up his duties in August.

To raise money - Buckie Rovers F.C, are to open a Thrift Shop in the former Clydesdale Radio and TV shop on Cluny Square on the following days 14, 15 and 16 May between the times of 2 to 4.30pm daily. The club is also holding a Jumble Sale on Friday 15 in the Town House at 6.15pm.

Advert - Campbell's' Joiners and Carpenters, Redwood, High Street. Workshop, Railway Terrace.

Change of address Allan Jamieson, Coachbuilders, formerly of West End Garage, Arradoul will be in his new premises at the Highland Yard, Freuchny Lane, Buckie as from May 12.

Advert - Norleigh, Boarding and Gundog Kennels. Drybridge, Buckie.

Museum attendant wanted - Moray District Council Library Service requires a museum attendant from June to October at Buckie Museum and Art Gallery. Salary based on NJC Clerical Grade £888 - £1662 per annum scaled to hours and weeks worked.

The museum is open daily except Monday from 10am till 12 noon and from 2 to 4pm daily. Apply to Moira Innes, Director of Libraries District Library, Grant Lodge, Cooper Park, Elgin.

21 May **Advert** - Robert Garrow VG Stores, 5 Seaview Road, Findochty - also Findochty taxis.

**** **Poem *The Drifters*** by D. P. Kelty is found on page 3 on columns 3 and 4.

British Legion Football team - A photograph of the team is to be found on page 3. The players are all named unfortunately the reproduction is poor.

League Champions - Buckie Rovers F.C. were the North Regional (North) Junior League Champions for season 1974/75.

Whitehills want to join the North Juniors - Whitehills are to make application to join the North Regional Junior League after 6 years in the Buckie and District Welfare League. They have been given permission to use Deveronvale's Princess Royal Park as their home ground till their own ground has been brought up to require standards.

Am nae tae cut hair on a Setterday efterneen ony Langer - Bill Forbes 'The Lightning Barber' Baron Street, is giving notice that he will be closing at lunchtime on a Saturday from now on.

For sale - Ladies' Hairdressing Salon in Buckie . Belhaven, 56 West Church Street.

May 28 (Term Day) **Vote yes** - Commander Robert Young, Managing Director of Jones' Shipyard, Buckie, gave a warning that a No Vote to joining the Common Market would spell disaster for the boat building industry. (Alex Thomson

speaking in 2002 said that his father William Thomson of George Thomson and Son, Boatbuilders had a completely different view and with hindsight his view has proved to be correct.)

A boat launch at Lossiemouth - Commander Young was speaking at a luncheon in the Mill Hotel. Tynet following the launching at Jones' Shipyard in Lossiemouth of the 55 feet **Derona**. The Derona is the second fishing boat to be built by Jones' at Lossiemouth since they re-established the boat-building industry in the town in the late 1960's after a lapse of thirty years. Albert McIntosh, Aberdeen, will skipper the **Derona**.

Charles Eckersley is voting Yes for Europe - Charles Eckersley of Moray Fish Supply had a big advert in the local paper-advising people to vote yes to Europe in the Referendum on June 5

Advert - Irene Anne Designs - 30 Cameron Crescent . Give all your posters and charts a professional look give them to Anne. Personalised printing of forms and designs etc. .

Bill Geddes' Band is still playing - Cullen Bay Hotel is to hold a Supper Dance on Friday 30 May with music by Bill Geddes' Band.

Yes and No to Joining the Common Market - The Tories were all for people saying **Yes** to joining by Hamish Watt MP SNP was urging people to say **No**.

June 4 **Want to raise money - hold a coffee morning.** It took a long time to catch on that you could make money by serving people tea, coffee and morning rolls on a Saturday morning but by 1975 they were very common and profitable. Lodge Craigenroan made £108 from one that they held in the Community Centre while Buckie Choral Union raised £70 from their one held in the North Church Hall.

The Rovers lose narrowly - Buckie Rovers were beaten by a late goal in extra time in the play-off against Sunnybank for the overall North Regional Championship.

A change of policewoman - Sandra McIver, 2, took up duty as a policewoman in Buckie this week. She belongs to Alves and has been in the police force for 18 months. She will be the only policewoman in Buckie and replaces P/W Fiona Middleton, who was the first to be stationed in Buckie. She has been transferred to the West Mercia Division.

Dance at Cornhill - A late dance will take place in the Hay Memorial Hall, Cornhill on Saturday 7 June. From 9.30pm till 1am. Music to be supplied by 'Saucidity'

June 11 **Grampian Region votes Yes** - The Grampian in common with all but two of the regional and island authorities in Scotland returned a resounding 'Yes' verdict in last Thursday's Common Market referendum.

Boat launch - The 56 feet long steel-hulled stern trawler, '**Heather Sprig**' was launched from the shipyard of Herd and McKenzie on Saturday afternoon. The boat which cost over £100,00 to build was built for Skipper John Smith, 31, 9 Samson Avenue, Craigbo and part-owned by Wm. Phimister, 4 Cluny Terrace, both Buckie and is a replacement for their former boat, '**Faithful**'. The Heather Sprig will be powered by a 295hp Kelvin diesel engine and will have a Robertson hydraulic trawl winch and carries a Kort nozzle round the propeller to give increased towing capability.

Advert - James Campbell, Electrical Contractor, Redwood, 89 High Street, Buckie. Business address - Railway Terrace.

Photograph of new houses at Linn of Freuchny - A photograph on page 3 shows the first group of houses being built on the new scheme at Linn of Freuchny. The reproduction is poor.

Work Going on at Strathlene Golf Club - A photograph in this edition of the local paper shows work going ahead on the £26,00 extension at Strathlene Golf Club to accommodate a members lounge, bar and committee room. The extension was thought to be necessary because of the increase in the membership, which has doubled in the last two years and now stands at over 470. The club recently bought the clubhouse and site for £6250 from Buckie Town Council.

***** **A poem is found on page three** - This is titled **The Buckie Disaster** and written by Anne Cowie. Mrs Pirie, formerly Ella Cowie, sent it to the local paper for inclusion, Donetta, Sutton Hill Road, Bishop Sutton, Somerset.

Spoilt for choice - No less than three coffee mornings are to take place this Saturday. St Peter's Primary School are holding their one in the Community Centre, The Scout Group will be in the North Church Hall and All Saints Sunday School are having theirs in the church hall.

18 June **Massive rroup to take place at Cullen House** - The contents of one of the North's most stately homes, Cullen House, the home of the Earl of Seafield and his family are to be auctioned in September during a three day sale on 22,23 and 24. Christie's the London auctioneers will sell off furniture, glass, porcelain, books and paintings

The house will no longer be open to the public as it has been during the last ten years.

The Countess of Seafield left an estate amounting to £1,400,000 when she died in 1969 but had handed over much of her property to her son before this to avoid death duties.

Boat launch - A 70feet seine netter, christened **Moravia** was launched from the shipyard of Herd & McKenzie on Saturday afternoon. The **Moravia** is the 7th boat to be built by H & M for a Lossiemouth family in the past 40 years. The new boat has been built for Skipper J. Campbell Thomson and partners and cost over £100,000

The white-hulled Moravia is a replacement for Skipper Thomson's previous boat, the Olive Leaf that went down in the North Sea off Wick last year. She is fitted with a 230hp Gardner diesel engine and is fitted with a Sutherland winch. He intends to fish out of Lochinver.

**** **Swimming Pool** - Buckie's new swimming pool opens today, Wednesday 18 June 1975 at 5pm. Several burghs financed the construction of the new indoor swimming pool. The baths manager is Mr Charles Boyle.

Strathlene Swimming pool - At last week's recreation committee meeting of Moray District Council, councillor Edward Douglas protested strongly against a proposal by Mr Robert Cherry, the Director of Recreation that the open air swimming pool at Strathlene should not be opened this summer because of its condition. Mr Cherry said that extensive repairs would have to be carried out to bring it up to scratch and since no finances had been reserved for this work to be carried out it was his suggestion that the pool remain closed until the repairs could be completed.

Councillor Douglas said that it would be a shame to deprive the public of the pool, which was always a tremendous attraction during the summer months. The committee agreed that an effort should be made to have the pool ready for use as soon as possible

Advert - D. R. McKenzie, Centra Stores, 14 Main Street, Findochty.

Advert - Hay cutting with Rotary Mower also baling. Ian Brown Upper Ryeriggs

Cullen Bowling Club is to hold a dance in the clubhouse for members and guests on Saturday night. Music to be provided by the **Happy Wanderers**.

Dancing in Deskford - a dance will take place in the Public Hall at Deskford on Friday 20 June. Admission 40p. Right of admission reserved. Music by the **New Caledonia** band.

Jun 25 **Police Inspector to retire** - Inspector Lachlan Stuart who has been in charge of Buckie Police Station for the last 6 years is to retire next week after almost 30 years in the Force.

New factory to open - A new factory is to open at 36 Commercial Road today. This is the latest venture by A. J. Stewart, Family Butcher, 29 West Church Street, Buckie.

Customers are invited to view the meat preparation factory between 7pm and 9 on Wednesday 25 June.

Jul 2 **Clever quine** - This year's Dux of Buckie High School is Jennifer Barnes, 26 Seaview Road, Buckpool.

New organist appointed to the North Church - Peter Mackay, 16, was appointed organist of the North Church to succeed David Riddell who is leaving shortly for Inverurie where his father, Buckie's last Town Clerk has taken up a new appointment under local government reorganisation.

Boat launch - The 71' fishing boat, **Delightful** built by Jones' for Skipper John McKay, 48, of Portsoy and his brother Findlay and nephew Reginald McKay both of Buckie was launched on Saturday. The new boat is a replacement for the old 'Delightful' which Skipper McKay has had for the past 17 years.

The new boat is powered by a 500hp Kelvin diesel engine and carries a Sutherland combined winch.

New organisations established - Community Associations were set up at Findochty, Portgordon and Clochan during the last week.

**** **A poem is found on page 4 columns 1 and 2.** This is titled **Memories O' the Sloch** by A. Smith 2 Oglivie Street

Jul 9 **Duxes at Portknockie** - Myra Smith 1 Falconer Terrace and George Wilson, Deeside, King Edward Terrace were first equal and shared the Anderson Bruce Memorial Prize.

Dux at Findochty - Joyce Murray who recently moved to Greystones, East Cathcart Street, Buckie is this year's Dux of Findochty School. She won the Alister John Olson Memorial Prize.

Gardens open - The gardens at Gordon Castle will be open on Sunday under the Scotland Garden Scheme.

Poem - A poem titled The Fisherman is found on page four on columns 3 and four. It was written by former Portgordon man, David Cowie. He wrote it after spending a night on his brother's boat, Strathpeffer. It was submitted by the late man's sister Mrs Joy Innes, 5 Gordon Street.

A rare bird - A white billed diver was seen off Buckie between March 5 and May 20 1972. This has now been accepted by the Scottish Ornithologist Club and accepted by the rarities committee after almost three years of examination and discussion by experts. They reached their decision largely on the basis of photographic evidence submitted by keen bird watcher, Derek McGinn former Buckie High School teacher.

The bird breeds in the far north of Finland and in the tundra region of the Soviet Union and is only very rarely recorded in the British Isles. He also spotted a red billed shrike on May 26 1973.

Other rarities - A yellow wagtail was spotted at Dallachy by J.M. Beattie on July 28 1973 and in late February saw an extremely large flock of snow buntings numbering around 150 near the mouth of the Spey.

John Edelston, Cullen saw a brambling, a finch closely related to a chaffinch. At Aberlour on January 24 Mr Edelston saw a pied flycatcher, he also saw several pairs of dotterels at Banff, a plover-like bird rarely seen apart from its breeding places high in the Cairngorms. (This is all found on page 4 column 6 – Rare Bird Accepted.)

16 July **Death of Peter Anson** - A report on the front page of the local paper tells of the death of the well-known marine artist and writer Mr Peter Anson.

Young organist takes over - Peter McKay, 16, of 59 East Church Street, Buckie has been appointed organist and choirmaster of Buckie South and West Church.

Advert - George Cowie, Builder, 1 Cooper Street, Buckpool. Free estimates – personal attention. All types of building and jobbing work undertaken.

23 July **Little of interest to record**

30 July **Peter Fair** - The local paper has a good article written on Peter Fair together with some photographs. This is given on the front page. Two other photographs are found on page three showing a scene at Peter Fair in days gone by and one of the present day.

Advert - Milton and Turner, Painters and Decorators, Ames Taping Contractors, Buckie.

Advert – Honda Motorcycles – Surgeoners, Autosales, 1 Bank Street.

6 Aug. **Peter Dick returns** – (W. J. Cowie 'Poet' has returned north and has again an article in the 'Advertiser') His first article in this edition is well worth reading.

Death of former professional football player - Wm. 'Stir' Milne, who played for Buckie Thistle in the 1920's before signing for Arsenal, the London club for which he served as a player and later trainer for a long time died in London at the age of 79. He was a brother of Charles Milne, shoemaker, who had a shop at the corner of High Street and West Cathcart Street.

'Stir' was a tailor to trade and later worked at Jones' Shipyard before moving to London. His wife was Buckie girl formerly Miss Janet Smith.

Answers to the Horrible Puns competition –

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13 Aug **Death of the 'Advertiser' editor** – The death took place this week at his home, Glenyra, East Church Street of Angus W. MacDonald, at the age of 55. Apart from being editor of the Banffshire Advertiser he was also a free lance journalist and wrote for the Press and Journal, evening Express, Sunday Post and other national papers. **A full report is given on page one**

Cullen Gala breaks records - The Cullen Bowling Club had a very successful Gala Week or more the 8 days of amusement and entertainment cleared a record profit of £1300. They were blessed with sunshine throughout with all events being well patronised by both locals and holidaymakers alike.

**** **The Gale of 1893** - An article titled The Story of the Great Gale of November 1893 is given on page three.

Football - Buckie Thistle 0 St Johnston F.C. 1 (F)

Liptons now Templetons - High Street, Buckie require a general assistant aged between 16 and 18 years.

Advert - Cameron P. Hendry, Mini Market, Bridge Place, Buckie Phone 31830

20 Aug. **Calum Kennedy** - A photograph on the front page of the 'Advertiser' shows the singer, Calum Kennedy together with his family of four bonny girls who accompanied him in a concert given in the Fishermen's Hall, Buckie last week.

Green fingered Bob - Bob Dawson, 36 Land Street, Buckie was Champion of Cullen Flower Show for the fourth year in succession.

Death of Buckie stalwart - The death took place the previous week of George 'Dod' Murray 'Stone' at the age of 81. A report on his life is given on page one.

Poem - A poem titled 'Nae Listenin' is found on page 3, written by Ferm Loon.

Peter Dick is found on page 4

Advert - Morrison's Corner Shop at 46 West Church Street is to open on Friday Aug 22. 1975

27 Aug **New teachers at B.H.S.-** Edward Jagger - Depute Rector; Mrs K. Boyle, English, James Harkness, Maths; Mrs M. Harkness, French; Ian Cowie, Science; Miss P. Legge, Home Economics; Miss M. Wilson, Speech and Drama.

People will be pleased - Note the blue bag is now back among the crisps.

Sept 3 **Bank building opened** - The new Aberdeen Savings Bank on Cluny Square built at a cost of £64,000 opened this week. Two pictures in this edition of the 'Advertiser' show the old corner of the Square and the buildings that were demolished to allow the new building to be built.

Pool proves to be popular - Mr Charles Boyle manager of Buckie Swimming Pool has said that since the pool was opened 11 weeks ago it has been used by 55,000 people an average number of 6000 per week.

Advert - Now open - Hay's Wallpaper and Paint Shop at 43 West Church Street, Buckie.

Cullen House and the forthcoming major sale of its artefacts. - Hamish Watt, local MP declared Cullen House and all that it stood for as being an unwanted symbol of feudalism which many people would be pleased to see disappear. This brought sharp reaction from many of the townspeople of Cullen and from a large number of people over a wide area interested in seeing the ancestral home collection of art kept intact. One of those who leading the fight being a Banff school teacher.

Advert - For motor insurance try W. H. Cowie, Wyvenhoe, Durn Road, Portsoy.

17 Sept **From an earlier note** – “The Scharnhorn will spend the next few months in Cluny Harbour undergoing a refit and part conversion to oil burning by a local ship-building firm when the work of restoring her to her former glory is completed she will be used for pleasure cruising and charter work on the west coast of Scotland.”

This was stated in the ‘Advertiser’ on the arrival of the old German yacht in Buckie in 1973. Now almost two years later she is still lying in Cluny Harbour in the same berth and in the same dilapidated state as when she sailed round the Mucks with her proud owner Udney business man Mr Keith Schellenberg at the wheel.

Early death of High School teacher - Dr Slater, a teacher of Chemistry at Buckie High School of 8 Steinbeck Road, died in hospital on Friday. He was 46.

Given the ‘Go-Ahead’ - Buckpool Golf Club have been given the go-ahead by Moray District Council’s Planning and Development Committee for their proposed sports and recreation complex at the course.

Buckpool Fish Shop - The fish and chip shop on St Paul’s Street, Buckpool, formerly owned by Sid and Helen McIntosh and more recently by Maureen and Donald Coull has been sold to Mr D. S. Wood.

Half a hunner! Buckie Chapter 258 of the OES is to celebrate their 50th anniversary with a Dinner Dance in the St Andrew’s Hotel on October 11 1975. Music by Bill Geddes’ Band. Tickets £2

24 Sept **Cullen House roup** – This edition of the ‘Advertiser’ shows photographs of some of the paintings and other features which were on sale at the three day roup at Cullen House. The books in the library, alone, are estimated to fetch £450,000. The roup which began on Monday will end on Wednesday. £132,000 was made on the first day, more than the auctioneers, Christies’ had expected.

Some profit - A limewood panel bought in 1874 for £14 sold for 5000 gns. (see front page)

More of the aristocracy to move - Captain Ian Tennant and Lady Margaret are to move from Innes House to Lochnabo House, Lhanbryde because of spiralling costs of maintenance. He plans to hand over Innes house to the Mutual Household Association for Scotland with a view to having it converted into 12 flats (a report is given on page 1)

Oct 1 **Cullen House** - The ‘Advertiser’ had more pictures taken at the major sale of the furnishings at Cullen House.. One of those shows the costliest item of all – a portrait which was sold for £21,000 and bought by the Grant family.

A quote – Cullen House “A monument to a Bygone Time”

Advert – Now in business for all your freezer requirements – James M, Boddie Family Butcher, St Paul Street, Retail butcher – farm produce.

8 Oct **Sub Aqua Club** - The recently former Sub Aqua Club in Buckie has now 30 members, three of whom are female. . Almost ½ of the male members are fishermen who meet at Strathlene Pool on Saturday afternoons.

Boat launch - The 72’ fishing boat, **Hopecrest BCK166** built at a cost of £160,000 for skipper John R. Campbell, 5 Blantyre Terrace, Findochty and part owners, Wm. Herd, Findochty, George Innes, Buckie and Richard Irvin and Son was launched on Saturday morning from the shipyard of George Thomson and Son.

The Hopecrest is Mr Campbell's first boat and will be fitted with a 425hp Caterpillar diesel engine. The transom stern vessel will carry a Sutherland seine trawl winch and a 24 inch power block.

15 Oct **Killed in road accident** - Buckie draper, Mr Mohamed Sharif, 5 St Andrew's Square was killed last week when his van was in collision with a lorry on the A1 south of Edinburgh.

His two daughters, passengers in the van, escaped with bruising and lacerations and were detained in hospital at Haddington. Mr Sharif, 42, moved to Buckie from Newcastle several years ago.

Great boon to fishermen - A photograph on the front page of the 'Advertiser' shows the fishing boat, **Adonis**, being fitted with what has proved to be a great boon to crew members since its introduction to fishing boats. This is a deck shelter under which men can work in relative safety and comfort.

Buckie Rovers photo call on page 4 - The reproduction is fairly good in that all the players can be recognised. They are - Robbie Nicol, John Green, Brain Taylor, Mike Matthews, G. Innes, R. Hendry, Alan McDonald, G. Cormack, Sandy Innes, David McKay, Mike Smith and Jimmy Mitchell, trainer.

Cullen football players enjoy night out - Photograph on page four David Sellar voted Player of the Year.

Cowie to leave Victoria Park - Johnnie Cowie, a local football player, is set to leave Buckie Thistle because of the attitude of certain sections of the crowd who have been giving him stick. John joined Buckie Thistle a year ago following a leg break. He had great partnership with Ian Stephen at Inverness Thistle when between them they scored many goals.

Advert - Moray Firth Meat Supplies, 10 Station Road, Portessie.

Dinner Dance - Buckie Fish Processing Co. are to hold their annual Dinner Dance in the St Andrew's Hotel on Saturday 8 November. 5.30 for 6pm. Tickets may be had from the fish shop.

Action Ball - A Dinner Dance will take place in the St Andrew's Hotel on 24 October in aid of the National Fund for Research Into Crippling Diseases (Buckie Branch)

For sale - Midway Cottage.

Oct 22 **Horrible Puns Competition** - Each answer word begins with the letter to which the letter of the alphabet it is attached, e.g. . the first answer should begin with the letter A.

First prize is a week's holiday in ?? , the second prize is two week's holiday in ??

- A. Friendly reply to enquiry regarding your political affiliation (7)
- B. It's a lot of rot, but you leave the barber's in a hurry (10)
- C. Delivery from wily bowler could gobble you. (8)
- D. For many of us, this has happened to our golf during the past ten years. (6)
- E. Old brand is sadly a measure for most films nowadays.(9)
- F. Over enthusiastic high spot for Lady Windermere's air conditioner. (7)
- G. Cards like these are mostly welcome but there are scowls around. (8)
- H. It keeps you healthy to greet Rabbie's wife (7)
- I. Whist! It's the perfect start (5)
- J. Wise choice from a Kosher menu (9)
- K. Well it could have culinary uses in Nepal. (5)
- L. Off-hand shout about weed shortage (13)
- M. Good grief! The hound's after the fruit (10)
- N. Better than old blooms, but there are signs of stress (8)

- O. Come now! You pick it inside (5)
- P. Unwanted fruits of physical education (7)
- Q. Stimulus for busker's song (5)
- R. Sounding jolly, but creating tears. (7)
- S. You can go wrong for two hours after sex, so rise and shine (11)
- T. Not necessarily a pontoon cheat. (7)
- U. Employ the fork – sender for Shylock's trade (5)
- V. Its wrong but its gripping (4)
- W. Bemure and partly successful (7)
- X. Its barred but you can still hear it played (9)
- Y. Story for a wool gatherer (4)
- Z. Has -----body here seen Kelly? It's a daft clue (4)

Be a sport don't look at the answers below until you have tried the competition.

Answers to the Horrible Puns competition –

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Oct 22 **Sunday School in clover** - An autumn tea in aid of Buckie North Church Sunday School held in the hall on Saturday afternoon raised £200.

Cullen Museum Window - The Savings Bank in Cullen had a number of interesting artefacts on its 'museum window'. The Buckie bank has had many artefacts on display from local and from much wider afield such as the agricultural museum near Huntly.

Boys Brigade on parade - 78 members of the 2nd company of Buckie boys Brigade marched from St Andrews's Square to the Methodist Church for the annual service of dedication at which 74 boys were enrolled. The parade was under the command of Captain John Sandison and the service was conducted by the chaplain, Rev Wm. Jamieson.

Opening announcement - On Thursday 30 October a new self-service vacuum pack butchery opens at 18 East Church Street. Proprietor, A. G. Stewart.

Grampian Fabricators Ltd have a vacancy for an Erector/Sheeter. Apply to Frank Langnes, C/o G. F. Ltd March Road. Buckie.

Possible boarding house conversion etc - 70 East Church Street.

5 Nov. **Photo of new shop** - This edition of the 'Advertiser' carries a photograph of the new butcher shop at 18 East Church Street with two of the assistants, Ms Audrey Booth and Mrs Nellie Reid.

Town Clock - Moray District Council Leisure and Recreation Committee has decided to spend £325 on cleaning and overhauling Buckie's Town Clock located in the steeple of the North Church. All together 11 town clocks throughout the district are to receive attention from a Derby firm of experts.

*** **The Captain Scott** - A rescue committee has been set up to examine the future of the Captain Scott - the adventure schooner. (A report is given on page 4.)

Thank you - Following a spell in hospital Isobel had a note in the local paper thanking all family, friends, relatives and neighbours for their kind enquiries, cards and gifts.

12 Nov **The reproduction of photographs is once again extremely poor.**

Opening announcement - Cowie's Fabrics - 39 East Church Street.

Decorating - Have you a room needs papering? Paper hung at £1 per roll, J. Cameron, 46 Yuill Avenue.

19 Nov **Cage Bird Show** - There were 350 entries at Buckie and District Cage Bird Society's annual open show held in the St Andrew's Hall on Sunday. This was a record for the event.

Dog's dirt - One of the headlines on the front page of the local paper this week was - 'Canine Calling Cards a Disgrace on Buckie Streets' A number of shopkeepers have registered their disgust at the mess among them being, Mr and Mrs Green, Little Wonder and Mr and Mrs A. G. Robertson, Ladies Shop on West Church Street. They complain of how the mess is carried into their shops on customer's feet.

Will Buckie have a Water Polo Club ? A number of people have voiced their interest in forming one.

Judo Club - A Judo Club has been formed in Buckie with Mr Ken Mosley, Portgordon, being the leading light. The first meeting is to take place within the Community Centre on Sunday afternoon commencing at 2.30 when Elgin Judo Club will give a display. Membership for the year is £2.

Dinner Dance - Buckpool Golf Club is to hold a Dinner Dance in the St Andrew's Hall on Friday 21 November with music being supplied by The Strollers.

Opening announcement - Wallpaper and Paint , C. Aitken, 16 Grant Street, Cullen.

26 Nov **Boat launch** - A new fishing boat took to the water on Saturday morning from the shipyard of Herd & McKenzie, Buckie. This was the **Edlee**, a 66' Danish style fishing boat built at a cost of £150,000 for Grimsby skipper Leif Gravesen. The Edlee is the seventh fishing boat to be completed by the yard during the last 12 months, quite an achievement in the present economic uncertainty.

The report went on to say - Herd & McKenzie pioneered the building of the Danish style seine netters in Scotland in the 1960's something disputed by Alex Thomson of the firm of George Thomson and Son, Shipbuilders.

"The Danish boats, which are now quite common in the East of England fishing fleets differ from the traditional British vessels in various aspects. All the accommodation is situated in front with the skipper having separate quarters from the crew. The engine is fitted right at the back of the boat and there are considerable differences in gear fittings."

Bandleader, Bill Geddes, still to the fore - Bill is to play at a Supper Dance in the Cullen Bay Hotel on Saturday 6 December. Steak, salad or scampi suppers with coffee on offer at £1.50 per head.

Bookings taken for Christmas and New Year's Day lunches - Wakes Hotel, Cullen .

Welfare Society hands out - The Buckie Welfare Society has decided to distribute £300 of its funds to various organisations within the town. This is a smaller amount than in previous years because of a massive jump in rates and

insurance expenses over the past 12 months. The sums given out ranged from £10 to £30.

Cullen Museum Window - Passers by will have noticed how the window of the Savings Bank in Cullen which for some time has displayed articles of historical interest is at present involved with 'Spending a Penny!' and how this had been resolved throughout time by the high and the low.

Findochty butcher to close down - Because of ill health the butcher's business which has been ran by R. M. Menzie at 1 Seaview Road, Findochty for the past 38 years is to close.

3 Dec **A help for the most needy** - Buckie and District Round Table is to hand out 20 £5 notes to needy members of the community. People are being asked via the 'Advertiser' to supply the names of anyone whom they feel would be a deserving case. Full confidence guaranteed.

Miss SNP - Mrs Eleanor Gratton, 46 Great Western Road, Buckie was chosen Miss SNP at a Scot's Night held in the St Andrew's Hall on Saturday night.

Shop to close - Following the death of Mr Sharif in a road accident the shop at 3 St Andrew's Square is to close down following a sale - M. Sharif and Anwar.

For sale - Butcher's shop and business at 1 Seaview Road, Findochty.

Young men wanted to train as steel erectors - Hamilton Brothers.

10 Dec **The Gondoliers** - Buckie Lyric Opera Society staged The Gondoliers in the Fishermen's Hall on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of last week. "A flawless performance which proved to be a great success."

**** **The Captain Scott** - '*Sad ending to proud vessel's life*' Any final hopes that the Buckie built schooner, Captain Scott would survive the prevailing economic storm and remain in commission as a training vessel with the Loch Eil Trust have been sunk.

The vessel has been in troubled waters for the past two years, costing £75,000 each year to run and maintain.

She is at present on her final cruise off the west coast and will be taken through the Pentland Firth to Buckie where she is due to arrive on December 20, **(Full report on page 1)**

Cullen Viaduct - Willie Ross, the Scottish Secretary of State has granted a reprieve to the former railway viaduct at Cullen (See report on page three.)

No shortage of taxis - The following firms all had adverts in the local paper - Grove Taxis, Tony's Taxis, Haven Taxis, Joe Dawson, Sudding, Car Hire and Taxis.

Advert - Glenelg, Richmond Terrace, Portgordon. High Quality Scottish Goods - Cashmere sweaters, Ladies and Gents from £6.95. Hornware Pottery, Jewellery, Portsoy Marble, All items must be cleared.

Business to move - Wm. Mackay meantime at 26 East Church Street will be moving to 18 East Church Street on Thursday 11 December and will carry on business as usual with the addition of wines and spirits at keen prices.

A Windmill at Tynet? An application has been made to construct a windmill in the car park at The Mill, Tynet.

17 Dec **Goats at Strathlene** - A pair of wild mountain goats were spotted near Strathlene last week. The goats, which were previously seen near Banff, are believed to be heading west towards more suitable habitat.

Fishermen's Ball - This will take place in the St Andrew's Hall on 26 December. Tickets cost £5 for both ladies and gents. Music by Country Style.

Propeller Works Football Club is to hold a Dinner Dance on 9 January 1976. Music by the Harmonettes. Tickets cost £2.75.

Dec 23**** **Captain Scott** - A picture on the front page shows the schooner arriving at Buckie. She is back at the shipyard of Herd & McKenzie for her annual refit and will stay until a buyer comes forward.

Museum Window - The Savings Bank window in Cullen which has been an attraction for many in recent times because of the assortment of interesting things which have been on display has at the present time stamp albums, cigarette card albums and brochures.

A dance at Deskford - It is something of a rarity nowadays to see an ordinary dance being advertised when once upon a time and not all that many years before dances took place on a regular basis at Clochan, Arradoul, Rathven, Buckie, Cullen, Spey Bay, Portgordon, Portessie and even Shielburn. The Deskford dance will take place on 26 December with music by Formula four. Admission is 40p. The organisers are prepared for any trouble that may arise by stating that admission will be reserved.

30 Dec **Appointment** - Mrs Geraldine Scott, 3 Milton Drive, Buckie, has been appointed Director of Planning for the Gordon District. (Mrs Scott was later killed or died of her injuries as a result of an accident on the Buckie to Keith road near the turn off to Clochan.)

Football - Buckie Thistle ended the year with a win to complete the double over old Banffshire rivals, Deveronvale who they beat by two goals to one. The Thistle team was - Wood, Cowie, Buchan; Lyon, G. McAndrew, Gribble; Berrington, Leslie, Pirie, Perry and Flett. Subs - Hay, N. McAndrew.

Dennis Murray (Furniture and Carpets) is to close his business at 5 Commercial Road and is to move to 1 Cluny Terrace where he will open on 24 January. A furniture clearance sale will take place.