

1977

Jan 5 **Britain's fishing limits extended to 200 miles.**

**Photographs on the front page clearer than for past few years.**

**Paths to be improved** – Work on improving the coastal paths between Cullen and Portessie will begin early in the New Year under the Government sponsored Job Creation Scheme

**Firm went broke** - John Black trading as Joiner and Building Contractor, Moorfield, Arradoul has executed a Trust Deed in favour of his creditors.

**Advert** - Arradoul Guest House (on the A98) Bed and Breakfast . Mrs Croft.

**Advert** – Peter Bruce, Roselea, West Cathcart Street for Signwriting, Painting, decorating and wall papering.

Jan 12 **The open-air swimming pool at Strathlene suffers as the purse strings are tightened. The pool , which was revived last summer and attracted 55000 during the two-month season, will not open this year.**

The decision was taken with extreme reluctance at Moray District Recreation Committee in Elgin last week with the general tightening of purse strings in the face of local authority spending cutbacks.

The re-opening of the Strathlene pool had proved to be a big success last year when the Recreation Department saw fit to provide a full time supervisor/instructor. The emphasis was on the fun area with good potential because of its proximity to the holiday caravan site.

Councillor Mrs Ethel Brown told her fellow members of the Recreation Committee that it was the only outside amenity in Buckie and she felt it would become derelict and vandalised if left in disuse. (Her words came all too true and the remains of the pool and surroundings have been an eye sore for many a long year. The local community council have tried their best to persuade first Moray District Council and then Moray Council to clear the lot away but with no success. (It seems, however, now in November 2002 that money may now be available to do what has been asked for – like feel Paddy though we will wait and see.)

Recreation Director , Bob Cherry said that the Strathlene open-air pool would be closed reluctantly but he pointed out that Buckie did have a new indoor pool.

**Help for the shipbuilding industry** - A grant of £262,000 is to be given to aid boat building in Buckie . this is to come from the EEC Agricultural Fund towards the building of Buckie-based boats.

**Football** - Buckie Thistle 5 Clach 3 (H/L)  
Wood, Cowie, Bruce, Lyon, McAndrew, Coutts, Masson, McDonald, Simmers, Fitzimmons, Nicol. Subs – Andrews, Pirie.

**The 'Advertiser' wrote** - It seems that the Thistle are in no great hurry to find a replacement for team manager, Willie Cowie who resigned just before Christmas.

The general feeling is that a manager is a luxury that few Highland League teams can really afford in these difficult financial times.

It seems as if a well-coached side can play as well without a man in the dug-out if the results over the past few games are any criterion.

The teams for the last two games have been chosen by Captain Willie McDonald and Alex Walker who trains the Aberdeen contingent but recently the team has more or less chosen itself.

**Advert** - Norma's – 65 West Church Street - Women's Clothes.

**Buckie Christian Aid** - Soup and Sandwich lunches in the North Church Hall from 12 till 2pm every Thursday starting on 13 January. Adults 30p with children 15p.

Jan 19 **Legion blames inflation** - Inflation is to blame for a drop in the number of donations made by the Buckie Branch of the Royal British Legion down by £300 from that of the 1975 when the sum of £1562 was handed over to charities and organisations. This past year the total just exceeded £1264. The highest donation of £579 was for Christmas gifts to the old folk while £410.11 was donated to the Earl Haig Fund.

**A notable landmark** - A Church of Scotland minister will preach from the pulpit of St Peter's RC Church on Sunday for the first time in the church's 150 year history. The occasion is a united service which will be held as part of the national week of prayer for Christian Unity, The preacher will be Rev A, Stewart Todd of St Machar's Cathedral in Aberdeen and the service will be conducted by Father David Keith, parish priest of St Peter's Also taking part will be clergymen from the Buckie area.

**Shops holding sales – winter or annual -**

Alex J. Slater House Furnisher, 23-25 East Church Street.

Jean M. Eckersley, Boutique, 12-14 West Church Street.

Shearer's C. I. Shearer and Son, Draper and Outfitters, 6-8 East Church Street.

Henderson's of Cullen, Drapery and Gifts.

John Sandison (established 1877) Draper, 22 East Church Street.

Charles Aitken, Grant Street, Cullen Paint and Wallpaper.

Cowie's Fabrics, 39 East Church Street.

Robertson's of Buckie – Furniture.

Ritchie's – 72 –74 East Church Street. Ladies, Gents and Children's Clothing

Hay's Wallpaper and Paint, 41 (a) West Church Street.

Mackay's East Church Street Bargains in all departments

T. M. Jack. (formerly the Little Wonder), 35-37 East Church Street.

General Drapery Store, 51-53 West Church Street.

**We don't agree** - A letter was received from Willie McDonald writing on behalf of the rest of the players of Buckie Thistle in which he decried the tone and sentiments expressed in the previous week's 'Advertiser' regarding whether Buckie Thistle should appoint a new manager. He said that much of the relative success of the team had achieved was due to the effort, know how and enormous time spent by Willie Cowie. The players were all deeply sorry that he had chosen to resign and wish to thank Willie Cowie for all the work he had done for Buckie Thistle.

**Photos of second string dart teams** - This week the St Andrews and the Craigenroan are shown.

**Changes at Seafeld Hospital** – Afternoon visiting will only be permitted at Seafeld Hospital on three days in the week in the future, - Sunday, Wednesday and Saturday, but the ½ hour each evening will be extended to 1 hour. Moray Health Council have brought in these new measures to give staff more time to devote to looking after the patients, particularly long stay. This had been curtailed because of visitors.

**Masons to hold a dinner and dance** - Three local Masonic lodges, Richmond, Gordon and Craigenroan are to hold a Dinner and Dance in the St Andrew's Hotel on 28 January 1977. 7.30 for 8pm. Tickets cost £3 non members and friends welcome. Dress optional. Music will be provided by the Purple Heather Dance Band.

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**Double christening at Buckie shipyard - two vessels worth £900,000**  
Twin steel stern trawlers, the first to be built at the shipyard of Herd & Mackenzie under a new design were named on Saturday. The **Green Field**, which later went down the slipway, and the **Green Isle II** were built at a cost of £450,000 each for the Chambers family from the small fishing village of Annalong in county Down, Northern Ireland.

The vessels will tam up for pair trawling when the Green Isle II is completed in a few weeks time. The new boats are both 87' long and will carry a 800 hp engine. The Chambers family have had a long association with Herd & Mackenzie for they have had a total of five wooden fishing vessels built at the yard.

**A difficult task** - Parents are being asked to help in a bid to cut out bad language among High School pupils.

**The Hangman's Brae** - An anonymous reader wrote into the 'Advertiser' to ask where in Buckie was the 'hangman's Brae' which he had seen mentioned in a scheme to improve amenities under the Government's job creation programme. He had never heard of it and was curious to discover how it got its name. The editor said that their research had failed to come up with the source of the name but said that he could assure the reader that the Hangman's Brae did exist. He said that it was the steep track, which runs down from Cluny Terrace to Baron Street, and the path is to be restored and landscaped on both sides.

**Apologies - The bad news** - The proprietors of the Banffshire Advertiser said that the rising cost of printing materials had forced them to raise the cost of the 'Advertiser' by one new pence to 6p. It had been 5p for some considerable time.

**The good news** - The 'Advertiser' is now being printed in a new tabloid size.. Thanks to the co-operation of our friends at the Northern Scot we will be producing a much more manageable size of paper which we are confident will meet with our readers approval. (What was noticed immediately was an improvement in the reproduction of photographs)

**Advert** - For electrical repairs of all kinds including washing machines, contact - Malcolm Durno, Glenlivet who pays a visit to Buckie each week.

**New teachers join Buckie High School** - Robert McNie, Assistant Rector (Curriculum) and Alistair Adam, PT Leisure took up their posts on Monday of this week.

**Photograph of dart team** - Victoria Arms, Portknockie.

Feb 2 **A favourite dance venue** - The St Andrews' Hotel (Hall) was a favourite venue for Balls and Dinner Dances. Campbell's Joiners had an advert in this edition of the local paper giving particulars of their forthcoming 'do'. The Fishermen's Ball was also advertised to take place in the same place

**Advert** - Gordon's Carpet Shop, Lossie Wynd, Elgin for Apollo Venetian Blinds.

**Sales** - Wm. Cooper, Electrical Goods, 17 Reidhaven Street, Ianstown.  
Alex Esson, Tailor and Outfitter Cluny Square 'Once a Year'

**Talk on the role of the community councils** - Rotarian Mr Sandy Wilson interim chairman of Buckie Community Council gave a talk on the role, which the community councils will play at a meeting of Buckie Rotary Club held in the Commercial Hotel on Monday.

**Big sale whole page advert** - A Gigantic Mail Order Clearance Sale of Children, Ladies and Gents clothing is to be held in the Fishermen's Hall.

\*\*\*\* **Rev John Guthrie minister of the Auld Kirk, Cullen** - An article taking up the whole of page 6 tells the story of Rev John Guthrie who in a few weeks time will have completed 40 year's service at the Auld Kirk in Cullen.

**Former High School pupil and Dux now a professor** - Dux of Buckie High School in 1952, Dr Frank Fowler (41) has been appointed Professor of German Language and Literature at the University of London. Inverness born Dr Fowler was educated at

Wick, Aberdeen and Buckie going on to study at the University of Aberdeen, Heidelberg and Oxford.

He lectured in German at Aberdeen University from 1960 -65 when he became lecturer at the new University of Kent and Canterbury.

Dr Fowler has been Reader in German at Queen Mary's College in London since 1970.

**Masons give donation to M.S.** The M.S. Buckie Branch received a donation for their funds from the committees of lodges, Richmond, Gordon and Craigenroan. This was handed over at the Masonic dinner and dance held in the St Andrews Hotel by one of the guests, Councillor Edward Douglas.

Feb 9 **First annual meeting of the M. S.** The first annual meeting of the newly formed Buckie Branch of the M. S. S. was held in the North Church Hall this week. The previously much larger branch of the Society had been split into two parts with one covering the Elgin area and Speyside and the other the Buckie area.

**Situations vacant** - Seafield Builders Ltd (part of the Seafield Estates) require bricklayers and masons must be able to work without supervision. Apply to A. Morrison, Clerk of Works.

**Taking the mickey** - An address in rhyme was given by David Myles, Prospective Tory Parliamentary Candidate for Banffshire at the Portsoy Conservative Branch Burns Supper. It is entitled To Jack Jones with apologies to the Bard and 'Holy Wullie'. **(This is found on page 5.)**

**'Yer Just As Young as Ye Feel'** This is the title of a poem written by Ian Middleton the morning after the Buckie SNP Burns Supper. The hero of the poem is Mr Stephen of Arradoul a very sprightly man for his age, around 80 at the time, who danced the whole evening as well as someone far less than half his age. **( Ian's name was not given as the composer but rather An Admirer. The poem is also found on page 5.)**

**Golf at Strathlene is 100 years old.** The club aim to celebrate the occasion in an appropriate way - on the course.

**Skipper presented with gold watch** - At the Moray Firth Fishselling company's dinner dance in the St Andrew's Hall on Friday Edward Simpson, Swona, Marchmont Crescent, skipper of the fishing boat **Aquila** was presented with a gold watch by the company to mark a gross catch in excess of £100,000 by his boat in 1976.

**Portgordon United F.C.** The team will be playing in the Buckie and District Welfare Football Association next season and hope to acquire a playing field to the rear of Tannachy Terrace from Moray Council. The club has also started a 200 Club to help raise funds. Officials of the club appointed are - President - Mr Lachie Stuart, vice president - Mr George Milton secretary - Mr Adam Cowie and treasurer, Mr David Anderson.

Committee members - H. Carter, E. Cowie, J. C. Green, I. Banks and A. Reid.

16 Feb **The Fishermen's Hall** - The long awaited improvements to the Fishermen's Hall are to go ahead at a cost of £4.500 The money is to come from the Buckie Common Good Fund. Among the things planned is the removal of the balcony seating, repairs to the windows and decoration of the hall internally and externally also improvements to the toilets.

**'Flicking Through The Pages'** is the name given to a new column in the 'Advertiser.. It picks up events that occurred in the same week and recorded by the paper 15, 10 and five years ago. **(By the year 2002 and for a long time before that something the same was done under a different title and the times being 100 years, 50 and 25 years ago.)**

**A new member of staff** - Mrs Allan started teaching in the Modern Languages Department at Buckie High School on Monday of the is week.

**Buckie Lyric Opera** held their annual dinner dance in the Cullen Bay Hotel. Compared to years gone past a photograph shown on page taken at the do is quite clear with it being quite easy to pick up faces.

**Buckie Rovers F.C. night out** A photograph on page 9 shows some of the players together with wives or girl friends. Their 'do' was held in the Buckie Thistle Social Club.

23 Feb **Buckie Community Council** - Only seven names were put forward for Buckie Community Council when nominations closed at 4pm on Friday, when the full complement is 12, 6 members for each ward.

The seven are - Richard Brown, 2 Logie Lane, Rev Fred Coutts, North Church Manse, East Church Street, James C. Milne, 13 Harbour Street, John F. Reid, 1 Mill Crescent, Alexander Stewart, 31 Wilson's Land, Wm. S. Taylor, 16 West Church Street and Alexander M. Wilson, Burnside House, Queen Street.

Milne and Reid were members of the former town council.

**A move for the carpet man** - Bob Taylor, Carpets, 28 Grant Street, is to move to Huntly with the Cullen shop being closed after the stock is sold off. This will be done at reduced prices.

**Big sale of builder's plant, tools and stock in trade** - Great Eastern Road, Portessie (John Black Trust for Creditors).

**Advert** The Kings Café, West Church Street - for delicious ices, plain and flavoured lollies, drinks, sweets and cigarettes. Now on the road for you look and listen for our van in your area.

**Flicking Through the Pages is on page 4.**

**Darts Champions** - The St Andrew's bar won the Darts League, three points ahead of the Rathburn. The Waverley Hotel, Cullen was third.

Mar 9 **Portknockie Harbour** - A complete change of character faces the quaint Portknockie harbour, one of the finest examples of a natural haven along the north east coast, if a proposed commercial and residential development goes ahead.

What is proposed is ten holiday flatlets on the existing coalyard, a hotel, club, restaurant, rest rooms, laundry facilities and a shop to the south of the paddling pool. In addition there will be an area for the repair and maintenance of boats. Outline permission was given in 1973 and a renewal has been sought. The proposed developer is R.R. Davies.

\*\*\*\*\* **Grampian Television are to screen the Portgordon spy story** - The documentary film, 'Vera the Beautiful Spy' which recalls the landing of three Nazi spies at the mouth of the Gollachy Burn near Portgordon in September 1940 is to be shown on Grampian TV tonight

The documentary was filmed on location 18 months ago and features a reconstruction of the landing and interviews with local people who recall the events of the autumn day when Vera Von Stein, Karl Drucke and Werner Walti suddenly arrived in the village. (The wording from the local paper is wrong here since only one of the men and the woman went west towards Portgordon.)

**A 'new' Scotland** - Aerial photography has led to hundred of Scottish monuments being discovered including a number of campsites.

**Advert** - Joe Ramsden and Son, for interior and external painting, joinery and house repairs. Grange.

**Went broke** - Malcolm McDavid, formerly of the Strathlene Hotel and at present care of Seafield Hospital has executed a Trust Deed in my favour for behalf of his creditors - (solicitor's name.)

**Buckie Speakers Club** - A photograph in this edition of the 'Advertiser' shows members of the Speakers Club at their annual dinner and dance in the St Andrew's Hotel last Friday.

**Is this to be the end of the line?** Cullen and District Horticultural Association which stages one of the biggest summer flower shows in the north east faces an uncertain future unless it can find a president.

**Moravian Taxis (Moravian Motors) Central Garage** - Radio controlled and biggest fleet of cars in Buckie. Look out for the drivers in the red jacket.

**Advert** - Allan Jamieson, Coachbuilders, Highland Yard, and Freuchny Lane.

16 Mar **The Day Three Nazi Spies Landed At Portgordon** - report on the front page. This follows the programme on TV the previous week.

**Body found in harbour** - The body of Irishman Wm. Edgar, 35, missing for over six weeks was found in Buckie harbour on Wednesday. Mr Edgar a married man from Annalong, County Down, N.I. had been in Buckie for the launching of the trawler, Green Fields of which he was to become a crew member. He disappeared following a celebration in a Buckie hotel.

**The Cluny Hotel presents** - Hector McRaes's Scottish Country Dance Band on Saturday 19 March. Admittance £1.25. Steak suppers and dinners available.

**Advert** - Little's Jeweller, High Street, Elgin, Sale 15% off all stock.

**Two columns** - Flicking Though the Pages and The Day's Work by Spike.

Mar 23 **Tenants said to have been sold short** - The displaced tenants from the flats on Burns Square and Wallace Avenue should have been entitled to Home Loss payments of at least £250 each. The former Buckie Town Council is accused of callousness and ineptitude for not advising tenants of their rights by the organisation, Shelter. Some tenants had been 50 years or more in the houses. The accusation was denied by Chief Executive James Bell of Moray District Council but did say that each individual claim would be considered and judged on its merits.

**Rock House, 62 East Church Street** - Two vacant rooms are available in this residential old persons home run by the Shipwrecked Mariners Society. Applicants who may be either male or female should apply for full details to the housekeeper, Mrs Ritchie on 32532.

**Licensed restaurant for Buckie** - Moray District Council 1st week approved an application by Victor Rossvoll for the opening of a licensed restaurant above the Savings Bank on Cluny Sqaure. It will be the town's first licensed restaurant. Mr Rossvoll hopes to have it open by the summer.

**Portknockie 'dig' was rewarding and successful.** - A range of stone tools were found also part of a finger ring, a fragment of jade, a bracelet and a considerable quantity of pottery were discovered during the recent archaeological investigation of the Green Castle, Portknockie.

The work was done by a group of youths employed under the Job Creation Scheme and under the direction of Ian B. Ralston, Research Fellow in Archaeology in the Geography Department at Aberdeen University.

Traces of a stone wall and some post holes of possibly a timber hut indicated that the site was dated to the Iron Age.

An unusual discovery was the recovery of traces of ploughing from beneath the ramparts which was particularly well preserved and included charred timbers. The site was covered with stone paving of a fairly recent date used for the drying of fish. A George III penny of 1806 was found beneath one of the stones. Five hundred people from home and abroad visited the site during the period of excavation

30 Mar **75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration** - The 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of the Portgordon Church of Scotland was marked on Monday evening when the congregation was joined by members of the congregation of the nearby Enzie Church for a special service.

The opening ceremony in 1902 was performed in the presence of district clergymen and officials but for many years the building was only of mission hall status being an out station of the United Free Church of Scotland at Enzie Cross Roads more affectionately known as the 'Cock Hat Kirk'. (One has to say that those responsible for the building of the mission hall were remarkably long sighted and seemed to know that it would in time become a church since it looks exactly like a church and not so much a hall,)

'The United Free Church members in Portgordon had previously worshipped in a hall at the foot of the school brae but this proved to be too small for the activities of the congregation and they were determined to build something that would meet the needs of worshippers for years ahead', said Rev Donald McDonald, minister of Enzie and Portgordon.

The cost of the building was just over £1000 and at the time of opening there was a deficit of only £186 that was quickly cleared.

**Advert** - Get your holiday reading matter from W.F. Johnston. 13 – 15 West Church Street.

**Banffshire place names** - A lecture given by Mr Fraser, School of Scottish Studies to Banffshire Field Studies on Derivation of Banffshire Place Names.

Pit, Pitten, Petty are all variations of a Pictish word believed to mean a farm, farmtown or hamlet, e.g. Pitglassie, Pittyvaich both Pictish words with Gaelic endings dating from around 800 AD. and the merging of the Picts with the Scots. Next level shows the Gaelic of the incoming Scots from Ireland and lasts up until 12th century, up to 50% of place names in Banffshire have strong Gaelic links in spite of the long period of time that had elapsed since Gaelic was spoken.

The frequency of Gaelic names increases as one moves to higher altitudes in the county and especially towards the west.

During the Middle Ages non Gaelic speakers began pushing out the Gaelic speakers and some names that date from that period still retain some Gaelic influence but were borrowed sometimes modified by the incoming Angles from the south of Scotland, Aultmore and Knock being examples.

Next to appear were names that one again showed a mixed heritage but this time it was a mixture of Gaelic and Ingles the language of the Angles. Some of the mixed names including Howland, Berryleys, Knowehead, Denhead and Lynchat.

In the most recent stage it is mostly Angle influence that can be seen in such names as Woodhead, Whitehills, and Clovenstones.

In addition to description names there are also those names for people such as Robertson or Allentown or for occupation such as Cottertown of Fisherman's Moss.

A fashion of the 18<sup>th</sup> century and 19<sup>th</sup> century was for landowners to name new settlements after their daughters, Port Ellen Port Charlotte, Bettyhill and Bettyfield.

**The St Andrew's Hotel (Hall) a popular venue** - During 1976 and into 1977 appeared to be some kind of 'do' in the St Andrew's every Friday or Saturday night. Cruickshank's Lemonade and the SNP held their functions there last week-end.

Apr 6 **Concession fares** - Old age pensioners and disabled folk are now entitled to travel for half-fare on public service buses in Grampian.

**Death of 'Geordie' Kay** - News arrived in Buckie that George Kay had died in Australia where he went three years ago to stay with his daughter. A former Buckie Thistle player, Buckie Rovers' official and a man who was responsible for the revitalising of Buckie Amateur Swimming Club was 87.

**The Buckpool Golf Club complex** - Page 6 shows an artist's impression of what it will look like. The caption read ...'will be the envy of every club in the country'.

**Big advert** - Versatile Windows Co. Deskford, Cullen. (The firm were among the first in the field of changing the old style casement wooden windows with metal windows.)

**Advert** - Under new management - 'Suddings' for taxis, rent-a-car, rent-a-van, light removals Graham Sudding.

Apr 13

**'Its Your Community Council. The Buckie Community Council has come into being and its there to be used'** This was a headline on the front page.

The public, critical of the remoteness of the new district and region authorities in comparison to their old town council now have the opportunity to air any grievances or bring up any problems or ideas with a council made up of people who live in the town and who are interested in what happens to it.

The community council is there to help **You** so help it to fulfil the role for what it was intended.

**The Strathlene Open Air Pool** - What does the future hold for it? It was closed this year because of financial cut backs. It may become a trout rearing plant or a 'go-cart' circuit or something entirely different. A number of things have been mentioned. It is known that Mr Edward Douglas, Tynet, has asked Moray District Council to lease him the pool. Mr R. Cairn it is said has asked for permission to establish an amusement arcade at the pool with a 'go-car' circuit.

**Wanted** - A motor mechanic for the RNLI.

**A Dog Buoy** - A photograph of a dog buoy is shown on page 5. The picture was taken at the National Museum of Antiquities of Scotland in Edinburgh for a person in Buckie. This particular dog buoy was discovered in a shed in Findochty some years ago.

Dog buoys are known to have been used by fishermen on the Moray Firth coast as late as the first decade of the present century.

By all accounts each fishing community had its own dog-skinner who would kill the dog, cure the skin and ensure that it was water-tight before it was filled with air and then sealed.

**The reproduction of photographs following a good start to the year the quality has again deteriorated.**

20 Apr

**Tenants to be recompensed** - Moray District Council has agreed to set aside the sum of £4750 to be given as compensation to the tenants who were moved from their homes in Wallace Avenue and Burns Square to allow improvements to be made.

### THE BUCKIE SKWEEK

**Hail, hamely, halesome, honest freen;  
O papers ee are far abeen  
A ithers in the exile's een:  
the Buckie Skweek**

**Wi eager een each page we scan,  
An see fa's born; fa's got a man.  
Yer picters, adverts, baith are gran:**

**oor Buckie Skweek**

**Yer bits a news fae coastal toons,  
An' Buckie Thistle's ups and doons,  
Bring cheer tae herts o' far-flung loons:  
great Buckie Skweek**

**Yon chiel that gangs an anteek bike,  
Fas stories ilky ane o's like,  
The best o a , of course, is Spike:  
o Buckie Skweek.**

**So here's, wi gless o pure Inchgower,  
To Banffshire Advertiser power –  
Far better kent the worl-ower  
as Buckie Skweek.**

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(Copied from B. A. of 20 April 1977)

**Fire on board** - The fishing boat , **Green Isle II** launched only a few weeks ago from the shipyard of Herd and Mackenzie suffered extensive damage to the engine room wiring and installation when fire broke out there . Workmen have been fitting gear to the boat built for the Chambers family of Annalong, County Down N. I. No one was on board at the time.

**Grand closing down sale** - Jean M. Eckersley, Boutique (due to forthcoming marriage.)

**Advert** – John M. Smith, General Engineer, Great Eastern Road, Portessie. Metal Fabricator and repairs to small engines.

27 Apr **Boat launch at Macduff** - The 74' seine net trawler, **Aeolus BCK143** was launched from the shipyard of Macduff Boatbuilding and Engineering Company this week. It was built for Skipper George Findlay, 29 of 21 Bryson Crescent who has been skipper of the **Contester** for the past five years. The name Aeolus is Greek for guardian of the wind . George Mair is mate and Ian Paterson, engineer. The boat will be powered by a Kelvin engine.

**Boat launch at Buckie** - A launch took place from the shipyard of Herd & Mackenzie on Saturday when a big crowd saw the **Julie Anne** take to the water. The Julie Anne BCK 140 at 75' is a replacement for the **Helna** that was launched from the same yard ten years ago. She has been built for Skipper James Smith 33 Bryson Crescent, Portessie and his partners, Sandy Farquhar, George Cormack and Ian Wilson. The vessel, which cost £240,000, has a combined seine net, trawl winch.

\*\* **Advert** - The Corner Bakery , Cullen 28 Grant Street will open for business from Monday 2 May. Props. Allan McDonald and Anna Hay.

**Advert** - Dolly Fashions, 28 Grant Street, Cullen Quality doll's clothes to fit most dolls at reasonable prices.

\*\* **Advert** - Hairdesign – Ladies Hairdressing Salon, opening on 10 May at 3 Bank Street, Buckie.

May 4 **Top musicians** - Buckie musicians, Stephen and Diane Morrison 6 Low Street, have just returned home at the end of a two week Easter course with the National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain at Goldsmith's College, London.

**Lady Cathcart School** - Grampian Regional Council Education Committee agreed to spend £29,000 on renovation work to bring Lady Cathcart School back into use to cope with the pupils over-spilling Millbank School.

**New President for Buckie Thistle** - Alex G. Stewart has become president of Buckie Thistle. He succeeds Colin MacRae who has been forced to step down after five years because of pressure of business.

**Third defeat on run for the Jags** - After a great run Buckie Thistle, which included a cock-a-hoop victory over Elgin City at Boroughbriggs, on Saturday suffered their third defeat in a row when they went down by four goals to two to Rothes. With each defeat the reports in the local paper became smaller. The report in this edition amounted to only three paragraphs and with no team lines.

May 11 **SNP come strong in Moray - Frank Anderson** standing under the SNP flag displaced Edward Douglas while Hugh Munro also SNP displaced Mrs Ethel Brown (It must have been the film Braveheart - **'Freedom!** Claymores swishing an a that.)

**Player of the Year** - Joe Wood, Buckie Thistle goalkeeper was voted Player of the Year by Thistle fans.

**Buckie Thistle lose again** - They went out of the Bells Cup when beaten 2-0 by Keith at home.

**The team was** - Wood, Cowie, Bruce, Lyon, McAndrew, Coutts, Simmers, McDonald, Fitzimmons, Flett, Nicol. Subs. Gribble, Andrews.

18 May **Prime Minister to visit Buckie - Mrs Thatcher is to pay a visit to Buckie on Monday**

**Buckpool Harbour** - The State of the Buckpool Harbour area and the future of the open-air swimming pool at Strathlene are among the important issues to be given serious consideration by Buckie Community Council

**Advert** - Dyce and District T.V Services Ltd.

**Advert** - W. F. Innes Joiner, Glazier and Decorator, Whitehills £2.50 per hour no increase for weekend or evening work.

**Largest sale of clothing ever** - Fishermen's Hall, Tuesday and Wednesday 24 and 25 May. Bradell Fashions

**Buckie pupil is Chess Champion** - Richard Forty, 17, of 28 Barfield Road a pupil at Buckie High School is Grampian Region Chess Champion.

**Fatal accident at the Toll Bar** - A man was killed at the Toll Bar junction when the motor cycle he was riding was in collision with an arctic lorry. David Guy who was born in Buckie only returned to the area from America a year ago where his parents are still living. His brother Alister who was a pillion rider was critically injured in the crash.

**The Maritime Museum** - The community council are to inform Moray District Council that the town is being deprived of one of its best tourist assets because of the closure of the maritime museum in the Town House and the fine collection of works by the artist Peter Anson. The museum was closed as a cost cutting exercise since it meant a man's salary to keep it open.

**Now open** The fish shop at 15 Low Street owned by J. S. Sutherland is now open.

**Maggie Thatcher on camera** - The centre pages carry lots of pictures of the Prime Minister taken at Hamilton's Engineers and Herd & Mackenzie's shipyard.

**Annual dance** - The Elgin Circle of the Caledonian Association, which embraces Buckie, was held in the St Andrew's Hall on Friday evening.

**Best season for 12 years** - Despite falling away badly towards the end Buckie thistle enjoyed their best season for 12 years and capped it with a win in the last game against Keith who they beat by the odd goal in three.

The team was Wood, Cowie, Bruce, Lyon, McAndrew, Coutts, McDonald, Gribble, Fitzimmons, Flett, Nicol. Subs Andrews and Simmers.

This was Danny Fitzimmons last game for the club.

**Gigantic sale** in the Fishermen's Hall on 1<sup>st</sup> June. Finney North Wales.

**Advert** - Deveron Motors - Macduff (They had expanded into buses by 2002 and had all the school runs in the Buckie area also the Buckie to Keith bust service.)

### Garages

Wakes Garage, Cullen  
 Cathcart Garage, Buckie  
 Elbar - Elgin Central Engineers - Elgin  
 Millbank Garage, Buckie  
 Hawco and Sons, Elgin  
 Cordiners, Buckie  
 Moravian Motors, South Pringle Street, Central Garage.  
 Duff St Garage, Turriff  
 Ewans of Cornhill  
 Callanders, King Street, Aberdeen  
 Macrae and Dick, Station Road, Elgin  
 Archibald Motors.  
 Banff and Turriff Motors Ltd  
 A.W. and E. Davidson, Banff

They all had adverts in the Banffshire Advertiser on this date.

25 May **Buckie Rovers** like Buckie thistle won their last game of the season when they beat Caberfeidh at Victoria Park by four goals to one. Clark, Smith, Imlah and Shewan scored the goals.

Burghead Thistle won the league.

June 1 **Unightly** ! Page one shows a picture of Buckpool harbour at the present time with rubbish of all kinds found to have been dumped there.

The front page report reads - Spare a thought for the residents of the Harbourhead area of Buckie for literally on their doorsteps where they once had a prosperous and picturesque harbour they now have an unsightly and unauthorised refuse tip.

**Buckpool Harbour a Problem of Ownership** reads a headline. It is said that the last owner, a woman, had died 50 years before.

**Kings Café now open** for teas, snacks, sandwiches, ices. 9.30am till 9.30pm from Monday till Saturday; 11 till 9.30pm on Sunday.

**Harper's Bungalows** - Alan Harper, building Contractor, Fochabers has sites at Fochabers, Elgin, Dufftown, Colpy, Huntly, Grantown on Spey, Lossiemouth, Broadley, Cullen, Lhanbryde, Drum of Wartle, Rhynie, Pitarlie.

**Buckie Thistle needs your help** - Buckie Thistle are to ask for the help of some volunteers in a major renovation campaign this summer, For their efforts the volunteers will be let in free all summer. It is hoped to repair the enclosure and paint the grandstand and turn styles. A total of forty people, mainly youngsters answered the call.

8 June **Will they get travelling time or subsistence** ? Two electricians from the firm of Thain and Davidson went to Japan this week to complete work on a diving system for a Japanese oil company. The two men, Bill Deans, Elgin and Joe Todd, Lhanbryde are part of a squad of men who have been working on oil-related work for the past 12 months. The job in Hiroshima is expected to take 6 weeks.

**A big selection of books always in stock at W. F. Johnston's** - A sample this week are - Butchers Broom and Whisky and Scotland, both by Neil Gunn, And The Cock Crew by Fionn Macolla, Mutiny by John Prebble, The Moray Firth by Cuthbert Graham and Majesty by Robert Lacey.

15 June **Tree planting** - Buckie Community Council has set a five-man sub-committee to look into the feasibility of a tree-planting programme as a Jubilee Year project.

**Now at full strength** - The community council has now been brought up to full strength. At last week's meeting Sandy Wilson was appointed chairman with Sandy Stewart as vice chairman. Other members of the council are - W. S Taylor, John Reid, J. Milne, Fred Coutts, R. Brown, C. McKay, P. Slater, Mrs J. Hendry, Mrs D. Slater and Miss H. Rattray.

**A Jubilee Medal** - Retired Buckie skipper, Mr James Murray, 76 East Church Street, was one of 30,000 people from all over Britain who got a surprise parcel through the post last week. The parcel contained a silver medal from Buckingham Palace to commemorate the Queen's Silver Jubilee. Mr Murray was skipper of the fishing boat **Steadfast**.

**Postmaster at Arbroath** - A Buckie man, Mr Wm. Cowie, son of Mr and Mrs Joseph Cowie, 30 Admiralty Street and brother of Sammy Cowie, Watchmaker, has been appointed Postmaster at Arbroath.

Mr Cowie has been Postmaster at Dingwall for the past 6 years. He left Buckie where he was a Postal and Telegraph officer in 1965 when he was appointed Postmaster at Tobermoray. From there he went to Mauchline in Ayrshire before moving again to Dingwall,

He served in the Far East with the Royal Signals from 1942 to 1947 before returning to work at Buckie Post Office, which he joined in 1936 as a Telegraph Boy. He is married with four of a family.

**Gigantic Mail Order Sale** in the Fishermen's Hall on 21 and 22 June.

22 June **Lifeboat Gala** - A crowd of around 3000 enjoyed the Lifeboat Gala, which took place on Saturday, they thronged the quayside and fishmarket while the weather remained fine.

\*\*\*\* **Prince Charles to visit Banffshire** - Prince Charles is to pay a visit to Banffshire on Friday as part of the Silver Jubilee

He will arrive at Keith by a helicopter of the Queen's flight and will be shown around the new Keith Grammar School and playing fields before leaving again by helicopter for Drummuir. The general public will be admitted to the school grounds free of charge but there will be collection boxes at each gate in aid of the Queen's Silver Jubilee Award.

**The Mill, Tynet** - The motel at Tynet which has been closed on Sundays for some time will re-open again as from Sunday 18 June. The Mill will also be open on Sundays for bar lunches, dining room lunches, afternoon teas and high teas.

**Gallery Restaurant, Cluny Square** - The Gallery Restaurant above the TSB on Cluny Square, Buckie is now open. Opening hours are from 10 to 10 from Monday to Saturday. During this time, morning teas and coffee will be served, luncheons, afternoon teas, High teas and dinners.

Good food, relaxing atmosphere. Paintings on exhibition and for sale. Proprietor V. Rossvoll.

**Appearing at the Cluny Hotel** on Saturday 25 June will be Joe Gordon and Sally Logan - EMI and Lismore recording stars also featuring Billy Milne. Admission £1.50.

**Buckie Thistle Social Club** - Friday night – dancing to Texas Country Style  
Admission 30p

Saturday dancing to Esquire Admission 30p.

**Strathlene Golf Club** - Music on Saturday 25 June by Sundance and on 26 June by Sundown.

**British Legion** - 25 June dancing to the music of Bill Geddes Admission 25p  
26 June dance to the music of the Woodlanders Admission 25p

**Strathlene Hotel** (under new management ) Dine and Dance by Candlelight

**St Andrew's Hotel** - Thursday in the lounge – Johnny Grigor  
Friday dancing to The Saints  
Saturday in the lounge The Scotia Sound  
Saturday dancing to the New Caledonian Admission free

**Advert** - Norman McGregor, Painter and Decorator, Glengyle, King Edward Terrace, Portknockie.

**St Gregory's Preshome, Clochan** - St Gregory's RC Chapel at Preshome, near Clochan was reopened on Sunday after being out of use since 1971. Evening Mass was held to mark the re-opening but it is likely that the beautifully sited chapel will be used only occasionally.

The service was conducted by Father Keith, priest at St Peter's, Buckie, who said that the chapel was in remarkably good condition considering the time since it had been in regular use.

'**Olivier**' The musical 'Olivier' presented by pupils and staff of Buckie High School in the Fishermen's Hall last week was declared to be an outstanding success.

**They celebrated the Queen's Silver Jubilee** - Two photographs in the local paper showed groups of people in the Yardie and also Newlands Lane enjoying a 'do' to celebrate the occasion. (The faces are quite clear.)

29 June **Prince Charlie speaks to High School pupils and Red Cross members** - Pictures on the front page of the 'Advertiser' shows Prince Charles speaking to Buckie High School captains, Ann Geddes and John Taylor and also members of Buckie Red Cross including Mrs Meg McLean and commandant Mrs Coull.

**Museum to re-open** - The Buckie Maritime Museum closed last year because of spending cut backs by Moray District Council is to re-open on Friday for a two month period.

Buckie Round Table are providing the finance to enable the museum, which houses a unique collection of works by the artist Peter Anson, to open to the public for a limited period. On five days a week. Opening hours are Monday, Tuesday Thursday and Friday from 2 till 5 p.m. and on Saturday morning from 10 until 12 noon. Admission is free.

**A circus comes to town.** Compared to earlier times a circus is something of a rarity but Pinders Circus in their new Big Top are to be in Merson Park, Buckpool for a three day period on June 1 and July 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Admission for adults is £1, 75p and 50p and for children 75p, 50p and 30p.

**Public hall now to be a factory** - The public hall at Deskford is to have a change of use, it will become a workshop for the manufacture of metal windows. The plans submitted by Colin Miller of Versatile Windows were approved by Moray District Council (The firm, however, ceased to exist in the mid 1990's' and in 2002 the hall was re-opened as a meeting place. A group of local people who had raised considerable sums by themselves were given a grant which helped towards this.)

**Dux of Buckie High School** - The Dux this year is 17 year old James Mackay, Ardlui, Cliff Terrace, whose father owns the large department store on East Church Street.

**A Beautiful altar** - A picture on page 8 shows the beautiful altar in St Gregory's RC Church at Preshome, Clochan.

**Re-opening of St Gregory's Chapel** - A congregation of 200 attended the Mass held in the church. Monsignor James Brennan of St Mary's, Fochabers, who preached an eloquent sermon on the history and place of Preshome in the annals of the Catholic Church in Scotland. He and Father Keith, St Peter's Buckie were assisted by Father John F. Copland, St Thomas's Church, Keith.

**The 'Lamp Factory' won an award** - The Thorn Lighting Ltd factory at Marchmont Crescent has won a British Safety Council industry safety award.

**Buckie Thistle sign four new players** - John Slater, from Forres Mechanics, Johnny Wood from Peterhead who also had spells with Lossiemouth and Caley. They are both forwards. Raymond Cardo who left Victoria Park five years ago and who last season was with Fraserburgh has also been signed as has Alan Scott who was also with the Broch.

Danny Fitzimmons who hung up his boots at the end of last season is to train the Buckie contingent while the Aberdeen based players together with keeper, Wood, are to be trained by ex Keith and 'Vale coach, George Christie.

5 Jly **Vandalism** - Vandalism has again reared its ugly head in Buckie and this time could deprive the innocent youngsters of one of their most popular summer facilities. The latest target has been the fence around the trampoline area at the Ian Johnston Park situated alongside the tennis courts. The wire fence has had to be repaired twice. One of the two trampolines has been so badly damaged that it had to be withdrawn. A replacement will cost £100.

### **Portgordon Gala from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July to Monday 11 July.**

**For sale** - The Corner Shop, 14 - 16 The Square, Cullen. Confectioner, Tobacconist and Ladies and Gents Hairdresser. The present owners have been in business for over 40 years. (I got my first paid for haircut there in 1935.)

**Cammy opens on Milton Drive** - Cammy Hendry who has/had a licensed grocers shop Land Street and then Bridge Place was to open a new Spar Self Service shop on Milton Drive on Thursday 7 July. (The Press and Journal of 29 November 2002 showed a photograph of Cammy at the age of 12 on the back of a Clydesdale horse in his home area of Glenkindie. In 2002 he had been in the Buckie area for a long time and had had a number of business interests in his time since arriving in Buckie something like forty years before. He owned at one time the Rathburn Hotel and also a number of pieces of property in the town. In 2002 his home was the farm of Brankumleys where he kept a number of ponies of different kinds and also carriages. A motor mechanic to trade he also had a number of vintage motor cars, which were sometimes used for weddings.)

### **Portsoy Gala - 8 to 17 July**

**A record breaker** - 16 year old Edward Milne has become the youngest member ever to win Buckpool Golf Club's championship. Edward who lives at Cedar House, Newlands Lane, Buckie, scored a four round aggregate of 298, 13 strokes ahead of his nearest challenger.

This is the first time that juniors have been allowed to enter the scratch championship and even then they must play to a handicap of 10 or under, Edward plays off 4 and is the club's junior champion and is currently leading in this year's championship.

**Buckie Thistle players take a picture call** - This is seen on page 7 – all named as follows – McDonald, Shewan, Flett, Wood, Bruce, Scott, Gribble, Nicol, Cardno, Slater, Lyon, Wood and Cowie.

**Retiral present for Mrs Green** - Mrs Green was presented with an engraved silver tray from pupils of the school to mark her retirement from the post of Assistant Head Teacher (Guidance). This was handed over by 5<sup>th</sup> year pupil, Susan Dalgarno. She had been a member of the staff of Buckie High School for 25 years, the first 20 years having been spent in the Science Department and the last five as Guidance Head.

**Boat launch** - the 74' fishing boat, **Rhodella** was launched from Jones' shipyard on **Friday morning**.

The vessel has been built for Skipper Eric Smith of 13 Millbank Terrace and is a replacement for Mr Smith's present boat also called Rhodella named after his wife and mother. The Rhodella registered BCK100 is fitted with a 500hp Kelvin engine and has all the most up to date fish detection gear. On deck there is a Sutherland combined seine and trawl winch.

The new vessel will be joining the Peterhead based fleet in a few week's time. Two photographs of the boat, one as she was being launched and the other when in the water are shown on page 8.

**Clever bairns at Findochty-** The top pupils at Findochty this year who share the Alistair John Olson Memorial Prize are Heather Gordon and Peter Donald. Photographs are found on page 10

**Largest sale ever held in Cullen** - A sale with items taking up a whole page is to take place in the Town Hall, Cullen. Bradell Fashions Ltd of Dundee.

**A unique collection** is how Mr F J Guthrie Depute Director of Libraries and Museums Moray District Council, in an article written on page 12, described the collection of paintings by Peter Anson in the maritime museum in Buckie and well worth seeing. He went on to describe some of them in great detail.

**Model Boat making** - The hobby of model boat building has caught on in a big way in Banffshire and now over 30 enthusiasts from places along the coast have got together to form a club. Many of the boats they build are scaled down models of seine-netters and trawlers.

James Addison, Davaar, Cathay Terrace, Cullen who is mate on the Valiant spent almost a year painstakingly building a four foot version of the top Anstruther boat, **Argonaut** and so precise is it in detail that it actually casts its nets and trawls.

The club members meet once per week on Saturday mornings at Loch Soy Portsoy and when there is a full turn out the loch is chock-a-block with miniature fishing boats, yachts, barges, tugs and speed boats. All powered by small electric motors. Although several have been built from kits the members generally prefer to design and construct their own boats.

The secretary of the club is 15 year old John Flett, of 32 Linn Crescent who has been building model boats and aircraft since he was 8. He has offered to help anyone who might be interested in taking up this absorbing hobby.

13 Jly **A fine place for a 'news'** A fishermen's shelter was opened last week at Buckie harbour by George Garden. Such a project, a howf for retired fishermen, was first discussed some 20 years ago. The entire cost was paid from the Buckie common Good Fund with an original donation of £2000 being made to Buckie and District Fishermen's Benevolent Society by Buckie Town Council before its demise two years ago.

**Nae sure about leasing the pool for a fish farm** - Moray District Council have hesitated about leasing the open-air swimming pool at Strathlene – closed this summer because of financial restraints - to trout farm owner Mr Edward Douglas .

The pool had been advertised to let and Mr Douglas's application was the only one that was received.

Councillor Frank Anderson came out strong against leasing the pool as part of a fish farm though Mr Bob Cherry felt that it could be a tourist attraction.

**Former PT of English dies suddenly** - Mr John McLean a former Principal Teacher of English at Buckie High School died whilst holidaying on the west coast. He was 60. Mr McLean left Buckie 8 years ago to take up the post of Rector of Stromness Academy, Orkney. He was head of English at Buckie for 9 years. He is survived by his wife and daughter.

**New lease of life for the Captain Scott** - The three masted schooner, Captain Scott is back in the Buckie harbour after an 8-month voyage to the Mediterranean. The 144' vessels future is much rosier now than it was a year ago when it seemed as if it was to turn out to be something of a white elephant.

**A full report is given on page one column five regarding the new lease of life.**

**Advert** Buckpool Golf Club Centenary? Gala. - Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday - 14 to 17 July.

**Situations vacant** - Steel boat builders and repairers wanted for a small modern yard in Auckland, New Zealand.

**We've shifted** - Moray Firth Property Advertising Centre is now at 70 West Church Street.

**Big Drapery sale** - Commercial Hotel on Saturday 16 July - Abdul Brothers, Brechin, Angus

**Buckie's Christmas Lights** - Most people would agree that Christmas last year just wasn't the same without the usual illuminations in Cluny Square. Because of economic difficulties Moray District Council was unable to provide the lighting which has become a traditional festive season feature in the centre of the town.

Local councillor Mr Frank Anderson has been told that it is unlikely that the District Council will be in a position to provide illumination this year but the equipment is available and will be loaned to local organisations who feel that they may like to take on the responsibility of the Christmas Lighting.

This was the position last year but by the time that it was publicised it was too late for anyone to make arrangements said Mr Anderson.

**Sale of sales** - In the Commercial Hotel, Buckie - Sunday 17 July and in Cullen Town Hall on Wednesday 20 July. Keith Fashion Centre 150 Mid Street.

20 Jul **Community Council disagrees on the Strathlene pool issue** - The council went against the feelings of Moray District Council with regard to leasing the open-air pool at Strathlene. They were all in favour of leasing it to Mr Douglas as an extension to his trout farm at Tynet.

Mr Douglas had offered a rental of £500 a year for a three-year lease and a plan to open the place as a tourist attraction. The chairman, Mr Sandy Wilson said that £500 per year or £10 per week was a good offer for a site that was going down hill very quickly. Mr Sandy Stewart said that it had always been something of a white elephant and if they were to get that kind of money they ought to take it quickly.

**Motorcyclist injured** - Buckie youth, 18 years old James Simpson, 22 Barfield Road, is in Dr Gray's Hospital in Elgin with a fractured pelvis and leg injuries following an accident on Cluny Square on Saturday evening when his motor bike was in collision with a motor car. (Once he had recovered from his injuries Jimmy, who had previously worked as an assistant in the local Co-op took up computing and did really well for himself in this sphere.)

**Buckie Rotary Club** - The new president is Councillor Hugh Munro who is seen in a photograph receiving the badge of office from past president, Dr Ian Sutherland.

**Fire at the mill** - A fire took place at the meal mill on Garden Lane owned by Hamlyn's on Monday afternoon. Part of the building was badly damaged after the 11 workers had been evacuated and before the fire was brought under control. The miller, Mr Wilson Cranna was of the opinion that there had been a flare up in the kiln.

**The Gala was a success** - The sum of £2,000 was raised at the four-day gala staged by Buckpool Golf Club.

**Advert** - The Caledonian Café, Marine Place for breakfast and meals at all times. Hot filled rolls, Hot and cold drinks. Take away meals. Usual sweets, crisps, minerals, ice cream, cigarettes and tobacco. Magazines, paperbacks.  
Try our speciality weekday low cost lunches from 12 noon till 1.30pm.

27 Jul **Peter Fair** - The report in the local paper was covered in three short paragraphs. It said that there was the usual crowds on Thursday evening and Friday. The usual consensus was that 'There was nothing at it' People as usual simply going along with the intent of spending as little as possible and with the sure knowledge that they are going to see exactly the same as they saw last year ..... and the year before ..... and the year before that.

But the kids love it and well it's the start of the trade's holidays and dad's got his holiday bonus in pocket

There was a good photograph of some bairns on a roundabout - Craig Smith, 6, his brother Mark of 35 Bryson Crescent, Craigbo, 15 month old Paul Menzies, 29 Douglas Crescent, Buckie and Delvin Mair, 6, 7 Tannachy Terrace, Portgordon. They were all clambered aboard a motor car.

**Mother of two killed in motorway crash** - Mrs Christine Wood, 28, a divorcee lived at Vimy Ridge, Fochabers Road, Portgordon with her two children, Sandra 11 and 10 year old Peter.

The car was being driven by her brother-in-law Mr John Kruger, 14 Yardie, Buckie when the car, a Volvo, was in collision with a lorry on the motorway near Warrington. Mrs Wood was a passenger in the front seat.

Mrs Kruger who was sleeping in the back seat at the time and her husband escaped injury. The threesome were returning from a long weekend spent in London with another sister, Mrs Irene Stephen where the two Wood children were spending part of their summer holidays.

Mrs Wood was secretary to Mr Charles Eckersley, Moray Seafoods, Low Street. Her parents, Mr and Mrs George Coull live on Seaview Road, Buckpool, and Buckie.

**Big dairy cattle sale** - One hundred cows four bulls and Mr George Young offered 19 heifers for sale at Muirton Farm this week. The animals came from the two dairies of Muirton and Auchentae, which are now closed with Mr Young concentrating his dairy activities at Arradoul from now on. The sale grossed the sum of £66,000. Cows sold for an average of £532, bulls for £693 and heifers for £552.

Top of the shop - Willie McDonald Buckie Thistle team captain earned himself £100 and the title of Buckie Thistle Superstar when he won the football club's Super Stars contest held at Victoria Park on Sunday.

Willie, a PE teacher at Buckie High School showed his all round sporting ability by dominating most of the 9 events which was open to members of Buckie Thistle playing staff. The R/U was Geoff Coutts who collected £50 and third Innes Flett with £25.

Archie Douglas, secretary/treasurer of Buckie Welfare Society handed over the prizes. There was a crowd of 500 present who were entertained by Fochabers Pipe Band between events.

**£300 a week's wages** - A 23 year old Buckie fisherman who had only recently been married was fined a £300, a week's wages, for assaulting three people, two of them policemen.

3 Aug **Strathlene Swimming Pool** - Councillor Frank Anderson and Councillor Hugh Munro of Moray District Council came out strongly against the leasing of the open-air pool at Strathlene for use as a trout farm. Co. Munro was critical of the community council who he felt were expressing personal views rather than the views of the rest of public as a whole

**Why oh why are there no toilets** - The local paper recently received a letter from two ladies, regular summer visitors to Buckie who deplored the lack of a proper public shelter and toilet in the town centre. The existing one on the Brae (North High Street) they said had gradually worsened over the years and was now dirty outdated and one of the worst they had ever seen - a disgrace to a town the size of Buckie. A lady had written (a similar letter from the Spey Bay area some time before.) They mentioned that there was no toilet in the whole of upper Buckpool while the one on Main Street was dingy and outdated. (In 2002 the problem is even worse there being no toilets at all in Buckpool even though the Buckpool Harbour Park is the terminus of the spur of the Speyside Way from Spey Bay. People have to walk from their to either the toilet at the rear of the library on Cluny Place or the manned ones on Newlands Lane.)

**Outside traders - It** can have done nothing for local shops the continual presence of outside traders who continued to visit the town selling ladies, gents and children's clothes, household and fancy goods. Almost every other week one sometimes two such traders set up shop in the halls in the town.

**E.G.** Sale of the Century in the Cluny Hotel 4 August - Manchester Trading Co. c/o 199 George Street, Aberdeen.

Sale of Sales in the Commercial Hotel Hall on Friday and Saturday 5 and 6 August. Abdul Brothers, Brechin.

**Why buy when you can hire?** All types of equipment for the contractor, builder or DIY man, also car trailers, portable TV sets, binoculars, typewriters and cine cameras.

10 Aug **Moray District Council Planning Department passed the plans by Alex Bain, Joiner and Undertaker to change the use of the former workshop on Baron Street into a funeral parlour Funeral parlour -**

**Advert** - Starting soon Victor's School of Motoring phone Buckie 33050.

**Raspberry pickers** wanted at Gordon Castle Home Farm and also Gordon Castle Market Garden, Fochabers - transport provided.

**Advert** - Clearance sale now in full swing Wynn's (Elgin) Ltd. High Street. The shop was to close because of the changes made with the new bypass road.

**Sale at 65 West Church Street** - Norma's Ladies Fashions.

**Ach its nae fair!** - Buckie Thistle 3 Motherwell 4 (F) "A Complete Travesty of Justice" was the headline in the local paper written following the game. 'Buckie were three goals up and it could have been more with only twenty minutes to go when they were struck by four quick-fire goals as Motherwell Premier Division fitness began to tell The final result must have been a big disappointment to Johnny Wood the Thistle striker ---- for how many people score a hat-trick against 'Well and still finish up on the losing side.' Motherwell was at recognised full strength apart from centre forward Willie Pettigrew.

Buckie team was - Wood, Cowie, Bruce, McAndrew, Cardno, Souter, McDonald, Slater, Wood, Flett, Nicol. Subs, Lyon, Reid. Both subs played.

17 Aug **Town bus service** - A limited bus service is to be started in Buckie. It will be ran over a two-month period starting probably next month to gauge the demand after which a decision will be made on whether to provide the service on a permanent basis.

Alexander's (Northern) propose to operate the service in the afternoons from Monday to Friday.

**Another trader sale** - Clearance sale of Bankrupt stock will take place in the Fishermen's Hall on 18 and 19<sup>th</sup> August by Bradell Fashions Ltd of Dundee.

**And another** - Fantastic Sale in the Commercial Hotel on 19 August. The usual Ladies, Gents, children's wear also household goods.

**Travel Club proposed** - Buckie Thistle fans are to be asked if they would support the formation of a Travel Club to boost the support for the team at away matches. Those interested are asked to contact either George Davidson or George Lappin.

Aug 24 **School re-opened** - Lady Cathcart School which was closed down three years ago should be ready for re-opening this morning (Wednesday) as pupils throughout the district start a new session.

**Aqua Princess** - Seven-year-old Arlene Coull of 2 Steinbeck Road, Buckie was crowned Aqua Princess 1977 at Buckie Swimming Pool last week. Arlene was chosen by the judges from a pool of 40 other girls. There was also a **Mr Muscles** contest for boys which was won by 7 year old Ray Addison of 3 Cathedral Street.

**At the railway bridge over the Spey** - A footpath and picnic area is to be constructed at the former railway bridge over the River Spey between Garmouth and Speybay. A walkway will be constructed on the bridge itself while the steelwork will be repainted to ensure there is no decay. People have already been using the bridge as a walkway between the two sides of the river. The work of clearing the path, the picnic area and all work on the bridge amounting to £3647 will be done under the job creation projects.

**Opening announcement** - Hang Hing Chinese Carry-Out at 18 St Paul Street, Buckpool.

**Dinna steal tatties ye may weel suffer fo't** It is known that some people have been stealing potatoes from farmers fields and they are warned that should they eat them they could be doing themselves harm. The potatoes are sprayed to help guard against diseases that can affect the vegetable such as blight this renders the potatoes inedible for a time and if eaten a person is likely to suffer bouts of severe nausea.

**Advert** - Gent's Hairdressing Salon at 1 Gordon Street.

**Special church service** - The Multiple Sclerosis Society (Buckie and District) Branch are to hold a Church Service for the disabled in the North Church Hall, Buckie on Sunday August 8 at 3pm. The guest speaker is to be Rev. A. Scott Hutchison Rubislaw Church, Aberdeen.

**Wanted** Single filleters by Whitby Curing Co. Buckie.

Best sellers - W. F. Johnston and Sons 13-15 West Church Street .

Once an Eagle -	Anton Myrer
Tattoo -	Earl Thomson
Oil -	Jonathan Black
Come Hell of High Water -	Clare Francis

Also a big selection of other books by Fontana, Corgi etc. etc.

**Advert** - Robson's Removals, Keith, local and long distance.

**Columns** - The Day's Work by Spike and J.J. column.

**Advert** - Cameron. P. Hendry, Spar Food Market, Milton Drive.

**On the trophy trail again** - Bob Dawson, Land Street, Buckie took the top award with most points overall at 78<sup>th</sup> annual Flower Show at Deskford. This made it three times in a row for the successful gardener.

Mrs Gladys Smith, Slatehaugh, Shielburn, won the fruit section, honey, dairy, baking and cooking sections to retain the Baldwin Bowl.

Raey Currie, Enzie, once again lifted the McConnachie Cup in the scholar's section.

31 Aug The Buckie Maritime Museum (report by Mr William G. Cowie, Glasgow) 'Visitors and locals flocked to the Buckie Maritime Museum which was open for two months during the summer through the public spiritness of the Buckie and District Round Table. The open period ends today (Wednesday) but it is reckoned that close on 3000 people were shown around by attendant George Slater. George had been invited to become attendant because of his great knowledge of the various types of boats and the fishing industry in general and could answer the majority of questions that were asked, for example the difference between a scaffie and a zulu and a trawler and a liner or when did the **Promote** first appear in Buckie'

**Buckie Speakers' Club** - The office-bearers appointed for the new season are - President - Bruce Roy, vice president - Bob Archibald, secretary, Mike Harvey and treasurer, George Jappy. The club meets one per fortnight in the St Andrews Hotel and are keen to attract as many new members as possible.

(In December 2002 the numbers had decreased so much that grave fears were being entertained whether they could continue to operate as they would wish already they had had to disperse with the position of Topics Evaluator with the General Evaluator doing both tasks. This information was volunteered by member Sandy Horne, Fochabers.)

**New elders appointed at Buckie North Church** - Ian Duncan, Ronald Fetch, William Hay, William Ligertwood, Alan Loanie and Gordon Taylor.

**A man died at the football match on Saturday** Sixty four year old Alexander 'Paddy' Wylie of 24 Crown Terrace, Portgordon collapsed and died on the terracing at Victoria Park on Saturday during the Highland League match between Buckie Thistle and Elgin City. Although attempts were made to revive Mr Wylie he was found to be dead on arrival at Seaford Hospital.

Paddy lived for many years at Cowfurrich and worked at Chapelford Farm. During the war he helped to run a great many dances and other events in the Clochan School in aid of charities, especially the Welcome Home Fund.

He was a fun loving character and a popular member for many years of the Enzie Amateur Dramatic Society and played a number of different parts. (As a fellow thespian I enjoyed his crack.)

He is survived by his wife and four of a family. Margaret, Tommy, Irene and Tommy.

**Football** - Buckie Thistle went to the top of the league on Saturday after beating 'old enemies' Elgin City by five goals to one. Paddy would have been pleased to know this.

\*\*\*\*\***The Captain Scot Bids a Final Farewell** - The 144' schooner built in Buckie by Herd & Mackenzie shipyard left Buckie this week bound to the Middle East after being bought by the Sultan of Oman.

**A full report is given on the front page of the Banffshire Advertiser of 7<sup>th</sup> September 1977.**

**Is it a wildcat ?** An animal, believed to be a wildcat has been found in a snare in woods near Hillpark, Drybridge, by 18 year old Albert Imlach of 18 Merson Street who happened to be walking by. The snare had been set to catch a fox, which was known to be operating in the area. If it should prove to be a wildcat it will be the first to have been seen or trapped on the Hill of Maud according to a gamekeeper

with the Seafield Estates. Albert had already skinned the animal and buried the intestines but he aims to send the lot through to Aberdeen for identification.

**Dance and disco** - Moray District Swimming Squad are to hold a dance and disco in the Fishermen's Hall on Saturday September 10 with music by the Ned Kelly Band and Neonvida Disco. There will also be a beauty contest.

The young dancers are to be on trial with this being the first dance/disco of the winter season and the organisers have warned the dance goers to be on their best behaviour. If the dance should pass off peacefully there is every chance that further dances will be held in the future.

**Another one of those sales** - A Fantastic Sale – People of Buckie here we are again. Ladies, Gents and children's wear, household and fancy goods. Cluny Hotel, Thursday 8 September – Rochdale Trader.

**A changed scene** - The 'Advertiser' carried two pictures of Cluny Square and looking west along West Church Street. One was taken when the war memorial was in the centre of the Square and with only three cars seen on the street. The second was taken after 1974 since the memorial has been moved but there are two islands on the North High Street one almost where the memorial was situated. The south-west quadrant is full of cars also a great many on the street. Another noticeable feature is separate flower beds or tubs on the north east quadrant.

**HMS SHEFFIELD** - Sixteen years old Edward Goodall, 13 Inward Road has donated a model of HMS Sheffield to the British Maritime Museum. He spent almost two months and £25 on assembling the vessel from a kit he had bought and to ensure that it didn't get broken he decided to offer it to the museum for safe keeping.

**For sale** - North Church Manse at 3 East Cathcart Street.

**For sale** - Houses on Lennox Places, Portgordon were being offered for sale by Moray District Council The four houses, 10/11, 12/13 were presently uninhabitable and the purchaser would have to put them in order before they could again be occupied. The previous week the 'Advertiser' had received a letter saying how the houses ought to be removed since they were an eyesore. (They were demolished in the end with new houses built on the site.)

14 Sept **Strathlene Swimming Pool** - The community council were still in favour of Moray District Council leasing the disused pool to Mr Edward Douglas for a period of three years for a trout farm. This was contrary to the feelings of the two local District councillors. They did, however, agree with Co. Munro that the provision of toilet facilities in Buckie was a disgrace. Co. Munro had brought this up following on two letters in the local paper on the subject.

**Best of behaviour** - Over 200 youngsters attended a dance in the Fishermen's Hall on Saturday night and the organisers were delighted with their behaviour. It was such that there is good reason for believing that more dance/discos will become a regular feature.

**Wanted** - Herd & Mackenzie have vacancies for platers, welders, shipwrights and engineers.

**Advert** - P. Gauld and Co. Bogend Quarry, Rathven, . Various sizes of hard core available.

**Are you a 'Blue nose'?** A meeting is to take place in the lounge of the St Andrew's Hotel on Monday 19 August to test the interest in starting a Glasgow Rangers Supporters Club in Buckie.

**Buckie Rifle Club** - The club lost their range facility to the rear of the former Drill Hall with the opening of Buckie Thistle Social Club are to hold a meeting on 27

September in room 9 of the Town House at which all those interested are invited to attend.

**Aye anither ane** - Gigantic Mail Order Clearance Sale will take place in the Cluny Hotel on 13, 14 and 15<sup>th</sup> September. All goods sold at a fraction of catalogue prices. Bruce's Sales, Manchester.

**HMS SHEFFIELD** - A photograph in this edition of the 'Advertiser' shows Edward Goodall with his model of the destroyer together with Moray District Council Director of Libraries and Museums. Mr F. J. Guthrie.

21 Sept **Boat and crew lost** - There was sadness among the fishing fraternity in Buckie when they heard that the Lossiemouth fishing boat, **Sapphire** had gone down off the west coast with the loss of the crew members. The boat was driven on to a rocky headland only hours after leaving Lochinver early on Thursday morning.

**Increase in the school roll** - The school roll of Buckie High School at the start of the new school year is 1,100 an increase over the figure for last year. This is mainly due to the large intake of S1 of 285 pupils.

**New members of staff at B.H.S.** - David Anderson, R.E. Alison Fraser, Art, Graeme Gerrard, Technical Subjects, Norman Geekie, Maths, Malcolm Hogg, Biology, Alan McIntosh, Physics, Philip Penrose, Maths.

Mrs Frances Forbes and Mr Hugh Higher are filling temporary vacancies in Maths and History.

On October 4<sup>th</sup> Mr Roderick Manson takes up duty as PT History and Mr Andrew Stewart as APT on Maths.

28 Sept - **Buckie G.O. L. reaches 100 milestone** - Mrs Ann Lobban, Rock House, has reached her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. She is a daughter of Wm. Wright who had a grocer's shop on Baron Street.

After a spell in France and elsewhere she married Wm. Lobban who was also a grocer who had a shop on Cluny Terrace in partnership with George Geddes for a long time. When Mr Geddes retired he carried the shop on by himself. Mrs Lobban moved from Cluny Terrace to West Church Street before moving into Rock House 6 years ago.

\*\*\*\* **Charged with murder** - A Buckie youth of 19 was charged with murder after a man he had stabbed in Elgin later died of his injuries.

**And yet another outsider trader** - Super Sale in the Cluny Hotel conducted by Scottish Traders. For sale will be a mixture of things ranging from tools, through watches to clothes of various kinds.

### **Captain Scott - page 5 column 1**

**A native of Buckie becomes Aussie Mayor** - A Buckie man, 33 Charles Farquhar whose parents, Mr and Mrs James A. Farquhar live at the Sawmill House, Buckpool has been elected Mayor of the city of Richmond, in Victoria, Australia. He is the youngest ever civic head.

Charles was an employee of the Aberdeen Saving Bank on Cluny Square when he emigrated to Australia at the age of 19, he is now office manager for the Teachers Technical Association. He is a married man with two children.

He made a name for himself when he won a fight for a 145,000 dollar grant from the Central government for a multi purpose child care complex for Richmond. The biggest single grant ever given in Australia in this field with government cut backs as severe down under as much as here.

5 Oct **Dinner and Dance** - Buckie and District Amateur Swimming Club in the St Andrews Hotel on Friday 26 October. Tickets - £3.50

**Supper Disco** - St Andrews Hotel, Friday 7 October By popular demand Aberdeen's most exciting group, BUS CO. From 8 till 12 Tickets cost £1.10 come early

**Sensational dance this Friday** 7 October in the Fishermen's Hall. Music by the Ned Kelly Band plus disco from 9pm till midnight. Late transport. Don't miss it.

**Advert** - Collections - Solzhenitsyn – August 1914 – Candle In The Wind, One Day in the Life of Ivan Denesovich

George Orwell – 1984. Animal Farm, Decline of the English Murder.

W. Raymond Drake – Gods and spacemen Throughout History. Gods and Spacemen in the Ancient World.

Captains and Kings, Once an eagle in stock. Large set of hardbacks and paperbacks by favourite authors in stock. W. F. Johnston.

**At stud** - male goats - Crawford Cambew Brae of Essie by Rhynie.

**Massive advert** - Dyce and District Services Ltd. Sale - This took up the whole of two pages in the 'Advertiser'. All electrical appliances TV's Radios, stereo music centres, etc. etc.

**In the Scottish** - Buckie Thistle found themselves in the Scottish Cup for the first time in 13 years when they beat Deveronvale by three goals to one in the Qualifying Cup at Victoria Park

**Our Heritage - Fishing and Shipbuilding** - Twenty five pupils from classes 6 and 7 at St Peter's RC Primary School visited the shipyard of Herd and Mackenzie as part of a project being run by Grampian Region education department. The school decided to do Fishing and Shipbuilding. Mr Wm. Allison showed the pupils around the shipyard explaining each step in building a ship from the choice of timber to the completed vessel.

12 Oct **The Temple of Pomona** - A public inquiry is to take place in Cullen Town Hall to discuss the demolition proposal put forward by Seafield Estates on which the feature stands.

The Temple of Pomona was built in 1788 and although no drawings are known to exist it is virtually certain that James Playfair was the architect. An unexecuted design for the re-building of Cullen House and an alternative rectangular design for a Temple of Pomona by Playfair both survive dated to this year.

In 1790 another circular temple with a central drum in place of the Cullen statue was built to Playfair's design at Kinnairs Angus.

Apart from these two temples we know of a similar pleasure building surviving in Scotland from the great days of the formation of landscape policies in the 18<sup>th</sup> century mode.

The two level arrangement with the lower storey  $\frac{3}{4}$  buried in what appears to be an artificially made mound also appears to be unique in Scotland.

(The reason why Seafield Estates wanted to demolish the temple is because it had been vandalised and there was good reason to believe that they were responsible for the cost in the region of £7,000 plus to repair the damage. A number of local people were against the temple being destroyed including the former laird of Letterfourie and Sandy Wilson, Buckie, a retired architect who were leading light in the field of conservation in the area.)

**A Queen's Guide** - Sixteen year old Jean Cowie, 13 James Street, Buckpool, Buckie is shown receiving her Queen's Guide Award from Mrs McCorquodale, Elgin Assistant County Commissioner for Moray. Jean is a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Buckie Company.

**Hairdresser to close** - Hair Boutique, Hope Street, Portessie is to close on 14 October. The owner, Mrs Isabel Smith offers thanks to all her customers for their support

**Hairdresser to open** - Sheila and Annette wish to announce that they are to open a new Hair Boutique at 2 Craigenroan on Monday 24 October.

**Records and Tapes** - These are now on sale at Disc Atik above Kings Café, Buckie.

**Annual Action Ball** will take place in the St Andrew's Hotel on Friday October 28. Music by The Strollers. Tickets - £3.75. Dress optional.

**Fancy a steak supper** You can get one at Jon's Plaice, 23 High Street, Portgordon, or choose from a great selection of other dishes.

**Made to measure suits** - C. I. Shearer, and Son, Drapers and Outfitters, East Church Street.

**Oh me! Another Fantastic Sale** is to take place in the Cluny Hotel on Friday and Saturday 14 and 15 October. Fancy goods, anoraks, and other wears (sic) Rochdale Traders.

**We dinna only design hooses we mak widden toys** - Two local men both architects have set themselves up in business making wooden toys. The two are Bruce Sutherland 27 of Findochty and his cousin, Ian Bruce, 25 of Buckie. Bruce lives in Newmachar while Ian has a house in Aberdeen. Next door to where Bruce lives was a former smithy and this is where the two have been making the toys. They took some of their products to the Scottish Crafts Trade in Edinburgh and were pleased at the attention they received from French and Belgium buyers. Bruce's parents are, Mr and Mrs Alexander Sutherland, Seaview Road, Findochty while Ian's father, Mr Peter Bruce lives at 27 West Cathcart Street.

**Buckie minister has a new charge** - Rev Raymond Cowie, son of Mrs Jeannie Cowie and the late John Cowie, 12 Bruce Avenue was inducted to Bellshill Baptist Church, Glasgow last weekend.

Raymond served his time as a carpenter with Herd & Mackenzie when he left school but after he married his wife, Kathy, a Findochty girl, he did a three year course in Religious Education by correspondence during which time he preached in many churches along the Banffshire coast. Another Buckie exile, Rev Wm. Cowie whose present charge is Leslie Baptist Church in Fife was one of the speakers at the social evening that followed the induction.

**Sun lounge opened** - A £10,000 sun lounge was officially opened at Netherha Old Folks Home last Wednesday by Frank Gibson from Perthshire whose cousin Mrs Margaret Desson bequeathed £4,500 to the home for the purpose of providing a lounge. Mrs Desson was a resident of Netherha until her death.

**Buckie - an orra toon** - The shocking state of different parts of Buckie has been commented upon by both locals and visitors alike. Councillor Anderson remarked on the fact that large areas of grass within the town had not been cut all summer, this being blamed on inadequate staff levels.

19 Oct. **The Victoria Bowling Green** - The state of the surface of the bowling green was one of the subjects discussed at this week's meeting of Buckie Community Council.

**Christmas Lights** - The community council does not wish to give the impression that it is prepared to organise Christmas Lighting in Buckie every year. This much was stated by the chairman, Mr Sandy Wilson following a report given by Mr Peter Slater on a meeting that took place between a community council sub committee and several local bodies.

**Co-option to be considered** - The community council are to consider co-option to fill the vacancy caused by the withdrawal of Mr W. S. Taylor who intimated that he was to be leaving Buckie shortly with his new abode being outwith the town boundary and thus rendering him illegible.

Miss H. Rattray agreed to take over as secretary while Rev Fred Coutts was appointed treasurer, both posts being previously filled by Mr Taylor.

**Boat launch** - The hull of the 79' seine net trawler **Conquest** was launched from Thomson's shipyard on Friday afternoon - the third Conquest that skipper Dennis Reid, 4 James Street, Buckpool, has had built at the same yard.

It is the **largest** vessel of its kind that Thomson's have constructed and Skipper Reid hopes that she will be ready for sea trials after the New Year.

Mr Reid who owns the Prolific and trading Co. has been a skipper for 10 years and makes a point of having the registration numbers of all his vessels tally to 13. His new boat is registered BCK 274.

The Conquest will have a crew of 8 and Skipper Reid, in his mid thirties, one of the north east's top skippers intends to fish out of Peterhead.

The Conquest will be powered by a 565hp Caterpillar diesel engine and will have a Sutherland (Lossiemouth) combined winch on deck. She will also have all the latest navigation and fish detection equipment on board. (There were two pictures of the Conquest on the front page but because of the poor standard of reproduction could hardly be seen.)

**Supper Social** - Buckie Old People's Welfare Committee are to stage two Supper Socials for the old folk of Buckie. The events will take place in the St Andrews Hotel on 29 November for the East side and the 1<sup>st</sup> December for the West side. On both nights the 'kick-off' time is 6pm. Tickets will be available in the Town House on 11 and 12 November, also in the Portessie Public hall on 11 November.

**Attention all 'Blue Noses'** A meeting of Buckie and District Glasgow Rangers supporters will take place in the St Andrews Hotel on Monday 24 October. Members fees to be paid on the day. A bus will run to Aberdeen for the match at Pittodrie.

**Gay Gordon, Lhanbryde** - Fully booked for Saturday 22. (A most popular dance venue at this time with an advert in the local paper each week throughout the 1976/1977.)

**For Second hand furniture** - Union Motors, Turriff. The Grampian Region largest second hand furniture retailers.

**Football** - The 'Advertiser' reporter of the day waxed eloquently about the game between Buckie Thistle and Peterhead in the semi-final of the Qualifying Cup played at Victoria Park. '**1500** people were privileged to watch the game ..... A cracking game of football ..... non-stop excitement and a great advert for Highland League football.' Buckie lost by three goals to one. The team was - Wood, Cowie, Bruce, Cardno, McAndrew, Coutts,, McDonald, Slater, Wood, Souter, Nicol. Subs. Scott, Simmers.

**(It was noticeable that Spencer Lyon, ever present for a long time, hadn't featured in either the team or even on the bench in the last three games the Thistle had played.)**

**Advert** - Autumn fashions for men - T. M. Jack. 35 - 37 East Church Street.

**Advert** - Duffles (coats) - Francis Ritchie Draper - 72-74a East Church Street.

**A new model** - The New Chrysler - Sunbeam - Millbank Garage, High Street.

26 Oct **Town bus service** - The town bus service began in Buckie on Monday of this week.

\*\*\*\* **Skateboarding - Join in the excitement of Skateboarding . This new sport is sweeping the country and you can be the first in this area to have your own skateboard.**

**The Concordia - £7.50 The Concorde Super - £9.50**

**Order one now from Ocean Deck Engineering, 4 Old Market Place, Banff.**

**Mair of thon sales** - Manchester Trading Company - Sale of Sales in the Cluny Hotel on Thursday 27 October from 10.30am till 6 p.m.

**And anither** - Keith Fashion Centre - Sale of Sales in the Commercial Hotel on 28 and 29 October

**And anither** - Fantastic Sale in the Cluny Hotel on 28 October - Rochdale Traders.

2 Nov **Temple of Pomona** - The headline on the front page read - Fate of Cullen Temple in the Balance

\*\*\*\* The whole of the front page and part of page 6 was taken up with the argument thrust and counter thrust that took place at the big meeting held in Cullen Town Hall where the future of the temple was under discussion.

**Funeral parlour opened** - The only funeral parlour between Elgin and Banff was opened on Sunday on Baron Street following a dedication service performed by Rev Fred Coutts in the company of Rev George Duncan, Rev Wm. Jamieson, and Rev K. D. Lane. Mr Alex Bain, Portgordon, Joiner and Undertaker said that the new premises will be able to accommodate up to 50 people and will make it easier for people who have no suitable house accommodation for the coffin.

**No more skating rinks for flies** - Baldness Rescue Service - 'We give the message loud and clear your own hair can be revitalised with the phenomenal Summit solution. Summit 162 Sefton Street, Southport, Merseyside.

**Corner Shop, the Square**, Cullen - Wm. Christie, Hairdresser and Confectioner. I have decided to retire and have sold my business to Daniel V. Cook and would wish to thank all customers for their valued support throughout my long business career and trust that the same patronage will be extended to my successor.

Nov 9 **Strathlene Open-air swimming pool** - The possibility of rejuvenating the Strathlene open-air swimming pool and making the area into a top tourist spot was rejected last week following an announcement by District Recreation Director. Mr bob Cherry who said that such a scheme would cost over £94,000.

Renovation of the swimming pool, closed because of expenditure cut backs would cost an estimated £18,450.

A motion that the pool be not restored was carried by four votes to 2. Councillors Anderson and Munro voting against.

Councillor J. M. Anderson felt that the swimming pool had gone beyond the point of no return and did not think that there was any possibility of it ever being used as a swimming pool in the future.

**Buckie Slaughterhouse** - Line operators are required by Meat Marketing Ltd at Buckpool, Slaughterhouse.

**Books, both fact and fiction, at W. F. Johnston and Sons** - Everest by Chris Bonington

The Final Days by Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein. Westerns by Zane Grey, Louis l'Armour, Edge, J. T. Edson. Romance by Catherine Cookson, Barbara Cartland, and Georgette Heyer.

**Grand Sale !** Commercial Hotel Hall - John Hamilton, Pringle Road, Elgin. Household goods, Fancy Goods, Toys.

**Buckie unlikely to become an oil supply base.** This was made clear at a public meeting held in Elgin last week to explain the controversial development plans for the oilfield which lies less than 18 miles off the coast of Sutherland.

**We're back again** - Keith Fashion Centre with our Sale of Sales in the Cluny Hotel on 10 November

**And so are we** - The Rochdale Traders. We will have a Fantastic Sale in the Commercial Hotel hall on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> November.

**Buckpool Harbour** - Wm. Stables, director of Environmental Health with Moray District Council is of the opinion that the Scottish Development Agency are about ready to grant assistance for an improvement scheme at Buckpool Harbour.

Nov 16 **The community council were pleased** that a contract to modernise 27 houses on Harbour Street had gone to an Aberdeen firm at a time when local building firms were struggling to survive. Vice chairman, Sandy Stewart described the act as 'scandalous'.

**Church Covenanters do well** - Buckie Baptist Church Covenanters have won the National Bible Study Shield for the second year running.

**A' deen** - The Burns Square/ Wallace Avenue improvement scheme which involved modernisation of 48 houses at a cost of £82,156 is now complete.

\*\*\*\*\* **The Children's' Lament** - A poem found in this edition of the 'Advertiser' tells the tale of a bonfire that had been set alight in the middle of a field, well away from houses, being put out by the fire brigade after some persons had complained of smoke.

**Why were we paid off ?** Three Buckpool men are claiming compensation from Thomson's Shipyard since they believe that they were unfairly dismissed.

**Portgordon United F.C.** At their annual general meeting the following officials were either elected or re-elected. President L. Stuart. Vice president , G. Milton, secretary , Miss A. Murray and treasurer, D. Anderson.

**The Rovers have to travel** - Buckie Rovers are drawn away from home in the second round of the Scottish Junior cup. They will play Dundee East Craigie.

23 Nov **Show given the bird !** There will be no Buckie Cage Bird Society Show this year for the first time in forty years. The situation has been caused by the retirement and resignation of society officials during the past year and it appears that there is no young blood willing and able to fill their shoes. Most of the committee were in their 60's and 70's and gradually fading from the scene. This was the scene painted by former president Mr Willie Fraser of Duguid Street.

**Buckie Lyric Opera Company** are to present '**No, No Nanette**' in the Fishermen's Hall on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 30 November, and 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

**Dancing or Disco return to Cullen Town Hall** - Not for a long time had the young folk enjoyed a dance or disco in the Town Hall but on Friday 25 November the sensational **Procadero Disco** will be there and playing from 9.30pm till 1am. Late transport.

\*\*\*\*\* **Strathlene open-air swimming pool** - Major structural damage was done at Strathlene open-air swimming pool when heavy seas backed by strong winds toppled the outer sea wall sending blocks of concrete weighing over 50 tons crashing on to the pool surrounds several of the blocks landing in the pool itself. As a result of the breach the heavy seas which were still running earlier this week have carried masses of debris into the pool. (A poor picture in the paper shows the extent of the damage.)

**That's the style !** Buckie Rovers held a very successful Fashion Show , which with donations raised the sum of £83.

Nov 30 **A Children's Playground to be a reality** - there was great delight in Portgordon last week at the news that a children's playground is to be provided in the village.

A small but very active committee have been campaigning for over a year for the provision of a playground. £1100 has been raised towards the purchase of playground equipment over the past year. (Report is given on the front page.)

**Death of local dairy farmer** - Only a short time after selling a large part of his dairy herd one of the north's best known dairy farmers, George Young, Auchentae, Arradoul died last Wednesday at the age of 54. He had been in ill health for some time. He was the managing director of Arradoul Farms Ltd who own one of Scotland's finest pedigreed Friesian dairy herds. The herd was established in 1928 by the late Mr Robert 'Robbie' Young and inherited by his three sons and four daughters. One of his sons, Gordon who farmed at Muirton died three years ago. Arradoul Farms Ltd control 6 farms, Auchintae and Muirton, Buckie, Sauchenbush, Clochan, the Den farm, Fochabers and Drumfurrich, Craigellachie. George Young was also a noted Clydesdale horse breeder something that was handed down from his father. He is survived by his wife Elma, married daughter, Kathryn and son Ian. The family business will be carried on by Ian and Mr Young's surviving brother, James who lives at Sauchenbush.

**Christmas trees** - Buckie Community Council are arranging for the erection of Christmas trees at Cluny Square, St Andrew's Square and Portessie. Moray District council has agreed to meet the cost of the electricity used during the Christmas displays. To offset other maintenance costs which will be incurred the community council is placing collection cans in shops, pubs and clubs in Buckie and hope that the public will be generous to ensure the provision of Christmas lighting next year and in the future.

**Floodlight Appeal** - Buckie Thistle has launched a Floodlight Appeal Fund. The first major contribution came last week when the football club was presented with a cheque for £2000 by Mr Bob Cruickshank, chairman of the Buckie Thistle Social Club to set the ball rolling. The target is £10,000

**An award for Buckie man** - Mr James Merson, a handicapped man of 4 Low Street has been awarded the John Lockie Gold Medal- the Scottish Business Education Council top award in Business Studies. Mr Merson who suffers from brittle bones took a one year full time course at Moray College of Further Education before embarking on a stiff two year Scottish Higher National Diploma course that he completed this summer. He was employed by the Customs and Excise at Dumbarton, Perth and Aberdeen for 10 years before taking up the Business Studies course in Elgin. He became deeply involved in student affairs while at college in Elgin being responsible for the setting up of students association and was the first secretary. He also represented the students on the college council.

**Big drapery sale** - Abdul Brothers - Brechin - Cluny Hotel on December 2.

Dec 7

**We would like our ain bobby** - Many people in Portgordon would like to see a bobby in Portgordon to combat the amount of vandalism that is presently taking place. For a long time a policeman was stationed in Portgordon and it is thought that a reinstatement would help greatly.

**Welfare Society hands out £470** - This sum was slightly up on the previous year. The highest sum paid out was £60 to the Buckie Old Age Pensioners Association down to £15 to the 1<sup>st</sup> Buckie Scout Group. In addition £20 was donated to Buckie Community Council - £10 towards the Christmas Lighting and £10 to the Silver Jubilee tree planting project.

**The Flamingo Room** is to re-open on Saturday 17 December and there after every Friday and Saturday as a licensed ballroom. We will also be opening on Wednesday nights into the New Year providing top class resident bands catering to all tastes and

also offering an extensive menu ranging from hamburgers to full steak meals and a bar service . Food and drink at reasonable prices.

**Stretch cover sale** - Cluny Hotel - Strachan and Sons, Wormit, Fife

**Advert** - General Drapery , 51-53 West Church Street. Also at 119 High Street, Elgin.

**Wanted for Strathlene Hotel** – Waitress staff.

Dec 14 **Buckie youth goes down for three years** - The Buckie youth charged with murder was sent to a Young Offenders Institution for three years (**A full report is given on the front page.** The fact that he came from a good family was important to the judge.)

**New toilets for Buckie** - Following on a number of complaints Moray District Council agreed to spend £14,000 on the construction of new toilets in Buckie. The new toilet block with facilities for the disabled is to be built on Newlands Lane.

**Strathlene open-air swimming pool** - Councillor Frank Anderson should have been given full marks for trying to do what he saw as best for Strathlene. Despite all the damage that had been done to the pool and surrounds he proposed that kiddies paddling pool could be made there and put his proposal forward. To completely fill the pool in the estimated cost was £600. To partially fill in the pool and construct a paddling pool with an upgrading of the toilet block was estimated at £3000. Mr Cherry said that in view of the damage done by the recent storm he could not recommend that the pool be ever returned to its former state and mentioned that the bottom of the pool was also damaged.

**Silver Jubilee trees** - The first consignment of trees donated by the Forestry Commission to be planted in Buckie under the Silver Jubilee tree-planting project arrived today ( Wednesday). Mr George McKenzie, Rector, Buckie High School has agreed to make a team of boys available to assist the community council in the planting of the trees.

Dec 21 **Vandalism at Portgordon** - A short time ago many people in the village had been pressing to have their bobby reinstated because of the amount of vandalism. A major act of vandalism took place to the village hall at a time when the hall committee were holding a meeting inside. The walls of the hall that had only recently been plastered and harled will have to be done again because of the damage that has been done. On the same night the toilets at the harbour were also damaged.

Dec 28 **New Assistant Head (Guidance ) appointed at BHS.** George C. Smith, 42 has been appointed the new Assistant head (Guidance) from a short list of five at an interview held in Aberdeen. A graduate of Aberdeen University he is vice president of Moray Association of Guidance Teachers , treasurer of the Speakers Club and treasurer of a church.

**Groups playing at different venues** - Redcoats and Harmonettes at the British Legion. Five-a-Side and Johnny and sonny at the Buckie Thistle Social Club. Johnny Grigor and The Saints at St Andrews Hotel, Feedback at the Strathlene Hotel with Blue Velvet and the Two G's at the Buckpool golf Club.

