

1979

3 Jan **Queen's Guides** - Diane Merson 16 and Veronica Stewart 15 of Provost Reid Crescent received their awards as Queen's Guides from Mrs McCorqudale, Commissioner for Moray Girl Guides.

New net factory opened at Buckie by F. M. A. at 19 Commercial Road. The Fishermen's Mutual Association (Buckie) Ltd. What do we provide?

Fish selling and Marketing facilities.

Two chandleries for all supplies

A well stocked grocery

A successful fuel and oil sales department

We provide a forum for members to express their views on national and international issues.

A photograph shows two employees, Kenny Farquhar and Willie Burgess at work in the new factory. Lots of firms names connected with FMA are shown of other pages.

Winter Sale at Alex J. Slater (Furniture) 23-25 East Church Street.

A poem is found on page 10 titled **Happy Days** written by L. J. Innes of Portgordon.

Another poem is found on page 13 titled **Memories** written as Fae a Buckie Quine.

Jan 9 **"Back the Community Council"** says Chairman Alex Wilson. A report is given on the front page. Mr Wilson spoke of the apathy that greeted the introduction of the community council with Buckie being no different to many other places with only seven candidates coming forward to fill the 12 seats.

Advert - George Burnett, Butcher, 7 Burnside Street, and Portsoy.

"When The Sea takes over" an article written by the new editor of the 'Advertiser' is to be found on page three. His photograph is found on page 7.

Advert - J and B. Ferguson Cluny Terrace, Suites, beds, tables, divans etc.

Winter sales - Robertson's (Fordyce) Buckie Furniture etc. Henry Packman, Furniture, Mid St. Keith: Francis Ritchie, East Church Street, Ladies, Gents and Children's clothes: Jean Pirie, Ladies Outfitter, Banff. : Norma's, East Church Street, Ladies and Gents Clothing: T. M. Jack, East Church Street, Ladies and Gents Fashion Clothes: Robertson's Drapers, Cullen.

Henderson's 28-30 Seafield Street, Cullen, Women's Clothes. General Drapery Store, 51-53 West Church Street.

Boat launch - A 50 stern trawler and seine netter, the Crystal Sea, costing £225,000 and built for Archie Johnston of Port Seton was launched from the shipyard of Messrs Herd & Mackenzie this week. The new boat is powered by a 365-hp Caterpillar diesel engine and has a Mastra hydraulic seine/rawl power block and discharge winch, In addition she has all the latest electronic fishing aids including SONAC

A poem is found on page 5. Titled 'Winters Braith' it was written in the Doric by John M. Mackie, Tarves.

The Januar winn blaws caul an dreich,
 Alang the dikes b; the freestie fleeds,
 Faar the roarin' stirks their vical keep,
 For a fork o' hye, mebbe an antrin neep.

Bit the Arctic winn pyes little heed
 Tae the bawlin' nowts sparse like feed,

It his the fire o' frost on'ts icy braith,
Sae grimly gethered ower Greenland's wastes.

It hidd a haan in the aul eer's death,
Wid gledly sprag the new een's birth,
Bitt it's weel happit in'ts swaddlin' claes,
Suckled tae the breest o' aul mither earth.

So we'll wyte for the soun' o' the westen' winn,
Scoorin the lugs o' a richt thrawn like spring
Garrint loup throu' the widds an' dales
Tae the elfin music o' the snawdraps bells.

Another poem is found on page 7. This was written by someone aged 14½ who calls him or herself Copper Knob

The Yowies Lament

I was reared on the pastures o' Knock,
Where the grass is sae tender and fine.
Noo, I'm geain' awa' wi' the rest of the flock
For man freedom I'll bitterly pine.

O why was I born far tae go?
Tae a mart that will stifle ma breath,
Tae a place o' the wailin' an' woe.
Tae a hoose o' the shambles an' death.

Goodbye dear Vale o' Glen A'an
A `ert warmin view as o' yore,
I'm tired an' weary as man
For here I'll nae cha ony mair.

Nae mair will the shepherd's soft brogue
Urge the brisk collie dog on ma back,
But the han' o' some coorse Scottish rogue
Will stick ma puir limbs up on the rack.

For man sae unthinkin' an vain,
Unjustly his power doth he use,
An' little he thinks of the pain,
Caused tae me an' the ither aul ewes.

A puir turn oot - Only four members of the general public out of a total population were sufficiently concerned to attend a meeting called by the community council to discuss any affairs which it was thought was in the best interests of the town. "A sad state of affairs", was how one council member described it. Members, however, were undaunted and decided to soldier on in the face of the sort of stark disinterest that might have prompted many lesser stout hearted people to pack the whole thing in. Mr Sandy Wilson, chairman, said "I think that it is extremely important that the body nearest the people does not disappear. A photograph of the council members is given on the front page.

Was it a bird, or what was it? Buckie painter, Bobby Munro is convinced that he saw a UFO or something very odd in the sky above the town this week.

Closing down. The shop in Portessie called Young World that catered for the fashion of younger females at Hope Street is to close down.

A poem is found on page 3 written by L. J. Innes, Portgordon. It is titled 'Memories'

Radio Buckie celebrates its 4th birthday. A photograph shows some of the members – Kathryn Slater, Isobel Clelland, Colin Shearer, Caroline Packman and Mary Raich. Unfortunately the reproduction of the photograph is very poor.

Feb 20 **Death of the South Church minister** - Rev George Duncan, minister of the South and West Church is believed to have died of a heart attack at his home in the manse on East Church Street. He was found when someone went to investigate after he failed to turn up for the morning service on Sunday, His death came as a shock to a great many people.

Boat launch - A 70 feet long **middle water steel built stern trawler powered by a 500 hp Kelvin diesel engine** was launched from the shipyard of Herd & Mackenzie this week. Christened the **Accord** the boat has been built for skipper Bill McKay of Fraserburgh. And cost in the region of ¼ million pounds. All the latest fish-finding gear and navigational aids have been installed.

Skipper McKay's former boat was also called the **Accord** and was 55 feet in length. He feels that with the bigger new boat he can go more safely further afield.

The **Tarradale II** was launched on the same day with no other information was given in the 'Advertiser'.

To resume - Eric Riddoch, Baker, Portknockie will be resuming normal deliveries from Tuesday 20 February onwards.

A poem is found on page 3 This is titled 'Nicht Fa' and has been written in the Doric. No mention of the writer is given.

Pedestrian crossing for West Church Street - Grampian Region Roads Department have given the green light for a pedestrian crossing to be installed on West Church Street, Buckie.

Buckie Speakers' Club - Those who gave five-minute speeches at the last meeting were Bruce Roy, Charles Brown and Arthur Hill. The title of Bruce's speech was 'Then and Now' in which he spoke of Society's changing attitudes – pedal cyclist fined 7/6 with the option of five days in jail. People jailed for a speeding offence. The title of Charles' offering was "A Little Knowledge" in which he told the story of a recent case of Mr X versus a major electrical firm on the subject of supposedly built in obsolescence. Mr Hill had as his title 'Deception', a 'glassy' account of one of his shady deals as a jeweller.

John Watt was Topics Chairman, Ian Duncan, Topics Evaluator and Bill Cecil General Evaluator.

27 Feb **Much mair interest shown** - Forty five members of the public with ages ranging from 8 to 65 were present at the public meeting called to test the water re the formation of an Outdoor Club in Buckie. This was considerably more people than attended the public meeting called by the community council earlier in the year. At the meeting it was decided to form a steering committee of six members who are to get down to the details of forming a club. The next meeting will take place on 27 March.

6 Mar **Card for people at risk** - People at risk are to be given a bright red card bearing the words Postal Call. The idea being that they would put it in their windows and thus signal for help. The SOS would be spotted by postmen on their round who would take appropriate action. The practice is already in operation in some other parts of Scotland.

13 Mar **Buckie Speakers' Club** - The two five minute speakers at last week's meeting were Peter Bruce and Allan Fraser. Mr Bruce's speech was centred around a 'Cook's Tour' he was given of Aberdeen University when he accompanied the night security officer. He said how he was privileged to see more in one night than the average student could hope to see in the four year spent there.

The title of Mr Fraser's speech was 'A Question of Scale' in which he looked at the subject of disasters. One might compare the relative triviality of an oil spill affecting the shores of Britain but described nationally as a disaster with that of a major earthquake in a country such as Peru where not only was the loss of life but damage to property and the landscape likely to be considerably more. Peter Slater was Topics Chairman choosing the theme of Time.

Advert - Try 'The Kings' (Buckie) for quality fruit at low prices, supplied by Ramage of Forres.

20 Mar **Given awards** - Betty Flett, 4 Main Street, James Flett, 12 Mackenzie Street and harbourmaster Alex Smith, 1 Old Street (all Findochty) were presented with Royal Humane Society's certificates for saving five year old Sian Holden 17 Seaview Road, when he fell off a boat into the harbour at Findochty in October last year. The awards were handed over by Councillor Wm. Mair, Portknockie.

Advert - 'All Seasons' Cluny Square for fish, fruit, flowers and pot plants.

Sale - Firth Furnishers, 33-37 West Church Street, Buckie.

27 Mar **A Customers Car Show** will take place in the Cluny Hotel on Saturday 31st March. Finnie Motors, Peterhead and Snap on Tools.

Launch of a record - The Don Grant Band will launch their new single - **Detroit City/Mocking Bird** in the Cluny Hotel on Friday 30 March in aid of Action Research for the Crippled Child JAI Records.

Lady darts champ from Buckie - Lynn McKay is tops when it comes to darts. She recently won the coveted 'Sunday Mail Ladies Masters Trophy' against crack opposition and has gone on to score a unique double, landing a place in the Scottish Ladies team to play Wales at Dumfries in May. Lynn, a housewife of 27 Rannas Place, Portessie has said that it had always been my ambition to play for Scotland but of course nice to win too. She first became interested in darts through her father who is 'mine host' of the Craigenroan Bar.

A poem is found on page 8. This is titled 'The Macedonian Call' written by Exile.

Apr 2 **Benefit Match** - A full house is expected for 'Bomber' Thomson's Benefit match on Sunday when Buckie Thistle will play Aberdeen.

Alex 'Bomber' Thomson a native of the Glasgow area settled in Buckie after the war when he married a local girl. He played for Buckie Thistle in the immediate war years and was one of the finest half-backs the club has ever had. When he gave up playing in the early 1950's he became trainer a job he excelled in as he had been a PE instructor in the Army and was now a Physical Education instructor in local schools. He left Buckie to serve as a spell as a trainer with first Elgin and later Rothes before returning to Buckie in the early 1960's. He planned to retire this year but has carried on as physiotherapist. Mr Alex Stewart, President of the club, described 'Bomber' as being the best 'rub man' in the business and one who fully deserved a benefit match for his lengthy service to Buckie Thistle.

A 'clean' break - Buckie Swimming Club has broken away from the Moray District Amateur Swimming Club, which they joined two years ago reverting back to their previous local identity to be known as Buckie Amateur Swimming Club. The fees will be 50p per year + 10p per session. One reason given for breaking away was the decision made by Moray District Council to raise the annual fees to £1.

Advert - In aid of the Brittle bone Society an LP and cassette 'The Music of Spey' played by Buckie High School Strathspey and Reel Society can be had from Cecil and Harvey or 4 Low Street at £2.50.

Now open - McGruther and Marshall Ltd, Commercial Road, D.I.Y Kitchen and bathroom suites etc. etc.

Wanted - The Mid Grampian Group of Newspapers which include the Banffshire Advertiser, Banffshire Herald Huntly Express, and Dufftown News require a keen and industrious advertising representative.

The position will be based in Banff. Salary by negotiation. Mileage allowance on own transport provided. George Moffat, General Manager, The Banffshire Journal, Ltd 9 Old Market Place, Banff.

Long service rewarded - Mrs Jeannie Campbell, 21 Seaview Road, received a necklace and handbag in recognition of her 25-year's service as treasurer of Buckie Old Age Pensioners. She hopes to carry on as a committee member. The new treasurer is Mrs Cathlene Cormack, Gordon Street. Jackie Cole was re-elected president with Mrs Grant Brown as vice president and Mrs Innes, Linn Crescent, secretary.

Advert - Sony Belamax - the first home video to give you a free night at the movies. Davidson's Cullen.

They're back again - 'Moochers' - with another Great Sale in the Cluny Hotel, St Annes on Sea,.

Sale - R. J. Erskine, Ironmonger, 26 East Church Street - annual stocktaking.

Buckie Speakers' Club - The new office-bearers for session 1979/80 are - President - Bill Cecil, vice president/secretary Duncan Jamieson, treasurer, Bill Iannetta, Social Secretary, Allan Fraser, Educational Director, Stewart Benson.

A new column - Midweek Reflections. The first contribution came from Rev David Bennett, Findochty.

Apr 10 **Igliston Market Traders** - Indoor Market, Cluny Hotel, Ladies Fashions, Anoraks, clocks, jewellery etc.

Bedfordia Self Drive, Plant Hire Specialists, Sandy Road, Elgin.

Trophy for 'Bomber' Thomson - The Jags youngest player, Gordon Robertson, presented 'Bomber' with a trophy to mark the occasion of his benefit match. He also received a Thistle blazer from the club. The money raised from the match against Aberdeen, which Buckie lost by five goals to nil is to be spent on new furniture.

First advert for some time - Strathlene Hotel - Lounge bar and public bar now open 11a.m. -2.30 p.m. and from 5 p.m. till 11pm. Bar snacks and basket meals available.

Apr 17 **Generous public** - The Buckie public famed for their generosity raised the sum of £1400 and more to provide a water bed for 15 year old Ken son of Mrs and Mrs Kenny Cowie, of Simrole, South Land Street. When the Health Board said that they could no afford to provide such a bed his Mam, Nora, set about raising the money herself. This she did by holding afternoon teas and by receiving personal donations. She was overwhelmed by the support, describing it as 'terrific' that she was given and the amount of money raised that she was able to buy two beds.

Highland League football - Buckie Thistle 2 Elgin City 0 The Thistle team was - Wood, M. Cowie, Cardno, Adams, McPherson, Scott, McDonald, Souter, Oxley, Nicol, Flett. Subs. T. Cowie, Malcolm, Flett.

24 Apr **Now open** - Buckie Aquarium at 5 Bridge Place.

Spey Bay Hotel to reopen after extensive alterations on 27 April. The main contractor was Messrs R. Slorach and Sons, Seafield Joinery Works, Portessie.

The Gallery Restaurant, 5 Cluny Square, is again open for business following extensive alteration. Come and try our new griddle menu and taste the big American burger, the steakwich or crofter's platter, just three of the latest examples in modern snack lunches and low cost high teas.

The improvements included the re-siting of the dispense bar and the introduction of a new dance floor. It is our intention to provide music for dancing at weekends and we can cater for small parties up to 60.

Speakers' Club - The last meeting of the session held last week was as usual, Ladies Night, and there was a large audience. The two main speakers were Bill Iannetta and Bill Cecil. Mr Iannetta gave a light-hearted speech titled, 'It's a Woman's World' in which he poked fun at the agony pages of women's magazines. Bill's was equally funny and witty although the title would have belied this - The Colour and Violence of Electricity.

Bruce Roy was Topics Chairman, George Jappy, General Evaluator with Allan Fraser as Time Keeper. He also gave the vote of thanks with particular reference to the President Mike Harvey for his efforts this session.

For sale - Central Garage, West Church Street and Pringle Street. Also taxi business, 10 radio controlled cars with two way system. John G. Robertson.

May 1 **PM in Buckie** - Margaret Thatcher, Prime Minister paid a visit to Buckie. The 'Advertiser' has a lot of photographs taken at various places during her visit but the reproduction of each one is very poor.

May 8 **Player of the Year** - Robbie Nicol was chosen by the fans as the Thistle Player of the Year. At a end of the year function the trophy was handed by the proprietrix of the Banffshire Advertiser, Mrs Marie Johnston.

Tories take the Banffshire seat - David Myles, Conservative became the MP for Banffshire when he polled a vote of 10,580 to beat off the sitting MP Hamish Watt SNP who polled 9,781.

Hamish Watt, obviously disappointed, was emphatic that the SNP would return to take the seat if no him some other candidate.

Editor " Subsequent Scottish election results, however, indicate that such a come back could be a long time in coming ". As it happened Hamish was to be proved right.

Highland League football - Buckie Thistle ended the season in a blaze of glory when they beat Inverness Clach by six goals to one at Victoria Park. The team was Wood, David Sellar, McPherson, Adams, Cardno, Scott, Cowie, Souter, McDonald, Nicol and Ian. Sellar. Subs John Wood and manager Danny Fitzimmons.

A Man's section - Norma's that up till now have been a Ladies Fashion shop are to open a Men's Wear shop at 65 West Church Street.

May 15 **Now open** - SFF Fish Shop on Low Street across the street from the Shoreline Café on Marine Place.

Advert - John's Window Cleaners Phone Buckie xxxxxxx Pensioners - Free - 2 hours - Saturday. (I wonder if everybody understood the advert as it was written.)

May 22 **Youngsters make a religious LP** - The choir and congregation of the North Church on Sunday were in fine voice helping the youngsters from Sunday Schools from Portgordon to Cullen who were recording a religious LP. The proceeds from the disc, which is expected out in the autumn will go towards Kirk Funds.

The Toc H - The Toc H are to hold a Barn Dance in the Fishermen's Hall on Friday 1st June from 7.30 till 11ppm. Refreshments on sale. Tickets £1.

Notice - John's Window Cleaners. Dear customers under the circumstances we cannot carry out our duties until further notice. (As strange as ever.)

May 29 **Joint meeting of community councils** - At a joint meeting of local community councils held in Buckie it was agreed that it should become an annual event. It was said how community councils served an essential function. David Porters, chairman of Findochty Community Council said : " If we don't have community councils there is nothing to put in their place, we have tried our best and we hope that this will be the judgement of our communities" Alex Wilson of Buckie Community Council added these words : "The real weight of a community council lies in the responsibility earned by its own efforts, eight, nine or ten members working together and talking objectively on matters that is worth its weight in gold

Boxing Show - Buckpool Amateur Boxing Club are to stage a Boxing Show in the St Andrews Hall, Buckie on Thursday 31 May 1979, Entrance ticket 50p.

The bills were saying "Vote (Winnie) Ewing for Europe on June 7th."

Indoor Market - Cluny Hotel on 1st June - Market Traders.

A poem is found on page 6 This is titled 'Dodie Grant's Horse' and tells the story of a model Clydesdale horse that Jimmy 'Dodie' Grant had made, almost life size and which stood equipped with full harness and yokit to a an auld ferm cairt ootside his hoose in Rathven. So many people had stopped to take a photograph that Jimmy had put down a box to collect for charity. The poem was written by A. Smith, 2 Oglivie Street, Portessie.

Advert - Bremner and Walls - Joiners - all types of joiner work undertaken - garages, sheds, dog kennels, rabbit hutches. Anything of this nature made to your requirements.

Advert - Barbour and Hay, Joiners and Ashphalt Roofing contractors. - Cullen

June 5 **Sodjers wanted** Calling all young men between the ages of 17 and 32, up to 35 if ex service to join the local TAVR platoon based at Keith.

Highland Games at Buckie - Buckie Thistle's second Highland Games was again blessed with good weather and provided a fine afternoon's entertainment. There was a crowd of 2000 present with the Robbie Shepherd acting as impresario.

The record for throwing the welly boot of 166½ feet set up by Buckie man Gordon Forbes remained unbroken.

Hamish Davidson won all the heavy events except for tossing the caber in which he was placed equal with Bill Anderson and tossing the 22 LB hammer, which was won by Anderson.

Robbie Nicol won the 800 metres for senior athletes; Malcolm Murray won the 200m race for junior athletes with Wm. Mackay won the 800metres, Mandy Turnbull won the 800 metre race for girls under 15 while Gillian Fraser came first in the same distance race for girls under 17.

Banker on the move - Douglas Gauld (Buckie) is to move from being manager of the Clydesdale Bank in Kirkwall to Laurencekirk and Fettercairn.

June 12 **The lights cost an awfy lot o' money** - The high cost of keeping Buckie merry and bright over Christmas was highlighted at Monday's meeting of Buckie Community Council. Last year the street lights cost £600.

While the councillors were unanimously in favour of repeating the display this year they are hopeful of generating some additional support to offset the bill.

It was agreed too approach the Regional Council who received £295 from Moray District Council for erecting the lights for a contract.

An approach will also be made to Moray District Council. Mr Wilson, chairman, commented: " It could be argued that they do not donate anything as the money they give comes out of the Common Good Fund."

Wanted by Thorn Lighting - a machine fitter.

June 19 **Hamilton Brothers Engineers** want steel erectors and trainees also a workshop cleaner. And maintenance engineer.

Boat launch - One of the biggest fishing boats to be built by Jones, Buckie, Shipyard for some time was launched last week and will shortly join the pair/trawling fleet of Denby Trawlers of Grimsby.

The 79 feet long Francis Bojen is the third Jones craft built for the Grimsby fishing concern since 1971 and the head of the firm, Jens Bojen said that his faith in the quality and craftsmanship of the yard's work force will see him back again for his next new vessel.

He sister ship, **Marguerite Bojen**, with which she will be pair trawling was delivered in 1976.

The Francis Bojen has been fitted with a 375 hp Kelvin diesel engine and will carry a crew of 6.

This was the last boat that the managing Director, Robert Young will see launched as he retires next month. In more than 20 years with the firm he has overseen the building of some 76 boats of various designs. He will remain a non ex director with the yard for a year after his retirement.

Sale of Sales by Keith Fashion Centre will take place in the Cluny Hotel on Thursday 21 June. Ladies, Gents, Boys and Girls clothing also all kinds of household goods.

We've closed down. - Cowie's Fabrics closed down their business, which has been bought over by Mr Williams, Knitting and Sewing Centre, Cullen.

It disna pey us to deliver ivery day - C. Stewart and Son, Butchers 10 West Church Street and A.G. Stewart, both give notice that they are withdrawing their daily delivery service.

A new force - The Royal Auxiliary Air Force Regiment a new part time force are seeking recruits. Men between 17½ and 45 up to 55 if ex service .

July 3 **Buckie boat with crew of six reported lost** - The Carinthia a 58' wooden built vessel was last heard off the Orkney Islands on Tuesday when facing into a force 8 gale when the skipper, said they were making for the Lochinver.

The crew consists of , Edward Lawson, 36 of 12 St Peter's Road , father of three, his uncle, James Lobban 53 and his son Murray Lobban 21 both of the Seatown, Charles Cargill, 28 of East Carlton Terrace a father of three, Dick Mair, 43 of Netherha Road and David Flett, 29 a father of two of Cliff Street, Findochty.

This brings the total number of men lost this year in the North Sea to 22.

Strathlene Hotel new restaurant now open . Breakfast 8am -10am, Morning coffee 8am -1pm; Light lunch 12-3pm; Afternoon tea - 3pm till 5pm; High tea 4pm till 6pm Open for dinner from 8pm till 11pm. Reservations please.

Advert - Norman Morrison, Butcher and Poulterer, 10 Station Road, Portessie. Quality Silverside, £1.50 per LB, prime cut this weekend.

10 July **Dux of Buckie High School** - This year's Dux is James Findlay, Cullen. His father is headmaster of Cluny Primary School.

Buckie Rotary Club - The new president of Buckie Rotary Club is Brian Wheatley, who took over from Fred Johnstone. Brian Wheatley is Managing Director of the Scottish Boatowner's Assurance Association.

17 July **Memorial Service** - An estimated 1400 people congregated at Buckie North Church on Sunday for the memorial service for the crew of MFV Carinthia.

She was lost off Orkney last month in a force 8 gale. A full-scale search was mounted but for the 58', 23-year-old vessel but the only trace of her was a lifebelt washed ashore on the island of Rousay.

Now open The Coffee Shoppee, Commercial Street, and Findochty. Freshly brewed coffee. Home bakes and light snacks.

Advert - George Sutherland, established 1883, 21 West Church Street, Buckie, large stocks of fashion shoes, and casual shoes and sports shoes arriving daily.

Lawn Care, 1 Bank Street, This month's special offer. Norlett 516 16 inch Rotary 3hp engine, £71,30. Machine serviced ready for work.

A tribute to the crew of the Carinthia is given on page 6.

For mair water - A 1,100,000 gallon, 5000 cubic metre capacity service reservoir is to be constructed at Rochomie A grant of £480,000 has been received from Grampian Regional Council's Water Services Committee to meet the cost of the required development.

Advert - Webster's Garage, Colonsay Place. Repairs and Servicing at very reasonable rates. Estimates given on request.

24 July **Boss of 'Herdies' Shipyard retires** - Two hundred members of staff and relatives met in the St Andrews Hotel Hall to do honour to Mr John Mackenzie and his wife Mary on the occasion of his retirement as the head of the firm of 'Herdies' as it is affectionately known. His father and uncle began the firm in 1903 when they worked at clearing out a site from the rocks at the Hythe without a penny of income for the first 12 months. Their first boat was the Harvest Reaper, a steam drifter, 86 feet long that cost £918 you could at the present day for the same boat add a couple of 00's It was launched in 1905. When the Zulus were in decline. During the two world wars many admiralty orders were fulfilled particularly for minesweepers. From 1905 to 1951 when both his father and uncle died the firm constructed 120 boats. The move to Buckie came after the war in 1919. From 1951 to 1979 (July) 156 boats were launched making a grand total of 276. The biggest shipyard north of Aberdeen could handle orders for wooden, steel or composite boats and do all the necessary jobs including fitting and testing within the firm without resorting to sub contractors. He was proud of the fine yachts the firm had produced. Out of the first five yachts built, three went into the Royal Yacht Squadron. The pride of place in accomplishments was the completion of the Captain Scott and it was sad to see this fine vessel sail away to 'where the money was'. Throughout his speech he repeatedly stressed the loyalty and skill of his team and their dedicated craftsmanship without he could have done nothing. The shipyard was bought over by FMA Fishermen's Mutual Association with Leslie Mair Chairman and Willie Nicholson as manager.

Now open Ladyfare Fashions on Low Street.

Sale in Cluny Hotel - R.O. G. Enterprises, Glasgow, quilts, towels, curtains, rugs.

**** An article on **Peter Fairs of the Past** is found on page 6 - written by Aul Yin. *****

Sportsman sweats in good cause - A well-known local teacher and sportsman lost 52 ounces after an hour's strenuous game of squash against a fellow competitor. The object of the exercise was to raise funds for Buckpool Golf Club Gala Week. He was sponsored at £10 an ounce so the club should do well.

A comment made by a fellow club member who met the new slim member of Buckie High School spurkle making department in the corridor: " Weel AXXXXXXX, " he said" gin ye hidna got it tae loase, ye widna hae loast it".

31 Jul **"A Moochie Nicht at the Fair"** said the headline The local paper saw sense again and gave a mention to the centuries old Peter Fair. It was a good write up with even a picter on the front page, things are looking up.

A report on the firm of Herd & Mackenzie following the retirement of John Mackenzie.

In 1903 steam drifters were beginning to replace the Zulus and Fifies in most Scottish ports. In that year although Buckie could boast of 25 steam drifters most of them had been built in England. James Herd and Thomas Mackenzie, two carpenters who had served their time with Denny's of Dumbarton foresaw the demand on the Moray Firth coast for locally built wooden steam drifters and also for facilities for their overhaul and moved north to Findochty.

They built a slipway at the Crooked Hythe and the first boat slipped for overhaul was the Zulu Valkyrie BF1947, In 1905 they received their first order for a steam drifter, the Bloomfield.

During the First World War the firm converted fishing boats for naval duties and built standard drifters of 90; in length and 20' beam.

With the return of peace they were inundated with orders and built a slipway at the sheltered east end of Buckie harbour where their present premises stand.

The firm launched its last steam drifter, the Lizzie West, and the John Herd in 1930. The former being the last survivor was broken up in 1968.

As early as 1929 Herd & Mackenzie launched a motor seine net drifter, the Nautilus, but she was lost while taking part in the evacuation of the troops from Dunkirk in 1940.

During World War II the firm concentrated on building Admiralty craft and produced wooden minesweepers. It built the first vessel to be equipped for sweeping acoustic mines that threatened to paralyse shipping.

In 1951 both the founders of the firm died and Thomas Mackenzie's son John became managing director. By his energetic pursuit he was able to keep the yard going even during the 1950's slump.

During the period 1953 to 1960 the unusual sight of vessels being built respectively of wood, steel and aluminium alloy would be seen side by side at the Buckie yard.

A large shed was built and now the company was able to accommodate under cover 4 70 feet vessels in the process of construction.

In 1965 in the face of worldwide competition the firm won the contract to build a fisheries research vessel for Aden. She incorporated all the modern fishing equipment and was called the Rizq -al-Bahr. Her Arab crew called her the 8th wonder of the world.

Successive generations of fishermen have demonstrated their trust in 'Herdies' by ordering replacements from the firm. The Ajax launched in 1968 for skipper Willie Campbell of Elgin was the 7th boat built for the family since 1934. In 1969 the Horizon built for skipper J. W. Thomson was the 6th boat to be ordered by the family. On April 8 1970. Skipper Thomson landed a catch which realised £3,387, a record for that time.

The firm has also built some very fine luxury yachts on fishing boat lines. One of these, the Marandi is John Mackenzie's pride and joy named from his wife's name, Mary and I.

One of the landmarks in the history of the firm was the building and launching of the Captain Scott on September 7 1971. She is a 145 foot long wooden three masted square top sail schooner and was built to the orders of the Dulverton Trust, Sadly while equipped to ride out an ordinary blizzard the economic variety proved too much to handle and the fine ship had to be sold to one of the oil-rich Arab countries, It is now called Youth of Moan and is used for training Arab youngsters in the skills of seamanship.

The model of the vessel along with others, which mark the progress of 'Herdies', has pride of place in the anteroom of the office building.

Clochan shop to close - The one time major store - a Jenny A- Thing - where one could buy anything from the proverbial needle to an anchor is to close, becoming a victim of the economic blizzard. The present owners, Mr and Mrs Young who followed the Bonnyman family decided that the maintenance of the shop was no longer a viable proposition on account of the ever rising burden of rates. The fact that people are becoming more and more mobile and the fact that on the whole the price of goods in the supermarkets was cheaper, through bulk buying, made it difficult to compete said Mr Young.

Sales - The following stores were trying to drum up custom by holding summer sales - T. M. Jack Clothes for all the family, 35-37 East Church Street, Francis Ritchie, Ladies, Gents, Boys/Youths and Girls Clothing also household goods. 72 - 74A East Church Street. Henry Packman, Furniture and Bedding, 72-76 Mid Street, Keith. Hunter and Pirie, Radio, TV Capo-de Monte, East Church Street.

A poem is found on page 6 - by Hythie "Auld Freens" George Slater, Ianstown.

Sale of Sales by Keith Fashion Centre - in the Cluny Hotel

Largest sale ever of stock Tayside Traders Thursday 2 August and Saturday 4 August.

Aug 7 **Buckie fisherman dies after an accident at sea.** - Ian Innes 25 of 21 Mid Street a member of the crew of the fishing boat Margarita died in hospital following an accident sustained while at sea.

Plasterer retires - Alex Watt, Portknockie, and a native of Banff, foreman plasterer with the local building firm of Wm. Douglas and Sons retired last week after working 23 years with the same firm. I worked with Alex as an apprentice with George Packman and later as an employee, when he was in business for himself, and found him to be one of the best tradesmen I ever met and I worked in many places in both England and Scotland. A very tidy tradesman, he had the skill of making the trade of plastering look very simple.

Aug 15 **Fantastic sale in the Cluny Hotel** of quality shoes and draper's discontinued lines at ½ price or less

Notice - Jon's Plaice in Portgordon is to close as from Monday 20 August and on that date will be opening at 29 Yuill Avenue. Staff required. Thanks are extended to all customers in Portgordon and hope for the same in the new premises.

Now open - Buckie Sewing and Knitting Centre at 39 East Church Street in which was formerly Cowie's Fabrics.

A circus in town - Robert Brothers Circus as featured on BBC TV will be in Merson Park on Monday 20 August to Wednesday 22 August with a large variety of animals - elephants, horses, lions, camels, Skippy the boxing kangaroo. There will be trapeze artists and acrobats, and magic clowns not to mention Buddy Logan Scotland's only singing ringmaster.

The circus show will be open daily from 10am.

Football friendly - Buckie Thistle 1 West Ham 3 George Cowie, Findochty (Cullen) who played in the West Ham side was much in evidence in midfield proving that his graduation to the big time was well deserved. A crowd of 2500 was present at the match.

Curtain raiser - Buckie Thistle won their first game of the new season with a one goal to nil victory over Rothes at Victoria Park in a Highland League Cup tie. Team - Joe Wood, Alan Scott, John McPherson, Alan Forbes, Gordon Robertson, Christie, George Adams, Dave Oxley, Charlie Duncan and Robbie Nicol. Sub Ray Cardno and John McIntosh.

Summer Clearance Sale - Lady Fayre 19 Low Street announced their first summer sale.

21 Aug **Fishing boat Carinthia inquiry** - Those present heard how skipper Edward Lawson rejected the advice given to take shelter leading to the 58 foot trawler and her crew of six later being presumed to be lost after an extensive search had been made. Skipper Lawson was advised by skipper George Smith of the Crimond which had been fishing near by to make for Stromness as he was to do but the answer given was that he was to run for Lochinver instead.

Strathlene - what a sotter! The 'Advertiser' received a letter from someone deploring the state of the beach at Strathlene and the decaying ruins of the former swimming pool and suggested that if it was decided that it had gone beyond the point of no return that it would be better to remove all the remaining walls and tidy the area up. **The community council had long asked for this to be done and even as late as the year 2003 were still waiting.**

Andy Wyper, Slater . 1 Robert Street, Buckpool died in Aberdeen Royal Infirmary last week after a short illness. He was 56. Andrew 'Andy' Wyper a native of the Glasgow area first arrived in Buckie during the war as a member of the RECCE Corps. After the war he worked for different slating firms before starting up on his own. Andy was no mean football player and played on the wing for Buckie Rovers for a number of years.

As he grew older religion began to play a very important part in his life and he was a dedicated member of the Baptist Church. Many will remember him working on the roofs and singing some of the old hymn favourites.

He is survived by his wife Jean (Bowie) and daughter Alison.

Cullen beach the last resting place - A big whale measuring 48 feet in length swam ashore to die on the sands of Cullen beach last week. The SSPCA and the police saw that it was put out of its misery.

Opening meeting - The first meeting of the Buckie Methodist Church Young Mother's Group will take place on 4th September at 8 p.m.

Advert - Bridal Fashions, Westdale, 32 St Peter's Road.

Advert - Ladyfare - opposite Shoreline Café on Low Street.

Required by Hamilton Brothers Engineers - Experienced asbestos sheeters and engineers for site work erecting and plant.

Miss Aqua Princess - Alison Thain, 11 of 62 Well Road, was chosen as Miss Aqua Princess at Buckie Swimming Pool.

Highland League Cup Semi -Final - Buckie Thistle 6 Fraserburgh 2.

An obituary for Andy Wyper is given on page 7.

Buckie High School - The pupil roll at 1060 is very near the same as last year. Two new members of staff joined the school at the start of the new term - Mrs Whyte, Speech and Dram and Mr Wm. Douglas, Navigation and Seamanship. Mr Charles Geddes was appointed PT of Religious Studies. He is presently at Forres Academy and will be joining the staff later. Mrs Green, Biology and Mrs Gray, Latin, joined on a temporary basis.

Sept 4 **Advert** - Buckie Speakers' Club will hold their first meeting of the new session 1979/80 in Buckie High School staff room on Thursday 6 September, starting at 7.30pm. New members welcome.

Coasters Country and Western Club - A meeting will be held in St Andrews Hotel on Friday 7 September at 7.30pm with a view to forming the necessary committee to form the above club. Alistair Boyd, 80 Milton Drive.

Shop for sale or to let at 32 St Peter's Road. The premises are presently used as a self service grocer and general merchant.

Buckie schoolboy footballer to join Leicester City - Malcolm Murray has been invited to join Leicester City and has agreed. His parents, Donald and Sheena are to meet Jock Wallace, manager of the English club in Aberdeen.

Malcolm was brought to the notice of the Leicester club by Bruce Smith, former Buckie Thistle player, and Leicester were so impressed by his judgement that they have appointed Bruce scout for the North of Scotland area.

Moravian Vehicle sales - South Pringle Street.

Buckie win the Highland League Cup . Buckie Thistle 3 Inverness Thistle 2.
The game was played at Nairn . Young Gordon Robertson scored the winning goal for Buckie in the dying seconds of the game.
Those who took part were – Gordon Robertson, Alan Forbes, Ally Christie, Willie Macdonald, Joe Wood, Alan Scott, Charlie Duncan, Robbie Nicol, Malcolm Cowie, Dave Oxley and George Adams. Manager Danny Fitzimmons. Front page

Report of the game is given on page 8 - "Well Worth The Wait" ran the headline. It was the first trophy won by Buckie Thistle for 19 years. On page 9 there is a flash back to the last time – the date - September 16 1960 when the score was Buckie Thistle 3 Inverness Caley 1.

M/S Dinner and Dance - in the St Andrews Hall on 14 September 1979 with Hebbie Gray's Band. 7.30 for 8. Tickets £5.

18 Sept **Findochty Community Council goes out of existence** - not enough nominations were received in Elgin by the closing date. At Buckie it was touch and go with only six nominations being received for the 12 seats.

The six are Chairman , Alexander Wilson, Sandy Stewart, Charles Mackay, Mrs Jean Hendry, Rev Fred Coutts and Miss Helen Rattray. One less would have meant no community council since nominations must not be less than 50%. Probably Chairman Wilson's recent rallying appeal that caused some that were wavering to think again. At Cullen and Deskford things were much more refreshing with nine nominations for the nine seats. At Findochty only one nomination was received.

Boat launch - A 56' long steel stern trawler christened Ceol na Mara (Music of the sea) was launched from the shipyard of Herd & Mackenzie last week. The new boat that cost in the region of £240,000 has been built for skipper Albert Watt of Gardenstown who previously had the Ben Arkle BF447. Peter and J. Johnston also have an interest.

The Ceol na Mara will fish mainly out of the Broch and has been fitted with all the latest navigation equipment and fishing aids.

Grocer shop on St Paul's Street sold - The St Paul's Street Grocery, owned and run by Sinclair Longmore for the past 16 years has been sold to Cameron Hendry. Mr and Mrs Longmore thank all customers for their loyalty and custom and trust the same will be given to their successors.

25 Sept **The Scharnhorn leaves Buckie** - The Scharnhorst once a luxury steam yacht belonging to Kaiser Bill, who with his family used it to sail up the Rhine, was launched in 1908 at Cuxhaven. Keith Schellenberg bought the laird of the island of Eigg, it, then the laird of the island of Eigg, in 1973 for £12,000. He hoped to have the ship restored to be used as a pleasure cruiser but the plans foundered as costs became prohibitive and the Scharnhorst has been lying rotting in Buckie harbour now since then and a prey for vandals. Fortune, however, has changed for the better for the old ship as she has been purchased by two Tyneside brothers who aim to have her restored.

Advert - SFF Fish Shop on Low Street across from the Shoreline Café. All types of fresh and smoked fish supplied - fresh herring when available.

New Masonic temple and club rooms dedicated at Buckie - A deputation from the Grand Lodge of Scotland and Provisional Lodge of Banffshire attended the dedication Ceremony to mark the opening of the Masonic Temple and clubrooms on Newlands Lane.

Present were the RWM of Lodge Gordons, William Legge and RWM of Lodge Craigenroan, Alex M. Ferguson, Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason of Scotland,

Captain Robert Wolridge Gordon of Esslemont, and Leslie Anderson Provincial Grand Master Mason for Banffshire.

The new clubrooms are a unique joint venture by the two Lodges, Gordons and Craigenroan, but they will retain their own identities and continue to meet separately.

2 Oct **Couple receive a presentation** - A couple who literally served the community for 20 years were honoured at the weekend. Helen and Charles Young put up the shutters at their shop in the village of Clochan in July. They decided to call it a day in the face of rising costs and fierce competition from the bigger shops and supermarkets in town. The cares and woes of business were all in the past as customers crowded into the Barn at Enzie Cross Roads to say a heart felt thank you to Mr and Mrs Young for their long and faithful service.

The Young's took over the shop, formerly ran by the Bonnyman family, in 1960 when they returned from Malawi where Mr Young was a Postal Supervisor

Dinner and Dance - The Annual Ball in aid of Action for the Crippled Child will take place in the St Andrew's Hotel on Friday 26 October. Music for dancing will be provided by Hebbie Gray and his band. Tickets cost £4.50 each.

Dinner and Dance - Buckie Fire Service are to hold their annual 'do' in the St Andrew's Hotel on Friday 9 November 1979. Tickets costing £4.50 can be had from any of the firemen.

The Scharnhorn arrived in Tyneside, but only just - The Scharnhorn left Buckie last Saturday has arrived on Tyneside despite the wide held belief that she wouldn't make it, but she sailed pretty close to the wind.

The town ropes parted in a gale off Rattray Head and the tugs were forced to make for port leaving the Scharnhorn drifting helplessly and unmanned.

She was rescued by the oil-rig service vessel, Stirling Sword who managed to get a line on board. Her captain, Andrew Whittle stood by until the Scharnhorn tugs arrived back on the scene. Financial agreement was reached on the question of salvage and the yacht resumed her voyage south duly docking at Tyneside.

The Scharnhorn was formerly owned by Keith Schellenberg, laird of Eigg and lay rotting in Buckie harbour before being sold to Northumberland business brothers Wm. And Amos Trelvar. They aim to restore the old lady built at Cuxhaven in 1908 for Kaiser Wilhelm.

9 Oct **Advert** - JAI Records, 21 Bryson Crescent, Craigbo.

Steak House now open at J & V Strathisla Café, Regent Street, Fife-Keith.

Suits made to measure - two piece and three piece. Prices - £75 to £132 for a two piece and from £87 to £158 for a three piece. Ex delivery in two weeks available at an extra charge of £5.75. C. I. Shearer and Son, 6 to 8 East Church Street, Buckie.

Good unbeaten run comes to an end. Keith ended Buckie's 12 game unbeaten run with a sparkling display to run out winners by three goals to one.

9 Oct **Buckie Burn damage to be repaired.** Buckie people should soon be strolling again along the banks of the Buckie Burn. Damage caused by flooding two years ago is to be repaired by Moray District Council at a cost of £4,880. The work involves reinstating the banks and footpaths and repairing two bridges. The footpaths had been out of use for two years and one bridge was in a dangerous state.

Take Note - Jean is back home for good. Grand Re-opening of the Boutique on Thursday 11 October. Jean M. Eckersley Boutique, 12 to 14 West Church Street.

16 Oct **Sports shop to move** - Cluny Sports is to move from 29 West Church Street to 43 West Church Street and will open there early in November. A removal sale is presently taking place.

Want a taxi? Call Longmore Taxis or Harbour Taxis.

- 23 Oct **Advert** – Strathlene Hotel - Bar meals, Entertainment, Steak supper dances, disco supper dances.
- Thistle beat a hasty exit from 'Q' Cup** when they were beaten by three goals to nothing by Brora Rangers in the replay. Dewar score all three goals. The Thistle team was -
Wood, Cowie, Brett, McDonald, Forbes, Scott, Christie, Souter (McPherson), Oxley, Duncan, Nicol (Adams).
- 30 Oct **Cluny Hotel** - We are pleased to announce that the extension to the Function Room has now been completed and we can now cater for a function of up to 200.
- Cluny Sports** : "We are moving to Hay's Wallpaper Shop at 43 West Church Street."
- Bargain Sale** - in the Seafield Hall, Portknockie, Manchester Traders, c/o 285 George Street, Aberdeen.
- 6 Nov **What they made from coffee mornings** - Salvation Army £100, North Church Guild, £197, Afternoon Teas and Sale Portknockie Pre- School £125.
- A full page advert** - Grampian Kitchens 24 Carmelite Street, Banff.
- Opening announcement** - Cluny Fashions – 7 High Street, Super Selection of Ladies, Men's and Children's wear. 2 November 1979 at 9.30am.
- Moravian Taxis** - radio controlled, distance no object, look out for the drivers with the red jackets. Phone 3xxxx
- Advert** - Hay's Ideal Homewares, 25 West Church Street.
- Masonic high honour** - Brother Thomas McKechnie, Portessie, was installed as Provincial Grand Master of Banffshire by Bro. Capt. Robert Wolridge Gordon of Esslemont, Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason of Scotland.
- Buckie Rotary Club celebrates its 21st birthday.**
- A poem is found on page 11.** Written by Portknockie Loon it is titled Nae Listening.
- 13 Nov **Now open** – Jon's Place, Yuill Avenue
- 20 Nov **Youngsters suffers bad accident** - Portessie youngster, Gordon Morrison lost his right hand in an accident at his father's butcher's shop when his arm was caught in a mincing machine on Thursday. His father was on the phone at the time. Gordon was rushed to Seafield Hospital and then to Dr Gray's in Elgin where he was operated on. He has made a good recovery
- Calling all Dons supporters** - A meeting is to take place with a view to starting an Aberdeen F. C. Supporters Club in the pavilion at Macleod Park, Portknockie on Sunday first at 2.30pm.
- A poem is found on page 6.** Written by Mrs Reilly, Kilmarnock, it is titled The Exile.
- A poem is found on page 7** Written by L. J. Innes, Portgordon, it is titled The Man on the Roof and refers to the late Andy Wyper, who was a slater.
- Nov 27 **Opening soon** - 'Anne's' at 29 West Church Street, next to the picture house. Gifts to treasure always, china, pottery, crystal, glass, etc. etc.
- Advert** - Cluny Fashions, 7 High Street, Buckie and Elgin Drapery Store, 168 High Street, Elgin.

Speakers' Club - The two five minute speeches were given by John Fowlie and Charles Brown. . John chose as his title 'Cats An Appreciation' and in a no holds barred went on to point out his feelings for the best, next to the dog man's best friend. Charles spoke on the highly sophisticated deliberations that take place in the every day running of a business such as the 'Bulb' factory. Ian Duncan was Topics Chairman introducing a series of topics based on song titles and poetic quotes. Bill Campbell was General Evaluator and Time Keeper Bill Iannetta.

Dec 4 **Christmas Lights** - Buckie Community Council have launched an appeal for funds to finance the Christmas Lights. Individual councillors said how they were opposed to going rattling tins on the street because as one said the abuse he had received on a previous occasion. They are to cost £1000 with £500 being given from the Common Good Fund. Council chairman, Alexander Wilson described the annual effort to finance the Christmas Lights as being a 'monstrous headache'.

A generous public The sum of £2,651 was raised after Mrs Nora Cowie launched a public appeal towards the provision of a water bed in Seafield Hospital for her 15 year old son Kenneth. The bed was bought and two power wheel chairs with still money left over. This will be put to good use within the hospital. Young Kenneth subsequently died but the equipment will be a memorial to his courage and the generosity of the Buckie public in an extremely worthwhile cause.

Advert - Cameron Hendry - Spar Supermarket 103-105 Milton Drive and 16 St Paul's Street.

Advert - 'All Seasons' Cluny Square, barbecued chickens, fish, fruit, flowers.

The Mill of Buckie Brig - Moray District Council have agreed to think again about repairing the bridge over the Buckie Burn at Mill of Buckie. Mr Myles MP said that the bridge constituted an essential function in the community and there was real hardship caused by its closure.

Reprint of popular book- The book, 'Days of Yore' written by George Hutcheson a former journalist with both the Banffshire Journal and the Banffshire Advertiser has been reprinted. It has been brought out by Ronald Stewart, former local burgh surveyor, now a divisional technical officer with Moray District council and well known local lecturer and music teacher, James Merson. It is retailing at £1.50.

Opening announcement - A new hairdressing establishment, Clouds, Hair will open at 2-3 St Andrew's Square on December 10.

Aberdeen F.C. Supporters Club - Portknockie and District Branch will run a bus to the League Cup Final at Hampden on 8 December if sufficient names come forward. E. Chisholm, secy.

11 Dec '**Talking Boaties**' is the title of an article by Bill Cowie that appears on page 6.

'Sleeping Beauty' Buckie Lyric Amateur Opera took on an ambitious production in the 'Sleeping Beauty' and pulled off a resounding success.

Award for Buckie man - Wm. Coull was awarded the Royal Humane Society Commendation for saving a man from drowning who fell into the water when stepping from his boat on to a ladder at Lochinver last May. Mr Coull, 43 of Crown Terrace, Ianstown, a non swimmer, climbed down the ladder until his head was almost under the water before catching hold of the man and tied a rope around him so that he could be pulled to safety.

Dec 18 **Fishing Tragedy Number 2 rocks Buckie** - It must now be reluctantly assumed that the North Sea has claimed the 65 foot long seine net boat eight year old Ocean Monarch together with its crew of seven, leaving five widows and 10 fatherless bairns.

Those presumed to be lost are skipper, Gordon Taylor, , John Reid, John Clark, Barry Sudding, Alan Sutherland, Wm. Coull and Walter Thain.

The Ocean Monarch was last heard of on Saturday morning battling against a force 10 gale 70 miles east of Shetland and came the dawn there was no trace of the ship. On Sunday afternoon two liferafts and several fish boxes were found floating 30 miles from the Beryl oil field.

24 Dec **Advert** - J. S. Jamieson, Mason, Bridge of Marnoch.

Notice – Joe Dawson and Son, Garage and Taxi Service. The taxi service will cease to operate after 31 December. This does not affect the garage service, which will continue as normal.

Memorial Service A Memorial Service for the crew of the Ocean Monarch will take place in the North Church on Sunday Dec. 30 . A collection will be taken for the RNLI and RMD SFS

Advert – Gallery Restaurant. Cluny Square. – Monday to Thursday 12-2pm and 5-9pm Friday and Saturday 12-2pm and 5-10pm. High Teas 5-7pm.

Buckie Meat Bargains - A. G. Stewart. Buckie Beef Company 36 Commercial Road. – factory and wholesale. Retail shops – 29 West Church Street, 18 East Church Street and 11 Victoria Place, Portknockie.

31 Dec **Buckie Thistle speak of cracking 'coaching' find** - Buckie Thistle have appointed ex Chelsea m Cardiff City and Newport County inside forward, Alan White as coach. Mr Alex Stewart, President spoke of this being an outstanding coup. Mr White who has moved to Macduff to work with an agricultural firm is a former English Amateur internationalist and qualified FA coach. He will work closely with Danny Fitzimmons, manager, and Bruce Roy handling the trainer's duties.

Sale - Cluny Fashions , 7 High Street, Buckie.

