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Tues. 8 Jan **Another blow** - The fishing town of Buckie still reeling from the loss of the Ocean Monarch and her crew of 7 was dealt another blow at the weekend . It was the loss of the trawler, Bounteous, and three of her crew - the other three were saved - off the Cornish coast.

The latest tragedy coming only three weeks after the Ocean Monarch disaster and a few days after the memorial service for her crew shook the town to the core.

Those lost were skipper, Eddie Phimister, 30 Cathcart6 Grove, married with two children, the cook, Russell Hillier, 25, of 176 Douglas Crescent, a married man with two young children and Joe Bowie, 26 of 17 Lady Road who is a bachelor.

Those rescued were - Alexander Phimister, 22 of Cameron Crescent, a brother of the skipper, Alexander Murray, 19 of 8 Baron Street, the skipper's brother-in-law who is single and the engineer, Alexander Sammon, 24, of 134 Douglas Crescent, married with one child.

The tragedy occurred when the Bounteous was pair trawling with Loranthus, another Buckie boat, when she suddenly turned turtle and sank.

The skipper who was part owner was skipper of another Buckie boat, The Rose of Sharon that sank off the west coast in 1976. Everyone on board was saved including Russell Hillier.

Memorial service. More than 1200 people were in the North Church on Sunday for the memorial service for the crew of the Ocean Monarch , lost a week before Christmas off Orkney.

Jan 15 **Vandalism** The new toilets built on Newlands Lane has already been vandalised.

Funeral of Bounteous skipper - Some 500 people gathered at the graveside at Burnside Cemetery, Rathven on Friday to pay their last respects to Buckie skipper, Eddie Phimister. He was one of the men who died when the Buckie local trawler, Bounteous capsized and sank off Cornwall recently. Dives found skipper Phimister's body in the wheelhouse shortly after the sinking.

A poem is found on page 7. This titled The Zoola and written by Exiled.

Winter and annual sales - Shearer's, Clothiers, 6-8 East Church Street.

Robertson's (Fordyce) Ltd, Furniture and Floor covering, High Street, Buckie

George Sutherland, Shoemaker, 21 West Church Street, 10% off all stock.

John Sandison , Draper, etc, 22 East Church Street.

Francis Ritchie, 72-74a East Church Street, Women. Gents, Boys/Youths , Girls and Household Goods. 20-50% off.

Baby Boutique 10% off all those goods not marked Sale price.

Norma's 16 East Church Street, Ladies, Girls and Men - great reduction on all stock

Henry Packman, 72-76 Mid Street, Keith Furniture, Floor covering and Bedding.

Cluny Fashions, 7 High Street.

Mackay's of Buckie 5 East Church Street, discount on all goods not marked with sale ticket.

End of the festive season - The council workmen were busy dismantling the Christmas Lights.

New members of staff at B.H.S. - Mrs Kay Wakefield PE and Mrs Marie Campbell, Art Department.

Grand Sale in Cluny Hotel - Leather and Suede K. McLean, Leather Merchant, Aberdeen.

Jan 22 **Notice** - Morayfare Ltd wish to announce that due to Guy Taullier leaving the Gallery Restaurant it is intended to continue business on a different form. As from Friday 1st February it will be run as a Grill and Steak House.

Buckie Rovers - The Player of the Year was Dennis Clark, Portessie. He is seen in a photograph receiving a trophy from team manager, Ian Cole at their annual dinner dance held in the St Andrew's Hotel on Friday. The junior player of the year, Graham Tallis is also seen in the photograph.

Advert - Alexander Smith and Son, Painters and Decorators, 2 Oglivie Street.

Advert- G. West for power washing, lorries, boats, farm machinery, etc. also complete car valeting service. Phone 3xxxx.

Portgordon F.C. is shown in a photograph taken at the annual night out held in the Marine Hotel last Friday along with the trophies won during the past season in the Welfare League. The reproduction could have been much better.

Jan 29 **Ocean Monarch Inquiry** - At the inquiry that present heard how the Ocean Monarch had been caught in atrocious weather. Skipper Jack of the Kestrel a Burghead boat that was fishing in the same area reported that the last words he had heard from Skipper Taylor of the Ocean Monarch was: "We are caught in it this time" Skipper Jack went on to describe the weather as atrocious, the worst he had ever experienced at sea. Skipper More of the Defiance, another Burghead boat, said the report that the gale force was between 11 and 12 was grossly underestimated. A formal verdict was given.

A Speakers' Club for Cullen? - At a meeting held in the 'Three Kings' the matter was discussed with a steering committee set up.

A lang wasted hurl - Buckie Thistle supporters travelled all the way to Fife to watch their team play Dunfermline in the Scottish Cup only to find that a decision had been taken only half an hour before the kick-off due to ground conditions.

Shop to close - Deep Freeze Supplies (Aberdeen) Ltd at 31 West Church Street will close at 5pm on Saturday February 2nd. The proprietors wish to thank customers for their patronage over the years they have been in business.

Memorial Service - A Memorial Service for the three members of the crew lost off the MV Bounteous will take place in the North Church on Sunday February 3rd.

Sales - Ladyfare, 29 Low Street and Gordon Stables, Painter etc. 65 Mid Street, Keith.

Advert - Jon's Place, Steak and Burger House, Yuill Avenue, Buckie. He formerly had a shop in Portgordon.

Stock clearance sale in the Cluny Hotel - Robel's of Blackpool.

Feb 5 **700 people pay their respects** at the Memorial Service in the North Church for the three men lost off the fishing boat Bounteous. Rev Fred Coutts took the service.

Opening announcement - Peter G. Slater, will open on 7th February at 65 West Church Street - Menswear, Youths, Tailoring and Dress Hire.

Sale at the Wallace Avenue shop - Continental quilts, boots, shoes, toys, etc.

Sale in the Cluny - Boots, Shoes, etc. James Donn, Fraserburgh. Not a junk sale, 99% of all the goods are real leather.

A Fifth off all stock at Christie's Florists, 10 High Street; Norma's 18 East Church Street and Cluny Sports at 41 West Church Street during the next fortnight.

Scottish Cup 3rd Round - Dunfermline 2 Buckie Thistle 0 The Thistle team - Wood, Cowie, Brett, Adams, Forbes, Souter (Oxley), McDonald (Scott), G. Robertson, Duncan, Christie and Nicol. Gate 3.132.

The Eastern Triangle - The District chairman, Mr James Anderson reviews 1979 and previews 1980. This is found on page 7.

Stock taking clearance - Dyce and District TV Services. Their advert took up a whole page, with cookers, dishwashers, microwave ovens, fire units, 'fridges, cleaners, electric blankets, kitchen aids, laundry, audio, and video. Turriff, Macduff and Banff.

Some garage advertisers - Hawco & Sons, Blackfriars Road, Elgin, Agra Motor Engineers, Quayside Banff. Engine re-manufacturers. J & J Watt, Gordon Street, Huntly.

Winter sale - Jean M. Eckersley, Ladies' Clothier, 12-14 West Church Street.

Feb 12 **New minister for South and West Church** - Rev Thomas Johnston is the new minister of the South and West Church. The congregation have been without a permanent minister since the death of Rev George Duncan last February. Mr Johnston is married with one child and is a native of Fife. He studied for the ministry in Aberdeen and has served on the island of Rousay in the Orkney Islands for the past 8 years.

Buffet Dance - 'Campbell's' the joiner firm are to hold their annual Buffet Dance in the St Andrews Hotel on Friday 15 February. Tickets may be had from the hotel.

**** **Further work will be required at the Buckie Burn** where the banks are presently being restored **See page 3**

Moray District Council was told that a heavy spate had caused more damage. Mr Bob Cherry supported a recommendation by the contractors involved saying that it was advised that the work should be carried out when the men were on site rather than come back to it at a later date. This way it is likely that the sum of two thousand pounds will be saved in the long run. Councillor Frank Anderson agreed with this and said that the need for the additional work was quite clear. The committee agreed to carry out the work subject to confirmation with Grampian Region consultant, Wm. Hay.

Buckie Community Radio Station and Hospital Radio Services is five years old tomorrow. Wednesday 20 February. **A report is given on page three.**

"Popeyes" formerly known as The Gallery, Steak House and Grill present the first of our entertainment nights. For example on Saturday 16 February Supper/Dance with the Bobby Munro Trio from 8pm -1am £3.50, this includes a main course, sweet and coffee. A dinner menu may be had on request.

Memorial Service - A report on the memorial service for the three Buckie fishermen lost off the Bounteous is given on page 6.

A letter is printed, sent from Richard Penwright, a Buckie loon who has been in Tasmania since shortly after World War Two.

Cullen Speakers' Club off the ground and seems assured - speakers at the first meeting were Ian Len Hall and John Bain, Cullen, Jim McLauchlan, Keith and Ian Currie, Deskford. The subject was varied - Learning to play the fiddle, Violence in our society, A Holiday and Life in the Rhodesian Army.

Feb 19 **You may now buy your council house** - There has been lively interest in the Government's new housing bill, which enables Morayshire (sic) Council house tenants to buy their homes, at discounts of at least 30%.

Front page photograph - This shows a group of people taken at Campbell's Joiners, annual bash in the St Andrew's Hotel.

Another Supper Dance - Morayfish International are holding their annual Supper Dance in the St Andrew's Hotel on Friday March 1st. Tickets costing £3.50 may be had from any member of the staff.

Advert – G. West – Building and Cleaning Services. All types of stonework cleaned, sand blasted, and chemical cleaning. Phone 3xxxxx

The answers to the Quiz found in the December edition of the Banffshire Advertiser.

Aardvark, Bothwell, Coward, Damon, Episcopalians, Faster, Ghandi, Hood-winked, Impunity, Judicious, Kraft, Labrador, Migrate, Nairn, Opal, Palindrome, Quiver, Rhodesia, Scampi, Tilelist Ultimate, Vice, Wall Flowers, Xylophone, Yarn, Zany.

“Double Top” A photograph in this edition shows two champion dart players when they spent an evening at Buckie British Legion – Nicky Virach top US player and 6th in the world ranking and Jocky Wilson, top Scottish player and 8th in the world.

Local hotel advertising musical evenings - Commercial Hotel will have Vic Flett on Saturday and Sunday, the Cluny Hotel are to have the Vagabond Folk Group in the cocktail bar while Johnny Grigor will be in the St Andrews on Friday with dancing on Saturday and Sunday to music by the Saints.

Fond Farewell to J.A.I. J.A.I. was set up to make some money for local charities and to give the local entertainers the chance to preserve their work on plastic. Now after two years and £16000 later J.A. I. Records is no more. J.A. I. Produced 'Sea of Heartbreak' and 'Bonnie Kirkwall Bay' both by the Don Grant Band which raised £450 for the RNLI (with allied 'T' shirts.) and many more.

Record prices have now increased by 50% since the launch of 'Sea of Heartbreak' making it impossible to make money for a charity on an issue of 1000 singles so it seemed apt to call a halt. It was worth it seeing the records that were made and the charities that benefited.

Chemists shop for sale on St Andrews Square. With area of ground to rear and also a garage.

26 Feb **Opening announcement** - Sandy Anderson, Painter and Decorator, will open on 29th February at 5 West Cathcart Street, Buckie.

Advert - Grampian and Moray Joiners, Slaters and Tilers, Competent roofing contractors and roof re-construction. Tel Fochabers - 82xxxxx

Boat launch - An almost rare event. A boat launch took place from the shipyard of Jones's Buckie last Thursday. This was a pilot vessel costing in the region of £85,000 for Aberdeen harbour. It was named Aberdeen pilot boat number 1. The new boat is 45 feet in length with a 14 feet beam and powered by a 170 hp Gardner diesel engine. It can accommodate 14 people. The boat was launched by Mrs Edith McKilligan, wife of the most senior pilot in Aberdeen harbour. On the platform was also Commander Tim Laycock, the yard's managing director.

Versatile Windows Company – Deskford, Cullen took up a whole page with their advert in which they showed examples of all their window types.

Mar 4 **A Buckie Gala ?** The possibility of holding a Buckie Gala if not in 1980 perhaps next year. The subject was discussed at the recent meeting of the community council. A sub committee was set up to look into the matter, as follows - Charles Mackay, Rev Fred Coutts and Co. Edward Douglas.

Portessie Hall - Recent moves to bring Portessie Hall back into circulation have been successful. Co. Douglas reported that there had been a good response to a public

meeting with a committee being formed. Councillor E. Bremner said that the first priority was repairs to the roof and towards this end fund raising had already begun.

Street names - The community council discussed the names that were recently given to two streets – Anson Way and Grove Park. It was decided that Moray District Council be asked to clarify the naming of streets since a further two streets were due to be named during the current year.

Buckie Speakers - There were two main speakers at the recent meeting of the Buckie Speakers' Club held in Buckie High School. Robert Brown, manager of the Sea Dog Life Saving Appliances gave an insight into the dress and working conditions that prevailed in the fishing industry in his young day in Mussleburgh. Ian Moir, PT of Maths at Keith Grammar School suggested that the word 'average' be redefined as it had become an emotive term. Stewart Benson, architectural consultant, was Topics Chairman. The General Evaluator was George McKenzie, Rector of Buckie High School with George Campbell, Headmaster of Portgordon Primary School as time keeper gave the vote of thanks. Chairman for the evening was John Fowlie.

15% off in the £ of all goods - John Hall, 22/23 Shore Street, Fraserburgh.

Morayfish International require operatives and inspectors – good rates of pay.

Advert - C. E. Davidson and Son, Joiners and Contractors, 3 St Paul Street, Buckpool .

Advert - James Parkes, Slater and Tiler, 3 Lady Road, Buckpool.

Mar 11 **Findochty Goes Wet! - The result of a 84.6% vote was 463 for and 283 against, the decision could not have been more decisive. *******

Versatile Glass - Glass Merchants and Glazing Contractors, Deskford, Cullen

Mar 18 **Opening announcement** - Joseph Walker, Strathspey Bakery, Aberlour were advertising that they were to open at 2 Cluny Square, on Thursday 20 March and be open each day from 7.30am. (They were to occupy the premises that had been occupied by Alex Esson, Drapers, Tailors and Outfitters for a long time and who closed down in 1979.)

Want a taxi? - Call Longmore Taxis from 6 till 6, phone Buckie 34xxx

Promoted - Alistair Ingram (a native of Inverurie) was appointed APT Technical Subjects at Buckie High School following interviews held in the school on March 11.

Mar 25 **Advert** - Bremner's of Foggie for Upholstery, Carpets etc.

The local Co-opie had a whole page advert. Some prices are - Findus fish fingers – 50p; Spry Crisp and Dry 70p.

Spring sale at T. Douglas Rosier, 155 Mid Street, Keith.

Housing scheme scrapped - A scheme to provide much needed housing for the elderly in Buckie has been scrapped for the moment. News that the plan to erect sheltered housing on a site at Netherha Road has been shelved was met with bitter disappointment at the monthly meeting of Moray District Council housing committee.

Advert - John and Johns, Lawns mowed, windows cleaned starting soon.

Boat launch - very short report compared to days gone by - A stern trawler, named **Silent Waters** was launched from the shipyard of Herd and Mackenzie for Norman McKee of Kilkeel, Co. Down, Northern Ireland. The same Buckie firm also built Green Pastures his last boat.

The Sailors' Prayer has been set to music and titled 'Tronach Head'. This was done by Rev David Bennett, the minister of Portknockie and Findochty Church of Scotland. He was helped to compose the music by Donald Barr, PT Music at Buckie High School, Mrs Jessie Johnston, wife of the minister of the South Church, and Mrs Jessie Sutherland who transformed the melody into a proper musical score and so the Sailors' Prayer emerged.

Mr Bennett said that from the time that he first sat down to compose a tune it took him a fortnight as he admits to only playing by ear.

Apr 1 **we're connected up noo** - The number of countries that may be dialled direct from home and the UK has risen to 94.

Opening announcement - Christie's Toiletries (owner is a Glasgow man who had a similar shop in Elgin) is to open on Thursday 3 April at 31a West Church Street, Buckie. Some of the prices advertised are - Wilkinson Sword Blades in packets of five for 29p, Andrews Toilet Roll-35p and Head and Shoulders shampoo, family size, and 72p.

Buckie Thistle draws with Elgin City - The team - Wood, Macdonald, Brett, McPherson, Forbes, Oxley, Christie, Robertson, Adams, Duncan, and Nicol. Subs - Cowie for Oxley and Alan Thain for Robertson.

Buckie Speakers' Club - The two major speakers of the evening were Peter Bruce and Duncan Jamieson.

Peter Bruce, a Master Painter, gave an insight into the spectrum of colour from his viewpoint as a painter and decorator. Duncan recalled his boyhood studies of birds and animals in the Oakwood area of Elgin.

Apr 8 **you'll P elsewhere** - The much-vandalised toilets in Portgordon are not to be re-opened but are in fact to be pulled down. The problem of vandalism of toilets was widespread throughout the district, it was reported.

They're still around - the Navy bomb-disposal team blew up A wartime anti-tank mine reported on the beach to the west of Portgordon from Rosyth.

Buckie C. C. and the MDC clash - At their meeting on Monday evening the members of Buckie Community Council expressed their annoyance at Moray District Council's over the number of Peter Anson paintings that are to be on display in the re-organised gallery, museum, library transferred from the High School. The members described the action as 'shabby treatment'.

Situation vacant - A salmon fisher is required at Portessie salmon station. Apply to J & D. R. Sellar, 4 Union Road, Macduff.

Big sale in the Cluny - A sale of jackets and coats will take place in the Cluny Hotel on Friday 11 April. Leather Fashions, Aberdeen.

Commercial Manager for the Thistle - Buckie Thistle have appointed Aberdonian, Derek Mitchell, 24, as the first commercial manager of the club. He is set to lift the fund raising activities into a big league.

Opening announcement - J & D Campbell, Builders, 49 Yardie, Buckie. Free estimates and advice given.

Police Ball - The annual 'Bobbies' Ball was held on Friday in the St Andrew's Hotel.

Apr 15 **Fishing boat Bounteous Inquiry** - An inquiry heard at the weekend that a freak wave had led to the tragic sinking of the Buckie fishing boat, Bounteous, off the Cornwall coast.

Taxi business for sale - 12 cars including 4 new Opel Records are for sale by Moravian Motors in Buckie and Elgin.

New sawmill to open - A new sawmill is to open on Saturday 19 April at the Lintmill, Cullen belonging to the Earl of Seafield.

Apr 22 **station no more** - The remains of Buckie railway station was razed to the ground during the last few days. The structure had become an eyesore due to continual vandalism. **(A nice report is given in the local paper.)**

And another wartime relic bites the dust - A second anti-tank mine dating from World War II was blown up on the sands to the west of Portgordon. It was first seen and reported by youngster, Andrew Slapp whose brother reported the first one only a fortnight ago.

Advert - For roof repairs contact - D. Paterson, Slater and Tiler, 7 Reid Terrace, Portgordon.

Apr 29 **Thistle AGM** - At the annual meeting of Buckie Thistle F.C. The treasurer reported that the club was £6.600 in the red. They had been plagued with drainage difficulties at Victoria Park.

The club had had its best season for 20 years, winning the League Cup and coming fourth in the league table.

The president, Mr Alex Stewart, said: " We have no divine right to be at the top or best at everything but we have the right to try".

Badminton League AGM - The annual general meeting of the revived Buckie coast Badminton League was held in the St Andrews Hotel last week. Mr Alan McIntosh was in the chair. He spoke on how successful the revival had been. Seven clubs had taken part, namely - Buckie High School pupils, Buckie High Schoolteachers, Buckie Town, Buckpool Golf Club, Findochty, North Church and Spey Bay.

A poor show - little thanks shown - The fans of Buckie Thistle were slammed for the poor turn out for the benefit match held for goalkeeper, Joe Wood between the Thistle and Dunfermline.

May 6 **surprises** - Willie Mair, (Ind.) Rathford and Hugh Munro SNP (Buckie East) lost their seats on Moray District Council at the recent election. George Innes (Independent) Findochty, retired Insurance Agent, captured the Rathford seat while Jack Cole (Con.) former town councillor and OAP champion took the Buckie east seat from Hugh Munro.

May 13 **Player of the Year** - Colin Brett, defender, was voted Buckie Thistle Player of the Year for season 1979/80.

Advert - Oliver Mair - Slater, Cullen

We're open at last - R. Cardno (Insurance Brokers) Ltd, 31 West Church Street, and Buckie.

May 20 **A photograph on page three** shows 16 year old Diane Geddes, 1 Yuill Avenue receiving her Queen's Guide Award from Mrs McCorquodale. Diane was a Patrol Leader in the 1st Buckie Girl Guides and is now a member of the Buckie Ranger Guide Unit

May 27 **Enzie church minister retires** Rev Donald Macdonald the very popular minister of the Enzie Church of Scotland has retired. He has been 8 years in the Enzie, which was his first and only charge.

Buckie man loses life in drowning tragedy - Mr Robert Taylor, 41 of 5 Hay Street was drowned in a boating accident on Sunday. He was thrown into the water of Loch Shin near Lairg when the speedboat with three friends overturned. He was a married man with three children and was employed in the family business- Taylor's Transport

(Buckie) Ltd. He was vice president and devoted follower of Buckie Rovers. His son Ian plays for the team.

June 3 **'Advertiser' editor to leave.** Noel Donaldson, a native of Caithness, who has been editor of the Banffshire Advertiser for some time is leaving to take up another post.

June 10 **Coffee mornings are popular** - Three coffee mornings are to take place this Saturday morning. The women's section of the Royal British Legion are holding one in the branch headquarters on High Street from 10am till 12 noon with tickets priced at 30p. This is the same cost of tickets at the same event being run by the Ladies Lifeboat Guild in the North Church Hall and also that being run by the Thistle Athletic F.C. in the Community Centre, though here children will be charged 20p. There will be the usual Sales Tables at each one.

Apprentice wanted - Thorn Lighting Ltd Marchmont Crescent require a mechanical engineering apprentice who must be prepared to study full time for the first year and part time subsequently. Aged between 16 and 17 with some scientific 'O' grades. A mechanical aptitude is desirable. Please apply in writing giving details of school attainments, interests, abilities etc.

Opening an office - The Leicester Building Society is to open an office in Buckie at 21 a East Church Street. David Baxter, manager.

Opening Thursday 12 June - Spar Supermarket at West Church Street by C. P. Hendry (formerly 'Jean's shop') other branches at 103/105 Milton Drive and 16 St Paul Street.

Some prices quoted - Kraft margarine - 34p; Nescafe 100grms 94p; Andrex 35p and sugar 1kg 31p.

June 17 **'The Poet' retires to Buckie** - Wm. G. Cowie who has been working in the Glasgow area for the past 30 years has resigned his post as Lecturer in Adult Education in the Strathclyde Region. One of his classes on Scottish History, held in Rutherglen had a roll of 80, a record for an academic class. He has retired to his home town of Buckie.

Body retrieved - The body of 26 year old Joe Bowie, 17 Lady Road, lost off the fishing boat, bounteous in January was retrieved from the sea only 1/2 a mile from where the fatal accident occurred. Arrangements have been made for the body to be brought back to Buckie for internment.

Ladyfare Fashions is to move to new premises at 19 East Church Street 1st floor, room 2, above the Bank of Scotland.

Demolished - Another of Buckie's well known buildings is being torn down by the demolition men. This is the large lifeboat station what has been in place since the 1920's. it was built to house Buckie's first motor lifeboat brought in to replace the rowing craft, which was kept in the building across from the bank building on Low Street and now used as a garage.

The motor driven boat was the KBM, the name being given the initials of three business men who subscribed for the cost- Kirkhopes, Bailey and McInroy. The late Charlie Brown was mechanic, he was followed by Sandy Scott and later on John Cole who is now a councillor. Jack as he is better known retired from the post in 1976.

The siting of the station in the first basin was a mistake according to Co. Cole as almost from the start it was subject to silting. Many of us who are getting on will recall the frenzied efforts made by the lifeboat crew and assistants to try to float the lifeboat at low tide.

Eventually the shed was abandoned and the RBM a forty-foot boat was kept afloat. Later the present craft, 48' and a half feet long was moved to the east basin.

Co. Cole in reminiscent mood recalled the lifeboat shed as being the centre of many exciting swimming gals with swimmers like Faber Smith, Willie Lyall and Norrie

McCallum competing. Off the wooden pier with Co. Milton dressed up as an auld wifie causing shrieks of horror as he appeared to fall in. **(Found on page 6)**

June 24 **No more siren wail** - The citizens of Buckie will no longer be startled by the wail of the siren - a banshee noise that has periodically signalled a fire over the past forty years. The firemen have now all been issued with pagers or beepers.

Advert - I. Herd Painter and Decorator 7 Slack Road Portknockie.

Advert - Gordon King Painter/ Decorator and PaperHanger. Distance no object with in 60 miles of Banff.

Gala Days - Rothiemay PTA Gala Friday 4th July to Sunday 6th July.

Advert - Jon's Place - 29 Yuill Avenue, Buckie. Chicken Maryland £1.50, Chicken Salad £1.50, Chicken Curry £1.30, Gammon Grill £1.20, 'T' Bone Steak £3 Pizza and chips 95p.

Opening soon - Orpool Meat at St Peter's Road. Fresh farm products, beef, pork, lamb and cooked meats.

Acting editor - William G. Cowie is acting as editor for the Banffshire Advertiser for the interim period until a successor to Noel Donaldson, who recently resigned, is appointed? Mr Cowie has stood in as editor on several occasions in the past, notably during the illness of his close friend, Angus Macdonald and as locum during holiday periods.

Welfare League football teams - the photographs of two Welfare League teams appear in this issue but the reproduction is so poor that they are almost illegible. The teams are Buckpool Victoria and Thistle Athletic F.C. (These are found on page 11)

Jly 1 **Re-opening 'do'** A Grand Re-opening of the Caley Social Club, Playhouse, Keith will take place on Thursday 3 July. Personal appearance of Country and Western singer, Tug Wilson. Doors open at 6pm. Members only.

Buckie Rotary Club - The new president of Buckie Rotary Club is James Findlay, Headmaster of Cluny Primary School. He has taken over from Brian Wheatley, Managing Director of the Scottish Boatowners Mutual Insurance Association.

** **New column** - Round and About with the **Gangrel**. - snippets of local news.

Jly 8 **Uprou at Thistle committee meeting** - The 'Advertiser' claimed that there was a big rumpus at the latest meeting of Buckie Thistle committee arising out of the away going of several players. Danny Fitzimmons, manager, resigned as chairman, Alex Stewart, vice president, Pat Donald and committee man John McVean. The claim was made that mismanagement had taken place regarding the registering of players. **(The report is given on page 1.)** It was later claimed that the accusation regarding slip-ups in signing players had been greatly exaggerated in the Press.

A note from the Banffshire Advertiser - This told readers that the first Banffshire Advertiser had rolled off the presses on Thursday November 17 1881. The firm went on to say: "We do not possess a copy since all our back numbers were sacrificed in the sake of National interest during the Hitler War but can be read on film in the Elgin library". **(A copy is also available in the Buckie library also.)**

Under new management - The Harbour Bar, Main Street is now under new management. Evening music in the lounge.

Advert - Dances will take place in the Garrood Hotel, grange on Friday 11 July when the Rainbow Rock Disco will play and on Saturday 12 July when the band Lightning will be playing. This will be the first time that the group has been in this area. (The Saturday night dance will be in aid of the Badminton Club. No admission after 11 o'clock.

Sale - Menswear and Youths commencing on Wednesday 9th July. Peter G. Slater, 65 West Church Street. **Barclaycard and Visa accepted** (This is the first time that such cards had been mentioned in an advert.)

Orpool Meats - St Peter's Road, Buckpool to open on Thursday 10 July.

Findochty Mini Gala - Wednesday and Thursday 16 and 17th July

Portknockie Gala fun Days - Friday 18th and Saturday 19th July.

Special Attraction - - Scotland's King of Comedy, Hector Nicol with the cheeky Bee Two Duo and Scott Walker are to appear in the St Andrews Hotel on Friday 25 July. Admittance £2.50.

Dux of Buckie High School - Colin Shearer was Dux of Buckie High School and awarded the Miller Medal.

Columnist makes his return - Peter Dick who used to write a column in the 'Advertiser' many years before made his return in this edition.

Interesting photographs - pity the reproduction is poor. The photographs show members of the North Church, Buckie, taken at the top of the Bin Hill. One was taken twenty-five years before and one this year. The ages of the people are significant. The oldest photograph shows a mainly adult crowd while there are lots of children in the newer one.

Sales - Dennis Murray, 1 Cluny Terrace. Furniture of all kinds. Removals and Storage specialists. Local and Long Distance. Regular runs made to the south. Phone for a quotation.

Francis Ritchie. Henry Packman. Jean Pirie, Ladies Fashions, 73 High Street, Banff. Slater's, 23-25 East Church Street. Robertson's Drapers, Cullen. T. M. Jack.

'T' name - John 'Rose' Findlay, Cullen.

Big Sale in the Cluny - Clothes, bedding, shoes. Friday 11 July. Town Hall, Cullen on Saturday 12 July

Jly 15 **Lad lost off the rocks at Findochty** - When playing with two pals on the rocks Peter Donald, 15, son of Mr and Mrs James Donald (joiner) of 9 Seaview Road, Findochty, was swept to his death when caught by a big wave. Mr Uwe Brandt rescued two of the boys, James Pirie and David Campbell when he walked into the surf up to chest level before he could catch hold of them. As a mark of respect the Mini Gala was called off.

Want a taxi? M& B Taxis, Buckie and Cullen, now radio controlled - Day and Night service.

Come to the circus - Austen Brothers Circus will be in the Mart Field, Elgin, from Tuesday until Sunday 15 to 20 July.

Findochty youth missing - Findochty lad, Alexander Pirie, 14 who parents live at the Post Office, has been missing since May. He left with a friend, taking a bus to Aberdeen and then a train to Stirling, from where they went to Ayr. The other lad returned home from there. Mr and Mrs Pirie have heard no word of their son apart from a post card sent from Annan though 500 posters have been printed and distributed and have no idea where he might be.

A new manager for the Thistle - Alan White who was acting as coach to the team has been appointed manager with Bruce Roy as his assistant. This came as no surprise to anyone in the town since the way the wind was blowing was quite evident.

Jly 22 **The new Town House complex opened** - After considerable re- construction the Art Gallery (Anson pictures) Museum and Library - a three in one complex in Buckie Town House (West) was declared open on Thursday afternoon.

***** **Shipbuilding industry again in the doldrums** - Thirty men were paid off from the shipyard of Herd & Mackenzie on Friday of last week. The redundancies have become necessary because of the general depression that the north-east fishing industry is undergoing at the present time. This has been reflected in a corresponding decline in the number of new orders the firm has received recently.

Hang Hing to move - The Chinese Carry -Out shop on St Paul Street, Buckpool is to close as the owner is to open at 55 West Church Street on 23 July.

A poem is found on page 6. This is titled - Sea Soliloquy and written by Zetta St Clair.

To retire - Rev William Jackson, Minister of All Saints Episcopal Church .

Nurse comes off watch - Mrs Ednea Hearn, 3 Hendry Terrace, retired after nursing at Spynie Hospital for the past 22 years. She explained her uncommon name to the fact that her Dad couldn't spell when he went to register her birth.

Sale at Westdale 22 St Peter's Road - Wedding dresses etc, ½ price rail, 20% off all other stock.

Jly 29 **Peter Fair** - A good report most probably written by Wm. Cowie. I enjoyed reading it.

BHS pupil 'Young Scientist of the Year' James Findlay, Dux of Buckie High School in 1979 has been awarded the accolade of Young Scientist of the Year by the Amoco Oil company. He won this for a project titled 'Investigation of some aspects of the Thiocyanate ion' in which he made 2 components, which have never been made before anywhere in the world. While this is not uncommon in senior science circles it is unheard of at school level and represents a major achievement for not only James himself but also BHS.

This is not the first time the school's Chemistry Department has brought honour to Buckie. Three years ago Barry Hill and Sandra Dixon were among the six prize winners in a national contest held by the Royal Institute of Chemistry and two years ago James Mackay was second in the Amoco competition.

Church service to be recorded - The BBC is to record the 11 o'clock service from the North Church, Buckie on Sunday 3rd August. A series of services have been recorded along the coastline all around the country and Buckie was selected as one site.

Fancy a barbecued steak or burger? - You can get them from Jon's Place at 29 Yuill Avenue.

Praise and condemnation - - The 'Advertiser' received a letter from someone who was giving great praise to the appointment of Alan White as manager of Buckie thistle the League Cup, the first trophy in 19 years and finishing up a respectable fourth in the league. (Perhaps White might turn out not to be the Messiah the writer thought that he would be, like feel Paddy one would wait and see.

5 Aug **"Buckie boats go back to sea but future uncertain"** read the headline in the local paper. One could ask, "Was the fishing industry ever anything else?" In 2003 there was a massive hue and cry among the fisher people because measures were taken to conserve cod stocks which were found to be at very low levels. There is a school of thought, which would say that the fishermen have brought many of their problems

on themselves. They have become too skilful at catching fish with all the modern equipment they now have and over the years have become far too greedy.

New developments at the 'Advertiser' - Jack Johnston has taken over the duties as editor of the B. A. . He has already become well-known as picture editor with his work having been featured in many of the main newspapers.

The premises have been modernised, with up to date photo-setting machines and photographic equipment installed. Michael Johnston will be operating the photo setting machine.

A new reporter has been appointed in the shape of Alan Wiseman, a native of Glenrines, who has been in Aberdeen for the past five years. William G. Cowie, MA Hon. English and History, is to move to the position of consultant editor. In recent times he has been acting as editor.

No change at bridge over the Buckie Burn - Despite appeals being made on their behalf by David Myles MP the householders living in the cottages that formerly belonged to the farm of Mill of Buckie learned that Moray District Council would be making no effort to repair the bridge. They say that it belongs to the farmer Mr Craib and Son of Wester Gauldwell, Craigellachie. The farmer for his part is waiting for the council to make the first move since if the bridge formed part of a Right of Way, as he had been told, he didn't feel entitled to interfere. The losers in this conflict are those that live in the Mill of Buckie cottages whose children walk to school and whose rubbish is not uplifted.

Big sale of furniture of all kinds - Henry Packman, 72-76 Mid Street, Keith.

Advert - G & M Coaches, Harbour Garage, Whitehills.

Buckie Museum appeals for specimen's by donation or loan nets, sails, Buckie shells, ensigns/flags, fish boxes, barrels, full-sized pieces of gear, ship borne life saving apparatus, name boards, builders plans, builders models, builders tools protective clothing, personal effects of fishermen

Aug 12 **A garage on Land Street?** An application was received by Moray District Council from Mr William Clark to erect a garage, workshop, showroom and filling station on the site of a former dwelling house at 15 Land Street. The application was refused on a number of grounds, one that the area was scheduled for housing and any such development, adjacent to a narrow street, would increase the amount of traffic and lead to general congestion, further Land Street is a bus route.

**** **So We heard by Peter Dick** found on page three **This is very good worth taking a copy.**

**** **Round and About by the Gangrel** - This is found on page 6. It contains an article by **Margaret Tong - oor Margit.**

The end of the line - An application was received by M.D.C. from Mr L. Douglas to transform the Square Café on Cluny Square into an insurance and property agency office. The plans were unanimously approved. Older readers will remember when the site was utilised for many years by Rome Innes, Chemist.

Aug 19 **Monastery Restaurant (Drybridge)** The building long known as the Monastery but built initially in 1904 as a church by Sir Robert Gordon at a cost of £2000, with a feu of 14 acres, to open as a restaurant.

A pre-requisite of the gift was that a priest should be maintained at St John's, as it was called, permanently. It could hold 60 worshippers.

Mr Joe Russell, Drybridge, a retired mason, was seven years old in 1904 and watched the ceremony as the foundation stone was laid. The builder Sandy Milne, Buckie had fashioned a special stone with a cavity and in this was placed a copy of the Banffshire Advertiser as well as copies of National newspapers while in a bottle were placed all the currents coins of the realm.

The building became a holiday retreat for monks from Fort Augustus up until the time that monks no longer were bound to go on a directed vacation. One this had ceased it became more or less deserted although mass was said there up until 1947 and school children from the Glasgow area often spent holidays there in the summer; an ideal place with a feu of 14 acres attached on which to play and explore.

Mr and Mrs Douglas and Anthea Craig are the owners of the restaurant, which will open towards the end of the month.

You'll get a haircut in the Yardie - J. Kerr who formerly had his hairdressing salon at 1 Gordon Street has moved to 41 Yardie. His opening hours is Tuesday to Friday 9.30am -5.30pm and Saturday from 9.30am till 4pm. Closed daily for lunch from 12 till 1pm.

Surely one of the last - The harvest hand wanted situation has now been filled. Thanks to all applicants, Henderson Arradoul Mains. The original advert was an interesting one. (One of the features at Peter Fair in earlier times was the engaging of harvest hands, both men and women, but as mechanisation became more and more common on farms the need for harvest hands decreased dramatically, until in the 1980's with the combine harvester cutting most of the grain crop hardly any manual workers were required at all.)

Quality shoe sale to take place in the Cluny Hotel. £10,000 of discontinued branded footwear are to be sold. James Donn, 12 High Street, Fraserburgh.

Still missing - Findochty lad, 14 year old Alexander Pirie, Post Office, Findochty has still not turned up after three months time.

Glory be! The first mention given to Buckie Rovers in the 'Advertiser' for a long, long time appears in this edition, albeit very short. It tells how the Rovers beat Caberfeidh by three goals to one on Saturday. The scorers were Mike Smith with a penalty Keith Sinclair and Graham Tallis.

Aug 26 More **workers get their jotters!** There were more redundancies from the FMA owned shipyard of Herd & Mackenzie last Friday. This means that the firm have reduced their workforce by a third over the past two months.

The sharp edge of the tongue - Hamish Watt, former MP for Banffshire, speaking at a meeting of the farming and fishing SNP committee in Aberdeen castigated those government ministers in charge of agriculture and fisheries.

He called on Mrs Thatcher to have an early reshuffle and replace all three top executives in the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries and their equivalent in the Scottish Office. (Little change seen in 1980 those in charge of the same two industries were still being criticised for their poor efforts.)

Advert - The Harbour Bar, Main Street, Buckpool now under new management welcomes customers both old and new to our Happy **Hour**. (This was a new expression and idea in the bar trade. Between the hours of say 8.30 and 9.30pm all drinks would be cheaper than normal, a gimmick to encourage more trade. The Harbour Bar was the first in Buckie to advertise this but all the other bars/ hotels in town soon picked it up.)

Go west young man - Although the shipbuilding industry was going through a slack period with men being paid off an advert appeared in the local paper as follows - Wanted boat-builder for Kyle competent to deal with repairs to fishing boats, yachts and admiralty craft.

Thistle have a new Commercial Manager - The first one appointed didn't remain very long in the job with James Slater, a brother of Malcolm Slater former Thistle player, now having been two months in the job as the local paper reported in a screed given.

Methodist Church minister to move - Rev. Wm. Jamieson who has been minister of the Methodist Churches in Buckie and Portgordon for the past ten years is to move south. He has been appointed Superintendent to the Glasgow West circuit of the Methodist church and moves to Glasgow very soon.

Miss Janet Baxendale who has just finished her training at Queen's College, Birmingham, will replace him. For the past few months she has been on an exchange charge with a minister from the Theological College in Kenya.

Closing down sale - John Moir, Woollen Specialist, 64 High Street, and Fochabers.

Sept 2 **Report of Hamilton Brothers Engineers Ltd.** The firm employs 120 people and compared to the local shipyards is extremely busy. They have just finished their largest contract ever, being the main contractors at the Portgordon Maltings worth over £1.2million pounds. The Maltings are to be opened officially on 26 September. In Buckie, itself, they have just completed a new engineering complex and they would be in the process of moving in over the next two months according to a spokesman for the firm. He added that a new crane and painting equipment had already been installed in the building and in general the firm would be continuing the process of updating equipment and making new ones. Mr Billy Hamilton, who was the speaker, closed by saying that in a period of recession a firm had to look harder for work but with the high quality of labour that Hamilton Brothers had at their disposal they had always been able to get a sufficient share of the work available. A photograph on the front page (not very good) shows the new buildings the firm have built at Buckie.

"We Visit Couthy Cullen" is the title of an article found on the front page.

We're nae there noo - R. & E. Garrow, Butchers, The Square, Portgordon give notice that they have sold their business to Bruce Mitchell.

You'll be there? Buckie and District M. S. Society are staging a Dinner and Dance in the St Andrew's Hotel on Friday 12 September. Music to be provided by Hebbie Gray and his band. Tickets cost £6.

A ken the feeling – its nae fine - A poem found on page three titled 'End of Holiday' by Exile says it a'.

Buckie High School – The school roll at the beginning of the 1980/81 session was approximately the same as it was last year, so we are told, but fit wis is it then?

New members of staff were – Mrs Anne Thomson, HE, Mrs Rosemary McGhee, HE, Miss Sheila Duncan, Part time Music, Miss Hilary Dawson, Part time PE, Mrs Lorna McKay, Part time Art and Miss Fiona Gordon Instrument Music.

*** **'The Gailey Loon'** a book of poetry with a north-east flavour comes out in a fortnight. Bob Watt who wrote the book lives in Aberdeen and is a Scientific Officer at the Marine Lab.

Christian Aid this year in Buckie raised the sum of £1,025. Most of the money was gathered during a house to house collection in May but also at a coffee morning film show and children's competition.

Sept 9 **Two new Methodist ministers were** inducted at Portgordon last week, Rev Miss Janet Baxendale, Buckie and Portgordon and Rev Miss Margaret Roskilly, Findochty. Miss Baxendale belongs to Bolton and Miss Roskilly is a native of Cornwall.

Miss Baxendale who was an enthusiastic hill walker was killed or died from injuries sustained following an accident on the hills.

Buckie man lost at sea - Robert Cowie, of 32 Mackenzie Road, Buckpool was lost overboard in rough seas from the 55 foot long Buckie fishing boat, Begonia, on Sunday 31st August 132 miles east of the Longstone lighthouse on the Farne Islands. The skipper Mr Joe Mackay made efforts to find Mr Cowie but to no avail before turning the boat homewards. Robert Cowie was a bachelor in his early thirties.

Notice - Buckie Thistle Boys Club – Consolation Cup Final between the United and the Spurs to be played at Merson Park on Saturday 13 September at 6pm.

Hiv ye seen a peacock? If you have please contact Mrs Allan at Tullochmoss, Clochan Phone 2xx.

Advert - If you require a tractorman for a few hours or want to hire a tractor and driver contact us at the numbers given below. We also provide a full range of contracting services carried out to our own high standards. H. C. Campbell, Dallas 3Xx and D. Campbell Clochan, 2xx

He found a 'Bodle', no not a bogle, ye feel - Alan Robertson while digging in the garden of his mother-in-law, Mrs Wm. Thain, 9 New Street he turned up a very worn copper coin. It was later identified as a two-penny piece or 'bodle' of the reign of Charles 1. It has a Scottish thistle design with the Latin motto- nemo me impune lacessit. On the reverse side are the initials C.R. for Carolies Rex.

Incidentally the bodle is mentioned in the Burn's poem, 'Tam O' Shanter' as the cost of a pint of ale otherwise known as a tippet.

If the coin has lain in the ground since around 1650 it may suggest that the earliest buildings in Buckie were built around where the Salvation Army church now stands. Certainly the name Mid Street indicates the possibility.

No truth in the rumour - The rumour that went round Buckie that the Thorn Lighting factory at Marchmont was to close soon was quashed by the manager Mr C. Brown. He said that Thorn Lighting Ltd had no intention of closing their factory in Buckie that employs 370 people from the area. He said that the recession had had an effect and had led to 12 women being put on short time the previous week. He went on to explain that contrary to what many people believed the Buckie factory wasn't a small extension of factories in the south but was larger than a number of them further the lamps made in Buckie were not made elsewhere. Though 19 women had recently left the factory of their own free will and accord there was still too large a staff for the work at present hence the reason for 12 women being put on short time.

Sept 16 **Two boats launched** - - A 74 feet long wooden hulled seiner/trawler christened the '**Ardency**' was launched from Jones Buckie Shipyard Ltd on Thursday of last week. Designed by G. L. Watson and Co. the Ardency has been built for skipper Norman Stewart of Lossieouth. The same Glasgow firm designed all his last four boats, Osprey, Liberty, Rosebloom and Fair Adventure.

The new vessel is fitted with a $\frac{3}{4}$ length shelter deck. These structures are growing in popularity with the Scottish fleet and aid both safety and ease of working.

The Ardency's equipment utilises all up to date electronic machinery with closed circuit television cameras fitted port and starboard well forward below the shelter deck. This arrangement gives the skipper in the wheelhouse a view of both the winch and rope reels.

A second boat was launched from Jones' shipyard the same day. This was the trawler, '**Margaret H**' built for skipper Harvey Holbrook of Bridlington. Her design is also by G. L. Watson and her fittings include a Newage two-pitch propeller for fuel economy.

Advert - Stevie's Taxis - local runs - 80p, Portgordon £1.20, Findochty £1.20, Portknockie £1.60. Cullen £2.20 . We now have 10 cars all radio controlled. Phone Buckie 31xxx

St Peter's Senior Youth Club - A meeting is to take place in the school hall on Tuesday 16 September. All interested former pupils are invited to attend also parents willing to help will be made very welcome.

For sale - original paintings by local born artist with nostalgia for fishing scenes of the era 1920 - 1938. Phone Buckie 32xxx

Developments at Tugnet – mouth of the Spey - The icehouse dating from the 17th century is seen as the terminus for the projected Spey-side Walkway. The icehouse could house a special exhibition illustrating the history of salmon fishing on the river. A car park is to be provided and toilet facilities. Moray District Council have contributed £3000 towards the cost of the developments with the Countryside Commission providing the rest.

Football reports – poor although the local paper was now carrying reports of Buckie Thistle games they could be better done. A major fault is that the score is not given at the top of the report as one would have wished and also no teams are given which in itself is most disappointing for anyone with more than a passing interest. The Rovers fare even worse in that they now fail to receive even a mention.

Thistle appointments - Reaich Green was appointed the new president of Buckie Thistle, He is a company director of Moray Fishselling Company, and the new vice president is John Nicol a local service engineer.

23 Sept **A Queen's Guide** - Sandra Matthew 38 Samson Avenue, Craigbo was presented with her certificate and badge this week by Divisional Commander, Effie Davidson.

Mair money tae pey - The Banffshire Advertiser to cost 10p from next week.

*** **103 not out** - Mrs Lobban a resident in Rock House (Shipwrecked Mariners Society) for a number of years past celebrated her 103rd birthday there last week. When the photographer and reporter called from the 'Advertiser' she welcomed them with a few tunes on the keyboard. (Mrs Lobban's history was given a number of times at the time of her birthday.)

Business report - Buckie Electrical business, Thain and Davidson, are going well. They have just completed the electrical design and installation as sub contractors at Portgordon Maltings and have been awarded a further contract near Norwich in Norfolk. Brian Davidson and Ian Thain began their firm nine years ago. They tended to take on work other firms were less keen to do perhaps the job was in an inaccessible place or whatever and they had now become the major electrical contractor in Shetland outwith Sullom Voe. They have just opened a big new store and office on Cunninghole Industrial Estate. Four new apprentices have been taken on this year.

Buckie Rovers are on the lookout for ex players or anyone interested in joining the committee. Anyone so minded is asked to contact the secretary, Mrs Barbara Maybury, 10 Barfield Road, Buckpool.

Makkin' Candy - Mr Paul Iannetta, owner of the Kings Café on West Church Street recently opened new premises at March Road Industrial Estate which will employ five people besides himself. In the manufacturing of confectionery including Galloways Candy which has been sold in the town for three generations. He bought the café business four years ago on his return from working as a draughtsman in Zambia. He hopes to extend his confectioner distribution area to include the Glasgow area if the venture goes well.

Presentation for the Square Café couple - Jan Wielewski and his wife June proprietors of the Square Café for the past ten years are seen in a photograph receiving a present of a picture clock from the staff. June also received a bouquet.

Consolation Cup Final - In the final of the cup played between two sides in the Buckie Boy's League, United beat the Spurs by four clear goals. Joe Legge was manager of the Spurs and James Thain manager of the winning side.

The Cullen toilets stink - The reason give is that they were originally built as air raid shelters and with the walls being of poured concrete it was found difficult to put in ventilators. (Any excuse is better than none.)

Sept 30 **Div ye remember** Sandy or Sinny Mair's wooden fish shop on Cluny Place? If ye div ye're auler than ye say ye are. Well its nae mair it wis knockit doon on Wednesday of last week.

The building must have stood for at least 70 years, for in 1911 the then owner, a man called Fraser a hairdresser and newsagent had a note in the local paper to say that he had recently had the whole building newly re-decorated. By 1913, though it was still being used as hairdressers, James Menzies, who had come to Buckie from Keith, now owned it. He was a very keen Terrier and was called up with the 6th Gordons in 1914 and left the shop in the care of his brother Colin.

On his return from the Forces James Menzies took an advanced course in hairdressing in Dundee and shifted shop to Cluny Square into the shop previously occupied by 'Billy' McGarth. He was a well-known figure in town and Wm. Cowie (editor) said that he well remembered for his outstanding skill on the billiard or snooker table in the Town House.

In 1920 the wooden shop passed into the hands of Miss Ina Bain who had previously worked with Gow who had a fish shop on High Street. Ina Bain and her sister who worked with her in the shop were both very popular being of a friendly disposition that attracted a lot of custom.

Sandy Mair or Sinnie as many knew him worked with Ina and after she died he continued to run the fish business with his girl friend Peggy Grant. Sandy will be remembered by many, as he was seen, plodding up the 'Bowling Green Brae' with a box of fish balanced on the carrier of his bike. He only retired last year.

Spencer Lyon, Plumber, bought the ground.

For sale - an attractive traditional style house on the Highfield Development, apply to George Packman and Sons, House Builders, 23-25 East Church Street, Buckie.

Advert - Robert Benzie, Highland Garage, and Freunchy Lane. As from 27 October 1980 we shall have a 24-hour breakdown and accessory recovery service. Light and Heavy.

Buckie Thistle F.C. under 14 dance on Monday November 3 1980. Dancing to Night Moves Disco within the Fishermen's Hall from 7-10pm. Admission 60p. No pass outs.

A Festival of Praise is to take place in the North Church, Buckie next Sunday November 2 at 7.30pm. The offering will be allocated to the Royal Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children. A large numbers of outstanding local musicians both vocal and instrumental has agreed to take part. The audience will be warmly invited to join in the singing of old time favourites.

It is hoped to record some of the music and later to make a cassette, which will be on sale at local churches. Proceeds will go to Children's Aid Charities.

Christies' Toiletries - As from Monday 3 November we will be trading from 45 West Church Street (Baby Boutique). Come and see our large range of baby requirements toys, toiletries and inexpensive gifts.

Advert - Stevie's Taxis - Fares - Keith £4.40; Fochabers £3.00; Portsoy £4.40; Elgin £5.50. 10 cars all radio controlled. Prompt service phone 315xx.

Advert - We are your local Gardening Service. Greens mowed, gardens tidied, gardens rotovated, paving laid, paths and driveways made, fencing etc.

Highland League football - Buckie Thistle beat Lossiemouth by five clear goals. Robbie Nicol had a hat-trick. Alan Thain came on as a sub. The reports still not to my liking with any team lines given for some unaccountable reason and the scorers not in bold print.

Advertiser reporter graduates - Alan Wiseman was awarded an MA degree from Aberdeen University.

Photograph of Rathven Smiddy - (Poor reproduction) An application had been lodged by the person that owned the smiddy to start a kennel breeding alsation dogs. The report said how the smiddy had been owned by the Gray family for 100 up until 1923 when it was taken over by a Mr Cranna who moved there from Arradoul Smiddy. At one time four blacksmiths were employed at Rathven according to Willie Gray, 26 Sutherland Street who served his time therewith his father. The smiddy was shut down in 1960.

A photograph of Jimmy Grant and his paper- mache horse Davey is shown in this edition. The 'horse' has stood outside Jimmy's house at Rathven for the past seven years and collected money in aid of Action Research for Crippled Child Campaign. This year Jimmy was able to give £50 to Dr Silberg chairman of the local branch. Each winter Davey is taken inside and gets a doing up ready for the next summer, when he stands all ready to go yokit to his cairt. Some time ago Alex Smith in Portessie wrote a poem about Jimmy and Davey.

The new Metro comes to Buckie - Eddie Malcolm, proprietor of Archibald's Garage believes that the Metro is the best hatchback on the market today. he took stock of two models on Monday last week and by Wednesday he had sold 12. Alan Wiseman, the 6'5" tall reporter with the 'Advertiser' took a trial run in the Metro and during the time he was at the garage they had sold a further two. His report on the car is given on page 7.

Column - 'Fireside Talk O' Auld Freens - The original column was the idea of Mr Park Buchan. The present day editorial staff did a story along the same lines using the same characters as in 1916 but with up to date topics being discussed.

Nov 4 **A new freezer factory has been opened** on March Road by the Buckie fish-processing firm of Cox Fish Ltd who have been in business in the town for the past 25 years. To accommodate the new freezer plant the original premises have been extended.

Buckie Rovers are to run an under 14 Disco in the Fishermen's Hall on Friday 9th November as a means of raising some much needed capital. The group 2001 will be providing the music, Admission to the disco which will run from 7pm till 10pm is 60p. There will be a raffle and refreshments will be on sale. ((It was noticeable that they didn't run another before the end of the year.))

Portessie Club are to hold an under 18 Disco in Portessie Hall on Wednesday 7 November from 8-11pm.

Cormack School of Dancing are to hold a coffee morning on Saturday 8 November in All Saints Church Hall from 10am till 12 noon. Tickets cost 30p.

Thistle Player of the Year - Alan Thain (Postie) was voted Player of the Year by Thistle fans. The Plaque was handed over by manager Mr Alan White. (Alan who gusted one or two times for the Rovers played a long time for Buckie United and was still there in 2003.)

Buckie Speakers' Club met in the Cluny Hotel on Thursday 16 October when the chairman for the evening was Mike Harvey. The principal speakers of the evening were - Alan Paine, Ian Bruce and Peter Bruce. The title of Alan's speech was 'A Burning Question' in which he dealt with the humorous side and antics of the sun worshippers around the swimming pool at his holiday hotel in Spain. Ian Bruce in his maiden speech chose as his title 'The Changing Scene in Banking'. In this he related some of his experiences during his banking career and the many changes that he had seen before describing the changes that one would see taking place in the banking world in days to come. Peter Bruce's contribution was titled, 'Impressions of a holiday in Germany' He spoke of the honesty, cleanliness, and general road sense of the German people compared to their British counterparts.

The Topics Chairman was George Campbell , with John Fowlie being Topics Evaluator and Bill Taylor General Evaluator.

For sale - A recently completed bungalow at 10 Cross Lane. Three bedrooms, kitchen, bathroom, toilet, utility room and large loft. Ample space for a garage. Gardens to front, rear and sides. (The last was very much a case of the blurb not matching up with reality.)

The Co-op had a full page spread - Some prices - McVitie Chocolate Homewheat 34p, Fiesta Kitchen Towel-twin -55p, Radox, large, 54p, Bertola Cream Sherry, £2,35, Grant's Whisky £5.15, Margarine , 250grams, 16p.

Advert - Shoreline Amusements to open on 10 November. From 12noon till 10pm. All types of amusements . Why not bring the kids?!!!

*** **A Buckie Quine's letter from America** (Margaret Tong - Oor Margit) This is found on page 7 columns 4,5 and 6

Notice Mr William Cowie who has been consultant editor of the Banffshire Advertiser for the last three months bids farewell this week. He is going into hospital on 11 November but doesn't expect to be detained long. When he recovers he aims to take a well deserved break and is considering a trip to the Holy Land sometime in the new year.

The 'Advertiser' would like to take the opportunity to wish Mr Cowie a happy retirement and thank him for all the help and advice he has given during his association with the paper. "All the best from us all".

Nov 11 **The wanderer returns** - Findochty teenager, James Pirie, was last week re-united with his parents Mr and Mrs Alex Pirie, Post Office, Findochty. The 14 year old Buckie High School pupil returned to the area on Wednesday after being missing for nearly six months.

He left in May with friend Peter McMillan of Morven Crescent but he was found in Ayr and returned home from there.

The break through came with the delivery of a Chester post-marked letter from the boy to his parents. The Piries passed the letter on to the police who contacted their colleagues in the south. Inquiries led the Chester constabulary to a small hotel in the village of Mouldsworth on the outskirts of the town.

The police said that James had been working there as an apprentice chef but declined to give further details of the teenagers movements since he left home.

Better news for the FMA owned H&M shipyard - Willie Nicholson, manager said that they had received two new orders which should keep the yard's workforce occupied until this time next year. He said that it had been a very difficult year but felt that the fishing industry had turned the corner - at least there was a chink of light showing.

He felt that one of the main problems with the fishing industry was that fish were too cheap to buy in the shops the housewife should be paying more.

Best in the Region - Buckie firemen have been judged to be the best outfit in the Grampian Region. Station Officer George 'Doddie' McKay and his men were presented with the Arbuthnott Efficiency Award by Firemaster Close at their annual dance in the St Andrew's Hotel last Friday.

Advert - Bruces , 61 West Church Street, for the best in sports equipment and fishing tackle, teams and clubs supplied. Racket and Golf Club repairs.

Notice - Buckie Old People's Welfare Committee Supper Social will take place in the St Andrew's Hotel on 25 and 27 November at 6pm. Buses leave at 5.15pm.

Notice - Buckpool Station Development. Nearing completion on an attractive , elevated site enjoying panoramic views over the Moray Firth is the first of a small

select development of four traditionally built bungalows each in a generous site and to be finished to a good specification. Phone Denis Scott or apply to the subscribers, Burnett and Reid, Advocates, Aberdeen.

Stock up for the winter - Freshly lifted carrots £1.50 per stone. Tatties £1.80 per 56lb bag.

Orpool Meats, St Peter's Road, for unbeatable value –

Here we have another rhyme,
We seem to write them all the time;
But in between we cook and bake,
Have you tried the pies we make?

This week we've cut the price of lamb,
And how about our honey-roast ham?
We've sausages at 58p
Come along now, don't be late.

Rolled shoulder of lamb at £1.00 per lb. Gigot of lamb £1.10. Sausages 58p per lb.

The biggest yet - Last week Buckie received a visit from the largest cargo boat ever to berth in the harbour. On Wednesday the 250 feet long Hamburg-registered freighter, the Martha 1, came into load with 1,367 tons of feed barley. The barley, which was grown on local farms, is destined for Poland. Harbourmaster, Thomas Garden, said that the vessel was rather large for Buckie harbour, indeed it was the maximum length but the favourable weather conditions which had prevailed throughout her stay had helped berthing and loading operations to go ahead smoothly.

Advert - Douglas Properties, formerly Glenelg Properties Ltd has moved to new premises at 12 Cluny Square (formerly the Square Café). Estate Agents, Insurance Brokers, Finance Consultants, Building Society, Bradford and Bingley Agency.

Overheard - (Peter Dick column) "Kinnes Peterie? If this glass o' beer hid a heid oant it wid be hingin' it in shame".

Buckie born author pops inbye – Last week the 'Advertiser' received a visit from Barry Milton, whose children's book, 'Fishing Boat' became available this week. Born in the Sloch Barry moved to England with his parents at the age of 11. In later life he graduated in History from Swansea University. After a year at TC he taught for four years until 1978 when he began writing full time.

He had become aware that there were virtually no children's books which dealt with the fishing industry and since most of his relatives worked in the industry he came to the conclusion that he was better qualified than most to undertake such a commitment.

The 'Fishing Boat' describes a deep-sea trip made by the Nordic Prince. (still landing fish regularly at Buckie in 2003). Both Jan and Charles Huldal were schoolfriends of Mr Milton so were able to work closely with them to produce the book which is reviewed this week in the 'Advertiser'

Mr Milton is now involved in the production of another book which gives an account of factory work.

The Maritime Museum - The attendance figures at Buckie Maritime Museum rose from 2984 in the summer of 1979 to 3884 this year. The increase is all the more remarkable when it is taken into account that this year's figure represents only 11 week's attendance's as against a full summer season in 1979.

Buckie Speakers' Club - The chairman was John Fowle. The main speakers were Stewart Benson who chose as the title of his contribution, 'Nothing Can Be Created Of Nothing'. He related quotes, which contained the word 'nothing'. With tongue in cheek to the members present and inferred that we were all bound up with nothing at all.

The title of the maiden speech by Alan Lonie was 'What the future holds for Personal Taxation' going on to give his own opinions on the changes that were likely to take

place in the years ahead. George McKenzie's contribution was a speech titled. 'What is Mathematics?' In this he elaborated on three main headings, describing the influences and uses of the subject.

The Topics Chairman was Peer Slater.

Closing down sale - The shop known as General Drapery belonging to Nemat Ali at 51-53 West Church Street is to close.

Sunday Disco in the Grampian Hotel, Keith.

Car sales - Moravian Garage, Pringle Street, John Robertson, proprietor. Charles McIntosh, Midmar Street.

Funeral Undertakers - Alex Hendry and Sons, Land Street. Billy Mair, 99-103 Main Street. Wm. Thain, Aboyne Street. Alex Bain, Baron Street. Campbell's, 2 Sutherland Crescent or Railway Terrace.

Advert - A. G. Stewart, Butchers, Gigot lamb and chops 100p; boiling fowls, 40p; our own make pork and apple sausages 54p.

Nov 18 **Redundancies at Thorn Lighting** - Mr Charles Brown confirmed that 28 workers would be made redundant in the new year. The reason for this was directly related to a horrendous downturn in the demand for a particular type of lamp produced by the firm.

The reduction will mean that the factory's work force will be reduced to 324. Those to be made redundant were all those involved with the car component for which the demand has so drastically dropped.

Ugly scenes mar cup final - Supporters of both Buckie Thistle and Inverness Thistle clashed at Boroughbriggs, Elgin during the Qualifying Cup Final played between the two sides. The Inverness club won by five goals to nil. A total of 12 Buckie fans appeared in court. The Buckie Thistle manager, Mr Alan White summed up the feelings of everyone in the Buckie Thistle party, players and officials alike when he said that the scenes were absolutely disgraceful.

Require to be made safe - Moray District Council have directed Mr Gordon Milne living at 6/8 Land Street that he must do some work to make the stables and outhouses there safe or have them demolished.

Car coats - C. I. Shearer and Son, 6-8 East Church Street, Buckie have men's car coats in different styles ranging in price from £13.65 to £32.90.

Drybridge Smiddy - On 18 October, Mr George Duncan, the owner of Drybridge Smiddy sold off all the smiddy's equipment. He said however, contrary to what is to happen to the smiddy at Rathven he had no intention of selling or converting the Drybridge (built in 1774) that he had taken over from his father in 1919 and where he had worked for 30 years. He was forced to retire in 1779 through asthma. If a tenant could not be found then the forge would be left to lie dormant.

Still the traders come - Mellish, Yorkshire was to hold another big sale in the Cluny Hotel- selling shoes, coats and jackets.

*** **The column 'Round About with the Gangrel' contains a very good piece on Findlater Castle (page 12) ******

Book Review - 'The Fishing Boat' by Barry Milton, late of the Sloch. Reviewed by W. G. Cowie on page 12. The book costs £2.50.

For sale - Sauchenbush farmhouse and two byres - £18,000. (I might have went to stay there in 1942 or 1943 when my father applied for a job with R. Young of

Arradoul Mains only there was a government 'Standstill Order' in place and he was not allowed to leave Burnside of Enzie.)

Nov 25 **Hamilton Brothers have a pay off** - Five workers are to be made redundant at Hamilton Brothers, Engineers, but there is no panic says Billy Hamilton. "Like every other business we are experiencing a few problems because of the recession but this should not be seen as a sign of trouble."

"The newly completed engineering shop has enabled us to tackle a much wider range of work and are confident that we will weather the storm", he said. "Of the five men we have had to lay off three of them were semi-skilled workers and the other two were apprentices ending their time", he concluded.

Notice - All the fans convicted of offences arising from the rioting at Boroughbriggs, Elgin during and after the Qualifying Cup Final between Buckie Thistle and Inverness Thistle are banned from life from entering Victoria Park. Buckie Thistle sent a number of apology letters - to the SFA, Elgin City, Elgin Community Council and Grampian Police.

Buckie Rovers have signed two of Buckpool Victoria's outstanding players, Ronnie Smith and Neil Murray.

More outside traders - A 'Grand Sale' will take place in the Commercial Hotel - clothing, jeans, watches etc. W. J. S. Traders 14 Ferniehill, Edinburgh.

Mace Supermarket - St Andrews Square - Grouse Whisky £5.29, Bristol Cream Sherry, £2.59.

Templeton's High Street (formerly Lipton's) A full page advert - Some prices of goods - Kellog's Corn Flakes, 43p, McVitie's Chocolate Homewheat, 33p, Tulip Back bacon, 64p, Toilet Roll, 27p, Cross and Blackwell soups, 19p.

Mastermind at Buckie High School - A form of the popular TV show was staged at Buckie High School last week. The pupils taking part and their chosen subjects were - Anne Anderson- World War 1; Iain Mair, Commercial Fishing; Rodney Farquhar, Chemistry; Phillip Benson, Electronics; Michael Ross, Astronomy.

At the end Michael Ross and Phillip Benson had the same number of points but Phillip won with fewer number of passes.

Advert - SSF Fish Shop on Low Street, across from the Marine Hotel.

More outside traders - Wilson's of Banff and Macduff - are to sell off £25,000 worth of manufacturer's surplus stock, including ladies, gents, and children's clothes in the Cluny Hotel.

The Cullen hermit and Findlater Castle - A letter on page nine written by Ben Mackay, James Street, Buckie, refers back to the 'Gangrel's' articles found in an earlier edition of the 'Advertiser' where he talks about the hermit at Sunnyside also the caves and Findlater Castle.

'So we heard by Peter Dick' Supposedly in answer to correspondence he had received from Loveless Leebie, Land Street. His answer - "We are sorry that romance seems to have evaporated from your marriage. Still you'll just have to face that your man is not as gallant as he was when you were a gal because he's not so buoyant as he was when he was a boy".

Peter Anson lecture - This would seem to have been too high brow for the average Buckite, since the size of the audience who came to listen to Brian J. Hayton, of the Moray Museum Service, speak on the life and works of Peter Anson, held in the Community Centre was very minute indeed. He said how Buckie Town Council were given 416 water colours, some of which are on show in the Peter Anson Gallery in the local library.

Advert - James Rizza and Sons, 16 Gordon Street, Huntly, Ice Cream Manufacturers.

Christmas Day and New Year lunches and Dinners at the Seafield Hotel, Cullen

. On Christmas Day lunch one had the choice of 7 starters, a choice of six in the main course m choice of five sweets plus coffee and meat pies for £8.50 inc. of BAT and S/C The New Year lunch and dinner was the same price but the menu was different and there were less choice.

Dec 2 **The Leicester Building Society opened an office on Cluny Square.** A certain amount of ire was raised when a top official of the Building Society tended to down other business in town who did similar work, e.g. Ray Cardno and Leslie Douglas. He said how they were Leicester were the first main office in the town the others being mere agents.

BHS gets a pat on the back - Buckie High School was chosen as the Best Kept School in Moray.

Save Our Spires - The following notice was found in the 'Advertiser' this week. The congregation of St Peter's was faced with a bill of £36,000 for the repair to the twin spires. An appeal has been launched to the general public so that anyone who wishes may have the chance to help keep the "horns on the de'il".

Any donations may be given to myself or to any member of the congregation. Thank you and God bless you. David Keith

Fashion Show - T. M. Jack's Outfitters, East Church Street, held a Fashion Parade in the St Andrew's Hotel. A photograph appears (well only barely) in this edition of those who acted as models.

OAP Dinner and Concert photograph taken at their annual 'do' in the St Andrew's Hotel. (The picter is nae very good)

Column 'So We Heard' by Peter Dick.

For sale shop and house at 66-68 West Church Street presently being used as a wallpaper and paint shop. (Bobby Johnston)

Another letter on the Cullen Hermit, Tam Till and Findlater Castle This is found on page 8, column 5. The writer gave the correct name of the hermit that both Ben Mackay and the Gangrel had got wrong. He also speaks of Tam Till who was supposed to have built Findlater Castle. The writer was James McBeath, Cliff Cottage, Cullen.

More on the Leicester Building Society - The 8th largest in the country. The office on Cluny Square was a new office the firm had been in Buckie for six months and formerly operated from 21a East Church Street, with David Baxter as manager.

Pre-Christmas Sale - Cluny Fashions, 7 High Street. Winter Sale at Henry Packman Mid Street, Keith

Highland Promotions - the Big Sale - in the Cluny Hotel, Jackets, shoes, ski jackets, wellies, bootees, Mellish, Lancashire.

Spar Supermarkets - Cameron P. Hendry - Milton Drive, West Church Street and St Paul Street. .

Grand Sale - Town Hall, Cullen, a large variety of goods ranging from household to fancy with also some women's clothes. Hamilton, 7 Pringle Road, Elgin.

Dec 9 **Tell is as it is** - Ray Cardno, managing director of R. Cardno Insurance Brokers took exception to what had been said by the Leicester Building Society's Controller for

Scotland at the opening of their new office on Cluny Square. Mr Cardno is the Halifax Building Society's agent in Buckie and said that he could provide all the facilities of a full branch.

Bleak days at 'Tappies' – Thomson's shipyard made 30 men redundant last week following the successful sea trials of the fishing boat **Audentia** and since the firm has not received an order since they were commissioned to build her. This could prove to be a historic time for the yard. The recession in the fishing industry has really bit hard. If no new orders are forthcoming in the near future the firm will be forced to close down completely which would be a tragedy.

Mr Willie Thomson stressed that Thomson's Boatyard was still very much in business.

One of the highlights of the yard was in 1962 when it built a replica of the steamship Comet to mark the 150 year anniversary of the launching of the first British steamship.

Opening announcement - The Crop Shop, Gents Hairdresser, Hope Street, Portessie will open on Thursday 11 December. House of opening is - Thursday 9.30am -12 and 3.30pm – 6.30pm. Friday 9.30am till 7.30pm. Saturday 9.30am till 4.00pm Senior citizens reduced rates.

Cairnfield House - Mrs G. Partridge has been given approval by Moray District Council Planning and Development Committee to change the use of Cairnfield House, Clochan, Buckie to provide 15 holiday flats.

"It is considered that the scheme will ensure a viable use for this listed property which could otherwise be difficult to maintain as a private residence".

Yet another big sale - Hill Town Discount Store Ltd, Dundee and Kirkcaldy, Clean Sweep Sale in the Marine Hotel on Saturday 13 December 1980. Mainly household goods. All priced.

Community Council lend their support - Buckie Community Council discussed the matter and agreed to support two local ladies in their attempt to persuade MDC to set aside premises where wall plaques could be displayed bearing the names of fishing boats and crewmen who have been lost at sea since the Second World War in the area from Lossiemouth to Macduff. The two women are Mrs Agnes Lawson, 24 Sutherland Street and Mrs Jean Hillier, 31 Seatown .

Christmas Sale - Francis Ritchie – 72-74a East Church Street. Fashion, Knitwear, Nightwear, and Underwear, shoes, Men's shop, Boy's department and Girl's wear.

16 Dec **Advert** - James Annand, 104-108 Mid Street, Keith. **Advert** – Peter Bruce, Decorator and Signwriter, 27 West Cathcart Street. Member of the Guild of Master Craftsmen,

Sale – The Biggest Ever - Firth Furnishers (Charles Geddes and John Patience) 33-35 West Church Street.

Opening announcement - Mace Supermarket on 17 December at 5 Seaview Road, Findochty.

To close - General Drapery at 51-53 West Church Street is to close on Tuesday 30 December at 5.30pm.

Have you tried CHURKEY. This week's star buy and the new alternative for the week-end roast. A. G. Stewart, Butchers.

Dec 23 **Death of former MP** - The death took on Wednesday of last week of Sir William Duthie at the home of his daughter, Betty. He was 88. **The report is given on page 1** He was the son of a Portessie fisherman the last in a family of nine. He was educated at Rathven and Buckie schools before starting life in the Bank of Scotland . He moved to Canada and served with the Bank of Commerce for ten years returning during World War I to serve with first the Canadian Forces and then the Gordon Highlanders.

General Drapery store at 51-53 West Church Street which has been owned and run for the past 15 years by Nemat Ali has been taken over by Mr and Mrs John Morrison

Buckie Rovers Player of the Year . David Sellar (Cullen) is seen (well just) is seen receiving his award from team manager, Ian Cole. Junior P.o.Y. is David Findlay. Sandy Innes was awarded the Robert Taylor Trophy.

Buckie Thistle advance in the Scottish - They beat Medowbank by three goals to two in the replay at Victoria Park on Saturday.

Buckie Rovers are drawn at home against Shettleston in the third round of the Scottish Junior cup. They are to play at Victoria Park and would welcome your support.

2nd Buckie Boys Brigade. Parents and Friends are holding their Annual Dinner and Dance in the St Andrew's Hotel on Saturday 10th January 1981. Tickets may be had from the hotel.

Memorial Room Meeting - A public meeting will be held in the Town House, Buckie on Monday 29 December at 7.30pm to form a committee for the purpose of establishing a Memorial Room in Buckie for the lost seamen from the Moray Firth area.

Dec 30 **No workers now** - The lack of orders has forced the hand of the directors of Thomson's Boatyard who have paid off all the work force. Both Jones and 'Herdies' have reduced their workforce but Jones recently received an order for a fishing boat which will keep employees in work for a time but their managing director would not speculate too far ahead.

The FAL owned former shipyard of Herd & Mackenzie paid off 1/3 of their workforce, however work was forthcoming which should keep the remaining work force occupied until the end of next year.

To take over - Mr John Morrison is to take over the shop, General Drapery, on 9th January.

Accountancy Service - Banffshire Accountancy Service are to open an office in Buckie in January.

Quiz - This is based on the 26 letters of the alphabet, beginning with the letter 'A' through to 'B'. You are given the first letter of each word and the number of letters in it, then you are on your own. Par is 13, 20 very good and all 26? Well we don't believe it. The answers were given earlier in the year, in February.

Letter Number of letters Clue

A	(8)	This ant-eater never killed anybody.
B	(8)	Mary and her last husband in good health.
C	(6)	There's a yellow streak in this post Christmas character.
D	(5)	Pythias pal turned wanderer
E	(13)	Break up special pianos for these church goers.
F	(6)	Speedier slimmer.
G	(6)	Seventh, eighth and ninth letters for a dead Indian.
H	(10)	Led up the garden, Robin's eyelid flickered.
I	(8)	The wee rascal's agreement saves them from punishment.
J	(9)	Wise choice from kosher menu.
K	(5)	It takes skill to make the cheese.
L	(8)	Too cold here for the Arab Lord.
M	(7)	Go abroad for your own fire-place.
N	(5)	Ozone in the heart of town.

O	(4)	Chummy address for expensive stone.
P	(10)	Another chum in the hangar – either coming or going, it's all the same
Q	(6)	Shake Robin's hold all.
R	(8)	Smith's still there – I heard so! (You must turn the clock back)
S	(6)	I'm after that rascal for the shell fish.
T	(8)	Record of drunks for a ball.
U	(8)	Wee Timothy dined after Sauls finish. It's the end!
V	(4)	Gripping sin.
W	(11)	According to Wordsworth, daffodils dance, but these wouldn't.
X	(9)	Although this is barred, you still occasionally hear one.
Y	(4)	Talk about the wool.
Z	(4)	----- body here seen Kelly. A crazy clue.

So we heard by Peter Dick - This week we learn how Peter and a friend, during the festive season, took the Keith bus to the road end walked up the 'Mossy' towards the most attractive, alluring, cosmopolitan village of Clochan The most famous inhabitant of this delectable rustic retreat is our country bard, Jay (Dodger) Walker who has a croft up on the Muir. When we knocked on his door he welcomed us profusely then came the blow, "I can offer ye a dram, a cup of tea but no skorskies. They've stopped making them." The dread words struck a chill into Dick's vitals. We could survive with the loss of the Penny Palace, the end of the railway station and the collapse of the roof of the Fishermen's Hall; the demise of 'Juicies' from Joe's but no skorskies was just too much to bear.

"I've written a few solemn lines about the great loss we have to endure", said Jay. So to be chanted adagio to the tune of Bach's "Demise of a Doughnut" is Jay's 'Requiem for a Delicacy'

What is life if one so free,
 We can't have skorskies for our tea?
 Snowballs we have – but what a shame!
 They look, but never taste the same.
 Twisties no more delight the tum,
 Sair-heedies have gone up the lum!
 Deed fleas have flown away for good
 Swatted by wrapped, synthetic food,
 For Exhibitors search in vain,
 Like Ginger-men, they're down the drain.
 No Garibaldies, crisp and brown,
 To lift us up when we're feeling down,
 Oh, baker man you need your dough,
 An making skoskies must be slow!
 But make an effort just for me,
 And bake those biscuits for my tea!
 What is life – if – after lunch?
 There's not a skoskie I can munch.

We read the poem reverently then slipped quietly out of the back door, steered carefully towards the Enzie and left a strong man with his grief.

Extension to the Cluny Hotel – The Cluny Hotel, built in 1880 and presently owned by Christies' (Fochabers), has undergone major alterations and a considerable extension . There are now 15 bedrooms instead of seven each with a private bathroom.