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Jan 6 **Headline reads - End nears for the Pot O' Linn-** Moray District Council have agreed to spend the sum of £120,00 on filling up the hole at the Linn of Freuchny. Chairman of the Finance Committee, Tom Howe criticised his colleagues for giving the go ahead, "must be the most expensive hole in the country" far better to have spent the money on housing. Councillor Frank Anderson, who had pushed for the project to be done, argued that it was necessary to have the hole filled in. It was not only dangerous but was constantly being used to dump rubbish and was something of an eyesore. Further to that since they had planned to build sheltered housing nearby it was imperative that the hole was filled in before that time.

Football - Buckie suffered a thrashing from Banffshire rivals Deveronvale when the Jags were beaten by seven goals to 1 at Princess Royal Park.

Thain, Jenkins (Henderson), Ellis, Duthie, Forbes, Robertson, Hunter, Murray, L. Duncan, C. Duncan, Nicol (Kennedy),

Sale - Robert Hendry (Dennis Mitchell and Partners), 189-191 Mid Street, Keith.

Jan 12 **Long term lease** - A lease of 25 years has been granted to R. Bain and Wm. Stephen of 400square metres at Edindoune for fish processing at an annual rent of £120 with a review every 5 years.

The kids were pleased. An appreciable amount of snow fell over Buckie allowing the kids to get their sledges out.

Peter Dick column - He included a piece of poetry this week.

Death of former Police Inspector - The death took place this week at his home at 31 Sutherland Street, Buckpool of Bill Blackhall, retired Police Inspector. He was 76. His wife and one son who lives in Fort William survive him.

Spectacular features - The hard frost of late with a period of thaw in between has given rise to the formation of some spectacular icicles along the banks of the Buckie Burn which were captured on film by an 'Advertiser' photographer.

New advert - J. Sandison T/A Campbells, Joiners, Railway Terrace, and Buckie.

Decora, Elgin - 'The once a year sale'

Other firms advertising sales - Tender Years - Land Street, Buckpool (Prop. Jean Stalker)

George Sutherland, Boots and Shoes, 21 West Ch. St.

Henry Packman, Furnishing, Mid Street, Keith

John Sandison, Draper, 22 East Church Street.

Hays Ideal Homewares, 25 West Church Street.

Jan 19 **Thorn Lights** - A Wage settlement has been agreed at the 'bulb factory'. Thorn EMI owners of Thorn Lighting made a pre-tax profit last year of £45 million in all operations as opposed to £38.6 in the previous year.

Notice Hear Very Soon - Moray Firth Radio on 1107 KHZ (271m) M.W. 95.9 MHZ VHF Stereo.

He started with the 'Advertiser'. A Buckie born man who began a successful career with the Banffshire Advertiser has retired.

Bob Johnston started in 1930 after leaving school later attending the College of Commerce in Aberdeen to take a course in journalism before returning to the Advertiser where he stayed for a year before moving to Orkney where he joined the staff of the

Orkney 'Herald'. In 1937 he moved first to Aberdeen and then to London where he was engaged in free-lance work.

When his brother was called up he returned to the Orkney Herald to take over from him but in 1941 he was himself called up to the RAF.

On being demobbed he went back to work in Orkney but moved to the Press and Journal in 1954. Within 18 months he became sub editor and remained so until he retired last week.

A competent cartoonist he had two novels published, 'The Squadron Will Move' and 'Tiger in the Rain'. He also produced a book of humorous cricket stories, entitled 'Century of a Lifetime' He lives in Aberdeen but intends to move to Buckie with his Orkney born wife He has two sons. He is to concentrate on his writing in his retirement.

Buckie Thistle manager is given the sack - Alan White who was welcomed to the job as manager with much 'hoo-ha' after Danny Fitzimmons found it difficult to continue midst a lot of criticism found himself getting the sack after a run of bad defeats.

Sandy McLennan - a Thistle centre forward of the pre-war days had a letter in the Buckie paper complaining that he had been missed out in the write up about Buckie Thistle in the 100 year old edition of the Banffshire Advertiser. He said that another 'star' player; Peter Bain had also been omitted. He said that he had scored 56 goals in one season with the Thistle, a record that has never been broken to his knowledge.

Jags Sack Manager - The report is given on page 6. Reaich Green. President said that the decision to dispense with the services of Mr Alan White was agreed at a meeting of the committee on Monday evening. He had been appointed in July 1980 following the resignation of Danny Fitzimmons but a point had been reached where they were left with a vote of no confidence in Mr White's handling on team affairs.

A poem is found on page 7 - This is entitled 'A New Year Prayer' and written by Wallace G. Kerr 188, Withrow Avenue, Toronto.

The frost and snow are still with us

Shift for Templeton's manager - Ian Coull, manager of the Templeton's Supermarket on High Street is to move to Dingwall where Templeton's have a larger store, 46 staff are employed as opposed to 34 in Buckie.

Ian is a native of Buckie a married man with two children. He has been with the firm for 10 years, starting straight from school. The new manager is George Duncan, 1 Alexander Street.

Death of former Buckie businesswoman - Miss Janie Campbell, Cathcart Street, has died. She was 76. She ran the plumbing and tinsmith business on Commercial Road on the death of her father and uncle gradually moving away from the two trades to concentrate on china, hardware and ironmongery She moved from Commercial Road to East Church Street in the 1960's where she continued to operate until she retired.

A poem is found on page 9- This is entitled 'Yardie Blethers' by Sannickie

Ye see that painted widden keel
I've used tae men' ma pailin'
That came off an auld fisher boat,
That cleck is worth the tellin'.

She wis a wrauchit scaffie,
That some lang syne freak wave
Had cowpit her like a playick,
The crew? They couldna save.

She stood upright at Hythie,

The hoosies squattin' by,
Like scuttled whale, that couldna shift
And lost the hert tae try.

Her name? The Fisher Lassie,
Registered BCK,
"Fa wis her skipper? Weel o' that
I doot I couldna say.

The boatie wis a magnet,
And I, when jist a loon,
Played tackie in and oot her ribs
Wi' a' the bairns aroon.

Her mastie gaed for kinlin'
Her rother? Fa wid ken
The 'Skate Hole' and the 'Roaring'
She'll niver try again.

She's jist a deen auld scaffie,
She cam' in frae the sea.
She's jist a cooricht craftie,
That couldna wachle free,
She's jist a broken boatie,
In some wyes jist like me.

Jan 26 **Runway at Dallachy** – A photograph on the front page shows a runway at the former airfield at Dallachy which it was said could be the location for a pipeline yard. (Many people will remember the same runway as the place where they first got a shottie driving a car.)

The Seatown Hall - work has begun on the renovation of the Seatown Hall, destined to be the Buckie Seamen's Memorial . Work has been held up because of the bad weather. The committee decided on a change of plan for the plaques. There is now to be one large inscription over all the memorial plaques reading - 'In memory of those who have lost their lives at sea' The individual plaques will carry simply the name, age, boat and the date.

More on Dallachy - This will be the second time that the 250 acre former airfield owned by the Crown Estates Commissioners, has been considered as a site for an oil pipeline fabrication yard.

Opening announcement - Agnes Jean Campbell Pirie MPS will commence business as a chemist dispensing part-time at 3 Seaview Road, Findochty on 1st March.

Jon's Place, 29 Yuill Avenue - A monster of an notice advertising new stuff that he now had for sale - Real Southern Fried Chicken, Charcoal barbecued burgers, 'T' bone steaks, Mixed Grills, Sweet and Sour Prawns.

Highland League football - Buckie Thistle 1 Inverness Thistle 0
G. Thain, A. Thain, Ellis, Wilson, Forbes, Murray, Hunter, Kennedy, Nicol, C. Duncan, L. Duncan, Subs. Jenkins, A. G. Thain.

Scottish Junior Cup - In the 3rd round Halbeath, a Fife team, best Buckie Rovers by three goals to nil.

Buckie Speakers' Club - held their recent meeting in the choir room of Buckie North Church. Peter Bruce recalled an enjoyable holiday spent with his family some years before on the Hebrides. George Jappy in a speech entitled " Not Through Rose Coloured Spectacles" took a realistic view of a Scottish winter and its effects on the

population and environment. The third main speaker of the evening, George McKenzie spoke on the subject of 'Time'.

Fred Coutts in his first time as Topics Chairman presented a series of topics derived from the poem, 'The Whistle' by the Scottish poet, Charles Murray.

Topics Evaluator was Wm. Cecil while George Smith, as General Evaluator, commented on the whole of the evening's proceedings.

Masonic Burns Supper - A photograph in this edition shows Jack Clarke addressing the haggis at the third annual Burns Supper.

A poem is found on page 12 - 'Robert Burns Speaks from his Statue' Wallace Kerr of Toronto wrote This. A Toronto by law was recently invoked to stop poetry readings in Allan Gardens. He wrote the poem after being inspired as he stood by the Burns Monument which overlooks the park.

Former Buckie teacher dies - A former teacher of French at Buckie High School, Wm. D. Kennedy has died at his home in Fraserburgh. He was 87. His colleagues while at BHS were Miss Lessel, English, Hugh McCallum, Science, James Milton, and Geography and head teacher, Charles W. Thomson.

He left Buckie, where he taught for ten years, to become rector of Fraserburgh Academy in 1932.

Advert - Centra Stores, 36 James Street, Bedding and teasetts.

Feb 2 **More job losses at Thorn Lighting** - Another 56 workers are to be made redundant from Thorn Lighting plant at Marchmont Crescent where operations have been badly hit by the recession.

At the beginning of last year 29 workers were made redundant and since then 40 others have been lost through natural wastage, however, it has now been found necessary to reduce the workforce even further.

At the moment a few of the workers at the factory are working a five day week, another few are on a four day week with some on three and even two depending on the work load for their production unit at any given time.

The factory was set up in 1956 to make special electric lamps for industrial purposes.

Sold - Alex G. Stewart (Butcher) has sold his interest in Popeyes Restaurant, Cluny Square, to Archie Cameron, later manager of the Commercial Hotel.

Buckie Solitaire Club restarts on 2 February in the Supper Lounge of the St Andrews Hotel when music for dancing will be supplied by the Mystery Band. New members welcome.

A Dance (fit's that?) Arradoul Harvest Home Committee is to hold a **St Valentine's Dance** in aid of local OAP's at the Mill Tynet on Friday 2nd February from 9pm till 1am. Music by the Don Grant Band. Tickets £1 each.

Wanted a finishing joiner - John Duncan requires a finishing joiner aged between 23 and 40 willing to travel and be away from home for two weeks at a time. Must be self-motivated and capable of organising work, which is presently expected to be in Fife, Nairn and Shetland. Average earnings of £140 per week + bonus with all travels time and expenses paid.

Buckie High School staffs - Mr Leiper started duty in the Maths Department at Buckie High School on Monday 25 January.

Bill Maxwell, Chemistry Department, left to take up a new post as PT of Chemistry at the Gordon Schools, Huntly.

Royal British Legion (Buckie Branch) The following officials have been appointed to serve for session 1982/83 - Alex McIntosh, President, Alice Chalmers, vice president, Gordon Taylor, secretary, James Thom Club Chairman and Ernest Lyon, vice chairman.

High cost of petrol highlighted. In the local area was said to be 15 to 16p dearer than in Aberdeen. (In March 2003 there was talk that the price of a gallon could rise to £4. It was presently around 78p per litre.)

Fewer big sales advertised but James Donn, Fraserburgh was to be back in the Cluny with his shoes and sheepskin jackets at ½ price.

Mrs Burnside, Montrose was also to be in the Cluny on a separate date selling carpets.

Moray Firth Radio and Jeff Jones - Jeff Jones (J.J. column) PT Chemistry at Buckie High School landed the peak Saturday morning spot on Moray Firth Radio, which will go **on the air on 23 February 1982**

Wanted – experienced reporter or person with writing experience required for part-time reporting duties in Buckie and surrounding area. Apply in own handwriting stating particulars to the Editor, Banffshire Advertiser.

Feb 9 **"Dallachy Development Definite"**, says Portland boss. It has been decided to go ahead with the proposal to use Dallachy aerodrome as a pipeline fabrication yard.

Business to be sold – C. I. Shearer and Son - Clearance Sale. Everything must go. All items for Dry Cleaning to be uplifted by Friday 26 February . 30% off all goods not bearing a sale sign. **George Innes Shearer and Son Clothiers, Tailors and Hatters Town and County buildings. 6 and 8 East Church Street commenced business on Monday 24 February 1896.** (It seems that the property had been sold to Mr and Mrs Lesley Craib, an Elgin couple, who at this time owned the **Fry Inn** a fish and chip shop at 19 West Church Street.)
George Innes Shearer came from Banff.

Lifeboat cassette will be on sale on Saturday 13 February from 9am till 12 noon at the office of Douglas Properties, Cluny Square. The cassettes cost £2.75 each and the public are advised that that only a limited number are available.

Coffee Morning - A Coffee Morning will take place this Saturday morning in the Community Centre, Tickets cost 35p. This is being run by the Caledonian Association Elgin Circle and Buckie St Peters Church Ladies Guild.

Holidays - The centre pages were taken up by advertisements from travel firms.

Buckie Band's mini cassette - Don Grant, a local dance band have produced a cassette with one of the songs features on it being a football World Cup song entitled "C'mon Scotland Gies A Goal". The song was written by Bobby Munro a well-known local tunesmith. **A report is given on page 13, column 1.**

Feb 16 **A new ees for a lavvy** - A 32 year old Buckie man who had no wish to live longer spent from 3rd December to 6th February in a disused 4 feet by 6 feet disused toilet emerging only in the early hours of morning to steal bread from a supermarket and milk off doorsteps for survival. The theft had been reported to the police and they were on watch when he was caught.
The man had told relatives that he was to leave Buckie and they were under the impression that he had left.

Advert A. G. Cross, 8 Commercial Road, Good second hand furniture and reliable removals.

Bridal Fashions - 7 St Andrews Square, Buckpool.

Retained and upgraded rather than demolishing this was the decision arrived at by the Planning department of Moray District Council with regard to the houses on Wallace Avenue.

Portknockie girl now a Queen's Guide - Ingrid McKay is seen receiving her award from Local Guide Commissioner, Mrs McCorquodale. She was the first Portknockie guide to win the award.

Not to be the new manager - George Adams the former Thistle player and presently with Fraserburgh as coach will not be the new manager of Buckie Thistle it was learned after the deal had fallen through. The Broch committee said that they would want £30,000 compensation for Adams if they were to let him go. Reaich Green, President of the Buckie said that they might as well as for 3 million. (George Adams who since that time has been connected with a number of clubs including most recently with Motherwell took up a post as youth coach with Glasgow Rangers in February 2003)

Buckie Speakers' Club - The club were once again back in the Cluny Hotel for their most recent meeting. The first main speaker of the evening was Wm. Munro who delivered a speech entitled - "A Wide Angled View" based on his hobby, photography. Chairman for the evening, Wm. Taylor introduced Wm. Cook who in his speech entitled, "Confessions of a Grammolater" admitted his insufferable devotion to English grammar at an early age and explored the origins, complexities and idiosyncrasies of the language and made a plea for phonetic spelling. Rev Fred Coutts who confessed to an unwitting minor infringement of customs rules when travelling home by car from a holiday spent in Poland with his Polish relatives. Duncan Jamieson was Topics Chairman, evaluated by George McKenzie. Mike Harvey was General Evaluator while the vote of thanks was proposed by timekeeper, John Legge.

It's good to see you back, or is it? Redram Supplies of Oldham are to be in the Cluny Hotel on 20 February.

Feb 23 **Freuchny Burn - you could droon here or get awfy weet.** A photograph taken near Archibald Grove shows the burn along with the marshy area on either side that has led to mothers registering their fears for their children's safety

The Lifeboat cassettes are selling well. So said Mhari Findlay, Cullen, a senior pupil at Buckie High School in an article she had written on the front page.

*** **Retired with business sold** - Francis J. Ritchie, proprietor of F. R. Drapers and Ladies and Gents Outfitters, 72 and 74a East Church Street has now rehired and has sold his business to Mr and Mrs Robert Hay who will continue to trade under the same name. Mr Ritchie offered thanks to all his many customers and loyal staff over many years.

Teenage disco - Buckie Rovers F.C. are to run a Teenage Disco in the Community Centre for those aged 17 years and under on Saturday 27 February from 7.30 till 10,30pm.

"Last Ane For Luck" the title of the cassette produced in aid of the RNLI is now on sale. The recording, which was done by Colin Shearer and David Reaich, two Buckie students, took place over four sessions in a variety of places, including - a primary school, library, sitting room and the lounge bar of the St Andrews Hotel. They edited the tape in one day and sent it off to be reproduced in studios in London. David Scott, director, hopes that £1000 will be made from the sale of the cassette. The tapes can be had from D. Scott, 21 Yardie or from Douglas Properties. On Cluny Square.

The new Sunbeam Talbot Samba - Alan Wiseman, reporter with the 'Advertiser' was given a trial run in the new Talbot Samba, model, 1100 GL model by the Millbank Garage.

**** **The Thistle new management team** - A photograph shows the men who have taken over as joint managers of Buckie Thistle Football Club. They are John Fitzpatrick and Alex Walker, both Aberdonians. While Alex Walker played both with

Buckie and Deveronvale in the Highland League, John Fitzpatrick spent 11 years with Manchester United. He is the possessor of an European Cup Winner's medal although he was dropped for the final he was given a medal since he had played in all the previous rounds. He had to give up the game at the early age of 25 following three cartilage operations. **A report is given on page 8**

Advert - A. Jappy, Roughcaster and Plasterer, 68 Seatown, Buckie. Cement work and ceramic tiling (sic)

Mar 2 **The Temple of Pomona** - Restoration work on one of the areas best known landmarks, the 18th century Temple of Pomona, near Cullen, is now progressing well after long delays caused by bad weather.

Five years ago it became the centre of controversy when the Earl of Seafield announced his intention to have the Temple of Pomona demolished on the grounds that the structure had deteriorated to such an extent that it was dangerous. Following an inquiry that took place the decision was taken that he not be allowed to do this and that the temple would be renovated to an extent that it was wind and watertight.

The work of renovation was done by a Glenrothes firm which specialises in the renovation of old property and a mason, plasterer and two labourers have recently recommenced work on the structure after having to stop because of weather conditions. The cost of the planned renovation work is £15,689, 90% of this being paid by Historic Buildings of Scotland with Moray District Council paying the rest. The local authorities also provided the architectural services free.

Some adverts - Wm. Findlay, Painter and Decorator, 2 Hope Street, Portessie.
Peter Watters, Painter and Decorator, Buckie 326xxx
Doolin and Clarke, Painters and Decorators, 2 Gordon Street, Buckie
T. A. Smith, Painter and Decorator, Portsoy and Cullen
Sandy Anderson, Painter and Decorator, Cathcart Street, Buckie.

Buckie Speakers' Club held their recent meeting in the Cluny Hotel. The first main speaker of the evening was Hugh Tuckerman, formerly headmaster of St Andrews High School in Kirkcaldy, who chose as the title of his speech, "Parkinson's Law and Education" in which he described the phenomenal increase in the number of administrative staff employed by Fife Council since the introduction of Comprehensive Education and Regionalisation.

Charles Brown, manager of the Thorn Lighting factory at Marchmont Crescent, described a visit made by a TV recording team to the factory recently. The third speaker was John Legge, a Postal and Telegraph Officer with the Post Office who entertained members to a fascinating tale on the description and habits of 26 species of British and migratory birds that visit his garden.

George Campbell, Headteacher of Portgordon Primary School, was the evening's chairman and introduced George McKenzie, Rector of BHS as Topics Chairman. George Smith, Assistant Rector at BHS, evaluated the topics while Bill Jannetta, a teacher at Milne's High School in Fochabers, was General Evaluator. The vote of thanks to the president, John Fowlie was given by Stewart Benson.

Following the meeting a buffet meal was provided by Barry Andrews, manager of the hotel before members and wives enjoyed a dance to music by Rutherford and Harmonettes, Keith.

Opening shortly - Neil Cormack - Motor Cycles, Repairs, Servicing, spares and accessories. Buckie 332xxx

Why not use a diary? Rev Fred Coutts, Chairman of Buckie Community Council had a letter in the 'Advertiser' in which he wrote - One problem facing many organisations in trying to arrange fund-raising events is to pick a date that will not clash with other people's plans. This had been discussed by the community council with the idea that the problem might be resolved if a diary was left in the local library. The public were made aware of this but yet on checking the diary recently found that not a single entry had been made.

He made an appeal to the secretaries of organisations to consult the diary and to use it when planning their programmes for the year ahead to save clashes of interest in the future. (The problem of clashes was still with us in 2003 with as many as three coffee mornings in opposition any Saturday. It had been suggested that a diary be provided only the consensus was that just as before it would not be used. There's nane as odd as fowk!)

A new use - Alba Video of Elgin have taken over the old gas showroom at 30 West Church Street. Life Membership costs £20 ??? Rental of videos for members is £1.50 and for non- members £2.50.

The last C. I. Shearer and Sons Draper and Clothier advert appeared in this edition.

Mar 9 **Buckie Rovers 'keeper goes on trial** - 17 year old Buckie Rovers' goalkeeper, Alex Innes, Portknockie, flew out from Inverness airport on Thursday afternoon bound for Leicester City where he is to undergo a week's trial.

Ewen's Sale formerly the 'Big Sale' will take place in the Cluny Hotel on 13 March. On sale will be all kinds of clothes for women, children and men also jewellery and wool etc. Ewen M. Forsyth.

"The Joint for all your joinery needs" - John Sandison T/A Campbell's Joiners Railway Terrace, Buckie.

Open Day Event 13 March - At Unit 3 March Road Industrial Estate Great Range of New and used Motor Bikes and Supercarts - Sales and Service - Neil Cormack

Advert - 'Rebeccas' - Ladies and Gents Hairstylist, Craiglinn, Arradoul.

Mar 16 **Buckie youth killed in motorbike accident** - 21 year old Mark Taylor, died on his birthday when his motorbike was in collision with a car at the junction of the Portessie road with the A98, Cullen to Fochabers road. Mark who was a third year student at Aberdeen University is believed to have been returning to the city at the time. His parents live at 15 Marchmont Terrace, Buckie.

Two new councillors - Two new members have joined Buckie Community Council. They are Ray Cardno, 4 Well Road and Mrs Janet Benson, 10 Cross Lane. Both people had wanted to serve at the last election but Mrs Benson's application was received late and Mr Cardno's was not accepted, as his name wasn't on the electoral roll at the time.

Mar 23 **The Temple of Pomona** - It is not certain whether the Seafield Estates will allow people to walk their ground to see the temple after the renovation work has been completed. The factor of the estate, Mr Lang, wasn't too forthcoming on the subject when he was approached in fact wasn't too keen to discuss the subject of the temple at all.

To a certain extent the temple, as it will remain into the foreseeable future, will not be safe as there are no plans to install a grill or floor to split the temple into two levels, which was the form it formerly took, and there is always the possibility that people might fall into the bottom chamber.

Findochty man drowned only a mile off Buckie - George Flett, 48, Ashvale, 4 Strathlene Road, Findochty, a cook on board the seine net vessel, Crimond fell overboard into the frozen water just as she was about to enter Buckie harbour after a fishing trip. He was seen floating in the water to the stern of the Crimond and word was passed to the Silver Spray, which was following them in, to pick him up, which they did, but were unable to revive him once aboard.

**** **OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT** - Christie's Garden Centre Fochabers, George Barron and Jim McColl of BBC Beechgrove Gardens on Saturday 3 April at 2.30pm. Open thereafter from Monday to Saturday 9am till 5pm. Sundays from 10. 30am until 5pm.

Buckie High to publish a newspaper - A school newspaper is set to hit the headlines at Buckie High School under the watchful eye of English teacher, Mr Bruce Gardiner. To be called REACT the 24 page newspaper, the work of the fifth and sixth year pupils will sell at 10p. It will contain items on sport, music, CB, a fashion page and spotlight on local businesses and charities.

The newspaper is aimed at not only school pupils but the general public and will be distributed through local shops.

The aim is to establish a link between the school and the local community. Mr Gardiner has said it is not intended to be money making venture but merely an outlet for the views and ideas of pupils.

- (a) **Two puzzlers for you** - A boatyard set a mast in a new vessel so that a quarter was below deck level and three quarters was above. When the skipper saw it he said that he wanted it lowered, so they dropped it down another five feet into the hull. The skipper said that the mast was still too high so they cut one foot off the top. This made the mast exactly half its length above decks. How high was the masthead above the decks? **The answer will be given somewhere later in the year. (The answer is 10'6")**
- (b) A skipper decided to test the speed he could get out of his boat. He went flat out over the measured mile but only got a speed of two knots. At what speed must he travel the return measured mile in order to average four knots over the two runs? **As above the answer will be given later .**

Arradoul and Rathven Community Council - Two new members have joined the council. Mrs Jean Middleton, Arradoul, is a completely new member but Douglas Cranna, Rathven, has returned after being out for a year.

Death of former Cullen chemist - The death took place in hospital recently of James McBeath at the age of 73. He formerly lived at Cliff Cottage, Blantyre Terrace, Cullen. A native of Cullen he served as a pharmacist in the village for three decades. His lifelong interest lay in photography and specialised in photography of local scenes and had built up an impressive collection of old slides and photographs with which he gave popular displays all over the place.

'Di's Private Life' was the title of the winning speech at Buckie High School Speech-making contest sponsored by Buckie Speakers' Club. It was delivered by James Fowlie a fifth year pupil. The speech was considered best out of an entry of 14 others. President of the Speakers' Club, John Fowlie praised the high standard of entries, which came from pupils in the fourth, fifth, and sixth years of the school. Four other speakers, apart from James, received merit certificates - Norma Lawrence, Morag Middleton, Sharon Smith and Kenny Boyle.

Mar 30 **We want your support** - The six doctors in the Buckie Medical Practice have issued an appeal for support from the community in a bid to save the maternity wing at Seafield Hospital.

A change of a name - The restaurant at 5 Cluny Square has once again changed its name. Previously called **Popeye's Restaurant** it will henceforth be known as **Mr C's**.

Buckie Speakers' Club- At the AGM of Buckie Speaker's Club held in the Cluny Hotel on 18 March, the following office bearers were elected for session 1982/83. President - John Watt, vice Stewart Benson, secretary, Hugh Tuckerman, treasurers, John Legge, educational director, Duncan Jamieson, assistant educational director, Gordon Stephen, social secretary, John Fowlie.

Chairman for the evening was Mike Harvey who introduced the first main speaker of the evening - Wm. Taylor who discussed how waste paper could be re-cycled to make combustible bricks, which he was willing to sell at 10p in aid the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Wm. Jannetta recalled the many antics, which he and his fellow school boys used to indulge in.

Stewart Benson chaired a session of two minute topics and the member's responses were evaluated by Duncan Jamieson. General Evaluator of the two main speeches and the evening's proceedings was done by George McKenzie and the vote of thanks to president, John Fowlie was given by timekeeper, Hugh Tuckerman.

Last call - The site of the former Barhill Garage at the junction of the Barhill road with Netherha Road, amounting to 0.222 acres was still for sale but offers had to be in by Friday at 12 noon.

The infill of the Pot O' Linn- Work has been continuing on the infill of the Pot O' Linn for the past 14 days by the firm of Frank Slowey Jun. Ltd. Elgin. The firm had a bad start when one of the drivers of a Hymac machine left it too near the edge of the hole and when the rock crumbles away the digger fell 50 feet causing £2000 damage. Nearly 12000 cubic metres of sludge has been removed and replaced with rock to provide a sound foundation for the pipes that will carry the water of the Freuchny Burn.

Piping cost £150 per metre and much of the £120,000 cost of filling the hole will go towards the cost of drainage. "There is much more to the job than merely filling in the hole", said Frank Slowey. He added, "Two manholes have to be built to give access to the pipes and these may take some time due to the softness of the ground."

What do you know about Buckie Rovers ? Bruce Smith the Rovers' secretary has issued an appeal for assistance in compiling an accurate history of the club. Among the things he would like is interesting facts, stories, photographs etc. (Allan Fraser who was secretary of the club after Bruce did a lot of research into the same topic and produced as full a history of the club that he could possibly get, using the resources that he was able to acquire. In 2003 the booklet had still to be published.)

Highland League football - A better day for Buckie Thistle seeing as how they were able to beat Elgin City at Boroughbriggs. The score was one goal to nil in their favour. The Thistle team was Gordon, A. Thain, Ellis, Wilson, Forbes, Murray, C. Duncan, Hunter, Nicol, L. Duncan, (A. G. Thain). Sub. Jenkins. The keeper was Ainslie Gordon a trialist from Mosstodloch who was said to have made an impressive debut. Joe Wood had played in goal the previous game giving one the idea that George Thain had been dropped.

Airman dies playing squash at Buckpool - An airman stationed at Kinloss, Tony Mills died on a squash court at Buckpool golf club on Saturday morning as he was warming up prior to having a game with partner Mrs Fiona Campbell, St Andrews Hotel.

Artificial resuscitation was attempted by Mrs Mae Summerfield who was playing on the next court and a local doctor called but Mr Mills was found to be dead. He was 42.

Adverts - Lawncare - Bank Street. Peter Bruce, Painter and Decorator, 27 Cathcart Street. A. G. Cross, 8 Commercial Road, Good quality second hand furniture and reliable removals. Longmore Taxis. Hay's Taxis. Calor Gas, Moravian Motors, South Pringle Street. Jake Coull, Builder, 10 Samson Avenue, Portknockie.

Apr 6 **The fishing boat Jacqueline on the rocks** - A photograph shows the Buckie seine net fishing boat, Jacqueline that ran aground in foggy conditions at Scots town Head as it was making for Peterhead with a load of fish. The crew was later taken off by the Peterhead lifeboat.

Skipper and part-owner of the vessel, Kenneth Smith, 33 St Peter's Road, had just come up to the wheelhouse when the accident occurred. The crew, James Mair, Neil Davidson, Robert Mavor, Leslie Wood, James Coull, Raymond Gardiner and George Sim

Skipper Smith went to look at the boat along with insurance assessors and found that the keel had been torn off and as such it is believed that the boat will be a total loss.

Bare faced robbery – A raid took place at the Post Office on High Street Fochabers in broad daylight with the sum of around £500 believed to have been stolen.

Former library building sold - The portable building which was formerly Buckie library and sited near to the High School has been provisionally sold by Moray District Council to Portknockie Bowling club as a pavilion on the understanding that permission will be given for its erection their site.

Launch of new garden centre draws the crowds - Around 5000 people turned up at Fochabers on Saturday afternoon for the launch of a new garden centre complex by Christie's Fochabers. The new complex was opened by Jim McColl and George Barron television's Beechgrove gardeners. Mr Christie said the setting up of the largest garden centre in the area involved a hefty financial outlay by his firm but that he was confident that it prove worthwhile.

Advert - R. J. Erskine, Ironmonger, (formerly Grant A. Brown) 26 East Church Street, Annual Stocktaking sale.

Apr 13 **Shipbuilding in Buckie** - Two pictures on the front page show the most recent boats launched from the Buckie shipyards – the **Providence** by the FAL owned Herd & Mackenzie boatyard and the **Prestige** by Jones'. Both the vessels were launched on December 11th last year.

Beneath the pictures of the two boats are photographs showing boat building in progress at both H & M's and Jones' shipyards. A 60 foot dual purpose is presently being built by Jones' shipyard while inside the shed at Herd & Mackenzie the photograph shows the almost completed **Silver Fern** with another boat alongside well on the way to completion also.

Buckie Pensioners – joining as members session 1982/83. Call at the Town House on Monday or Tuesday 19th or 20th April between the hours of 2-4pm. Membership 20p.

Brings back memories of dances in Keith in the 50's Longmore Hall, Keith on Friday 23 April, New Genesis Rock Band MARILLION Admittance £1.50.

Ramp will be a great boon - Local disabled people received a £1,000 boost from Moray District Council last week. The Council's Recreation and Libraries committee agreed on Wednesday that just over £1000 should be spent to provide a ramp and guard rail at the entrance to the library and museum complex at the Buckie Town House, on Cluny Place.

Sally Anne Clothes – No it has nothing to do with the Salvation Army, the person holding a big sale of clothes in the Commercial Hotel hall on Saturday 17 April comes from the Smithy Cottage, Cornhill. On sale will be all kinds of clothes for men, women and children. Examples of prices - Children's trousers - £1.99, men's shirts -£3.99, socks-65p, Ladies Nighties-£5.99 and jeans from £11.9. Some of the prices are nae ower chape.

The Keith Fashion Centre has reopened –(Denim Plus, Huntly) Hundreds of Wrangler two legged friends –for sale at 148 Mid Street, Keith.

Two traders sales - Ewans Sale in the Cluny Hotel on Friday April 16. Redram Supplies Ltd 331 Hollins Road, Oldham. Redrams took a whole page in the 'Squeak' with their advert. They are to be in the Cluny on Sunday 18th April. They must still find it profitable to come all the way to Buckie.

Apr 20 **Regional councillor to step down** - Alexander Murray, a former member of Buckie Town Council, who stood in the first election to the Regional Council in 1975 as a Conservative and was duly elected and returned again in 1978 has decided that he is not to put his name forward for election in May. John Burnett a member of Buckie Community Council is the man who is to stand in his place as a Conservative. He will be opposed by Hugh Munro who is to stand under the SNP banner. Mr Munro served as a District Councillor from 1977 until 1980 when he was ousted by Jack Cole.

Clearance sale - Big reductions on all stock – Dennis Murray, 1 Cluny Terrace. Local and long distance Removals and Storage carried out. Contact Thistle Removals for quotation.

'The Wizard of Oz' Reporter, Alan Wiseman wrote a report on the latest production by Buckie Lyric Opera Company which he described as a success.

Buckie Thistle have a clear out - **Two** players were placed on the transfer list, Rex Hunter who has been the Jag's top scorer for the past two years and Louis Duncan who was signed from Keith last season for a club record signing but didn't really hit it off. Others set to leave on free transfers are George Thain, Alan J. Thain, and (Thainie) who both came up from Welfare League football, Gordon Jenkins who came from Bishopmill United and Craig Henderson. Manager Fitzimmons said that Henderson who is only 17 is not yet ready for Highland League football but has considerable potential.

Another trader sale - This will take place in the Cluny Hotel on 22 April by Mat Textiles of Bury Lancs.

Apr 27 **Temple of Pomona** - Mhari Findlay writes The Cullen Temple of Pomona continues. The row over public access to Cullen's Temple of Pomona on Seafield Estate's continued at Cullen and Deskford Community Council meeting on Monday evening. They argued that since a considerable amount of public money had been spent on the renovation of the temple the public ought to be allowed to see it up close. One of the reasons for keeping the public out is the potential danger because there is no grid or floor between the two rooms. A fence round about it or a floor would be required but this would cost more money.

Boat launch at Herd & Mackenzie's shipyard - The 60-foot long wooden trawler, Silver Fern took to the water on Saturday morning. The vessel has been built for Wm. Tait Wiseman and Sons Fraserburgh. She is to be powered by a 495 hp Kelvin engine and is fitted with all the latest electronic fishing aids and has a $\frac{3}{4}$ length quarterdeck. . Alex Tait one of the sons is to be skipper. The yard has no more orders but are meantime working on a gill-netter for a Grimsby firm.

Jags suffer defeat in last game - In the last game of which had been a very poor season Buckie Thistle were beaten by two goals to nil by Fraserburgh. The team was McRae, A. Thain, Ellis, Wilson, Forbes, Kennedy, A. G. Thain, Duncan, Hunter, Nicol, Murray. McRae in the Thistle goal was a trialist from Aberdeen Lads Club.

Buckie Rovers 1 Islavale 0 (League) Sammon, Coull, Sinclair, Smith, Ewen, Lyon, Murray, Cowie, Reid, Burgess, Cormack (Findlay), Sub. Sellar.

Advert - Aileen Ladies and Gents Hairstylists Portgordon.

Buckie Guide book - Work has begun on a new guide book for Buckie, which is being compiled under the auspices of the community council.. A sub-committee has been formed comprising of the chairman, Rev Fred Coutts, Eddie Douglas, Janet Benson and Derek Horrobin.

The community council was approached by Surrey firm Forward Publicity Ltd asking if they would be interested in supervising the production of a guide book for Buckie funded by revenue from local advertisers.

After a good deal of discussion the council decided to go ahead with the project

The condition of the arrangement between the council and Forward Publicity are that the company take responsibility for canvassing for adverts, the art work, printing, cartography and all other aspects of the production of 1000 copies of the guide book.

The task of the c.c. is to collate and supply editorial material and assign photographs and sketches. Members will also be expected to distribute the guide book once it has been completed. Mr Coutts said: "Whether or not the guide book ever appears is

conditional on Forward Publicity being able to find enough advertisers locally to fund the project. (It would seem that the council altered their stance later as was learned.)

Findochty meeting to discuss the possibility of setting up a Community Association. The report was written by Albert Phimister.

May 4 **Thorn Lighting** - The last of the workers made redundant at Thorn Lighting left the plant on Friday. The number now employed at the Buckie factory is 202 compared to 370 in May 1980.

One positive result of the culling of the workforce according to Charles Brown, manager, is that the remaining employees are now assured of a five day working week for the immediate future.

The Chip Inn, Milton Drive is now under the new management of Mr and Mrs I. Storey.

BUCKIE THISTLE AGM - One of the most significant Thistle annual general meetings for many years took place last week. The President Reaich Green opened proceedings by saying that there wasn't a treasurer's report going on to explain why. He said that the treasurer had resigned some weeks ago and he had been doing the work himself. The books had been handed to the auditors but had not yet been returned. Continuing from that point he went on to say that the club was in severe financial straits. They had contractual agreements with players and staff, which had to be met. The only way that the committee could see to restore solvency seemed to be to the sale of the Social Club premises to the club itself. Following three meetings when the whole business had been thoroughly discussed an offer of £43,000 had been made and had been accepted.

President Reaich Green admitted that one of the reasons for the club being in such a parlous position was that some catastrophic errors had been made. They had paid out money for Charlie Duncan, Louis Duncan and Alan Forbes, money that they couldn't afford, in other words we ran before we could walk.

George Jappy, secretary said that the club had been running at a loss for a number of years and things had just come to a head.

The president spoke of the sacking of Alan White and aid how the decision was forced on the committee. They had won only five games out of 28 there was wide-scale discord among the players who had said openly that if the manager was not to go the bulk of the players would have walked out. A former president, Colin Macrae was critical of the handling of affairs and spoke of the tail wagging the dog **A full report of the meeting is given on page 9.**

Highland League Select 1 Scottish Junior Select 0. The match was played at Victoria Park but it was a poor game sponsored by Rosslyn Sports.

Talbot Tagora - Alan Wiseman had the opportunity to test the capabilities of Talbot's top range model Tagora when invited to do so by Millbank Garage and was fair delighted with everything about it. The price of the Talbot Tagora starts at £7995 for a 2.2 GL/GLS

Big sale - another outside trader from south of the border are to hold a sale in the Cluny Hotel on Friday and Saturday 7th and 8th May. This time the firm is Inter Zippa of Blackpool who will have a wide range of clothes and footwear on display.

Notice - A.G. Stewart is to give up the butcher's business at 1 Seaview Road, Findochty. The business is to be taken over by Robert Innes.

May 11 **New Regional Councillor** - Mr Hugh Munro is the new Regional councillor, the SNP candidate defeated his Conservative opponent, John Burnett in the recent election, when he polled 1,197 as opposed to 1,056. There was a 37% poll, this being the highest in Moray.

Visit by the Queen - The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh is to pay a visit to Moray on Monday 5th July. It has been planned that they will call at the two shipyards of Jones' and Herd & Mackenzie and the Seamen's Memorial on New Street. A 'walk about' will take place on Cluny Square where 'suitable' people will be presented.

Call out for the lifeboat - the Buckie lifeboat, Laura Moncur was called to effect a rescue for the first time in many months on Sunday when a small boat with two men and a small boy on board got into difficulties and was taken in tow. It is understood that the party had left Portsoy in the early evening and began drifting out to sea after the engine had broken down. They were believed to have come from Turriff.

Clyde Valley Stompers - Moray District Council have arranged for the Clyde Valley Stompers to be in the Town Hall, Elgin on Saturday 22 May. Admission is £3.00 for adults, with the balcony being £2.50. Main hall children and OAP's £1.50. Featured will be Fionne Duncan, vocalist and Florrie Cairnes, clarinet.

A change of business - Mr and Mrs J. Ross, formerly of the Richmond Arms, Portgordon have taken over the business of James Cruickshank and Son, Ironmongers and Hardware Store, the Square, Huntly

Wanted at the 'Other Place' 6-8 East Church Street Griddle chef/cook, cook/chef, catering assistants and domestic assistants.

Another o' thon outside trader sales - A Leather, Suede and Fur Gamerils sale will take place in the Cluny Hotel on Saturday 15 May by Unique Fashions (Leather and Suede) Ltd, Airdrie.

And still another - Ewen's Sale will take place in the same hotel a day earlier.

Thistle 'Player of the Year' Alan Thain was the supporter's choice as 'Player of the Year' for season 1982/83. He is seen in this edition receiving the Johnston Shield from Mrs Marie Johnston, Proprietrix of the Banffshire Advertiser

'So We Heard' Peter Dick has an article in this edition, his first for some time.

An award for Buckie born man - £500 prizes in a photographic competition run by the Greater London Council on the theme **Metropolis - Portrait of a City** was won by John Taylor aged 24. There were 3000 entries. He came fourth to win a prize of £300 in section A with a portfolio of 6 photographs taken in Edinburgh and a £200 second prize in section B with a single photograph of London. He is the eldest son of the late Mr Jim and Mrs Lilean Taylor, 30 Milton Park, Aviemore and formerly of 22 Yuill Avenue. He graduated BA at Dundee College of Art last year and will be awarded MA at the Royal College of Art in London in July. John is to set up in business as a freelance photo and graphic designer and is meantime teaching part-time in these subjects.

Plenty choice of taxis - Hay's Taxis, Innes Taxis, Longmore Taxis, Thistle Taxis and M & B Taxis.

May 18 **RNLI disco** will take place in the St Andrew's Hall on Wednesday 26 May from 7.30 till 10.30pm? Those under 17 years only. The first of two heats to **choose our 1982 Gala Queen** will take place. The second heat will take place on Wednesday 9th June and the final on Wednesday 23 June, all in the same venue and at the same times.

RNLI cassettes - Another batch has been produced due to demand and are now on sale at a cost of £2.75 pence.

Buckie Thistle have signed three players - Derek Reid from Huntly; Graham Cumming who was released by Elgin City and Dave Watson.

Charlie Duncan and Tommy Wilson have been offered reduced terms if these are not accepted they will be put on the transfer list.

May 25 **Master joiner and undertaker dies** - Alex Hendry, 11 Land Street died in Dr Gray's Hospital, Elgin on Wednesday. He had been suffering ill health for some time. He was 79. His death means that the old-established business began by his grandfather will be wound up. During their time in business the firm was involved with a number of prestigious buildings in Buckie and further afield. He married his wife, Helen, in 1941. They had no family. He was a prominent Freemason, Oddfellow and diligent churchman being an elder of the West Church and when it closed he joined the North Church.

Two brothers survive him - J. P. Hendry who is a dentist in Buckie and Ian who was a partner with him in the joinery business.

Advert - James Wood-Main Ltd, 2 Mount Street, Aberdeen. Gaming machines, juke boxes etc. (The same advert had been inserted for a good number of years.)

For sale the well-known drapery business of James Mackay or as it is now titled Mackays of Buckie is up for sale. The business, which has been a feature on East Church Street for 100 years, is due to pass into other hands. Recently a partner in the firm, Ian Munro, died and the present owner, James Mackay has been forced through ill health to put the business up for sale.

His grandfather, a native of Oathill in Deskford opened a shop at either 12 or 14 East Church Street (opposite the Post Office) on Friday 13 November 1885. In December 1890 he moved across the street into what was a Temperance Hotel at number 5 East Church Street which in time he had greatly extended and built up into a three storey structure to become a department store in which all kinds of things from drapery to toys were sold. At one time, too, a tearoom was also incorporated. The firm bought over a wide number of clothing shops that went broke not only in Buckie and area but throughout Scotland. At one time, too Mackays had shops in Portknockie, Fraserburgh and Wishaw.

For the last three or four months Mr Mackay has been more or less confined to his room and bed from where he has been running the business.

(The sale of James Mackay would mean that three old established draper and clothier firms would have closed down within the space of less than two years. First was Esson's on Cluny Square, Shearer's at 6 and 8 East Church and now James Mackay. Perhaps the number of one day sales by firms from England wasn't the prime reason for their closing but it would seem that this didn't help. The local firms were left to pay rates etc. while the travellers were 'here today and gone today' with but a fee to the hotels to be paid.)

(In 1897 there were no less than 15 draper firms in Buckie plus a number of tailor firms. In 2003 there wasn't one and if you was in the market for a pair of breeks or a new bonnet it meant you had to go to Elgin. Made to measure claes were not now to be got. A shop called Gent -elle in the former Alexanders's bus office on Cluny Square sold clothing but only catered for the young.)

Notice I, Leslie Craib, owner of the Fry Inn, bought the premises at 6 and 8 East Church Street, formerly occupied by C. I. Shearer, earlier this year and had hoped to open my new restaurant to be known as 'The Other Place' on 1st June, in time for summer but there has been a hold up due essentially to the Gas Board. If this should not happen it will mean a severe financial blow.

Gas Federation meeting - Grace Morrison, Deputy Head teacher at Cluny Primary School as the guest speaker at the recent meeting of the Women's Gas Federation. She traced the history of poetry in Scotland and enthralled the audience with spirited readings of various poems, both amusing and moving.

June 8 **Retiral presentation** - Buckie Postmaster, Alex Geddes is shown in a photograph receiving the Imperial Service Medal from the Head Postmaster, Aberdeen, at a

ceremony held in the Buckie office. Acting Postmaster, Gordon Smith together with most other members of staff including Dod Rumbles, were present to witness the event. Mr Geddes received the following gifts – a TV set, radio alarm, electric shaver and a wallet of notes.

Summer sale - Cluny Fashions, 7 High Street.

Advert - Jamieson, Coachbuilder, Highland Yard.

June 15 **Community Council offers support** - Buckie Community Council decided to back the plan to oppose the closure of the maternity unit at Seaford Hospital.

Buckie Rovers photo call - A picture on page 8, taken at their annual 'do' shows the team together with the trophies they won during the past season, these include – Connon Cup, Nicholson Cup and Stewart Memorial Trophy. They were also R/Up for the league title only being beaten by goal average by Nairn St Ninians. Al Ewen was voted Player of the Year. In the last game of the season they lost to New Elgin in the final of the Gordon Williamson Cup.

Buckie Guide book - At their recent meeting the community council discussed the matter. Chairman, Rev Fred Coutts said later that they were prepared to publish the book themselves if necessary. The draft copy shows the book opening with a description of Buckie as it looks today followed by a chapter on the history of the town. A few paragraphs deal with the harbour and surrounding area while another chapter tells of the notable buildings such as the marine museum, war memorial, churches, the art gallery, town house, schools and community centre.

Buckie's flora and fauna are mentioned as well as places out and about the town.

The whole book is summed up with a directory of facilities, listing recreational facilities and also things like banks, car-parks early closing day and other information that a tourist may need to know

Art work for this booklet, in the form of sketches, is being done by Bill Hunter, 3 Tannachy Road, Portgordon.

So far the community council have had no confirmation that the publishers they are working with, Forward Publicity that they are actually going to print the book as no word has been given that the firm has been able to sell the advert to finance the book.

Mackays of Buckie big sale of toys – whole page advert with massive reductions shown .

The Fishing Heritage Trail - The official launch of the Fishing Heritage Trail took place in Aberdeen last Monday night. It follows in the footsteps of the Whisky Trail and has been set up in an effort to boost tourism.

'The Other Place' (formerly the property owned by Shearer's on East Church Street) the new restaurant owned by Leslie and Judith Craib is now opened with 13 girls and two boys being employed. It consists of an upstairs and a downstairs, the downstairs being designed as a teenager's dive . The proprietors are presently looking for a name for the 'dungeon', which is connected to the upper floor by an old wheel iron staircase, which was a feature of the property when it was a Outfitters shop. There is an outside entrance to the lower room via the lane and down stone steps.

June 22 **Harbour work to commence soon** - One of the first jobs will be the dredging of the harbour entrance channel and the deep water berth adjacent to the No 1 pier. The firm to be employed is Whatlings Ltd. Glasgow, the work to cost £389. 281.

More reductions at Mackays of Buckie - linens, fabrics, ladies clothes, men and boys, children and toys.

Thank you - Prior to their annual general meeting Buckie Rovers' committee issued a statement thanking various people for their valuable help and support during the season just ended. Among those mentioned were --Mayne's buses, sponsors, in particular match sponsors ships for their individual, invaluable, contribution, and to the public for their support.

A trader sale - Reject carpet factory clearance sale in the Cluny Hotel. Northern Carpets, Wishaw. The first outside trader for some time.

A Community Association - Findochty have formed a Community Association. This is the first community body since the community council disbanded in 1979.

Cullen House may be sold . the Earl of Seafield has been in negotiations with Cambridge architect Mr Kit Martin regarding the sale. It will depend on whether Mr Martin's agents are granted permission to convert the building into a luxury dwelling complex.

The mansion house has not been lived in since 1975 when the Earl of Seafield closed it down and put the contents up for auction. **See page 13 for greater detail.**

June 29 **An article by Peter Dick is found in this edition.**

Buckie Rovers AGM - Norman Taylor stepped down from the post of President with Billy McGoldrick taking over the position. Mr Taylor is to continue as treasurer with Bruce Smith as secretary.

Sandy Sammon, team goalkeeper joined the committee along with John Cowie and former secretary, Mrs Barbara Maybury. Mr Taylor said that the club had suffered a loss of £546 on the year's working.

Dux of Buckie High School this year is Alan G. Taylor.

Redram Suppliers of Oldham are to be in the Cluny Hotel on Saturday 3rd July.

July 6 **Buckie's Royal Day** read the headline. Buckie welcomed the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh, the first Royal visitors for 21 years.

Alcoholics Anonymous - If you wish to know more about the illness of Alcoholism you are welcome to attend an open meeting of the above named fellowship in St Peter's School, Buckie on Sunday 11 July at 2pm for 2.30pm.

Advert - Bremner and Stewart, Drybridge for garden sheds, garages, aluminium greenhouses, concrete paving slabs, garden edging and coping various colours and patterns.

Seamen's Memorial Chapel was formally opened on Sunday. A special service took place in the North Church conducted by the minister, Rev Fred Coutts and Rev Tom Johnston, minister of the South and West Church. The service was to be outside the memorial chapel itself but very wet conditions ruled this out. Retired skipper, Mr George Murray, Chairman of the Memorial committee gave the address in which he thanked a great many people both in Buckie and much further afield for their generous donations. He also thanked the firms and businesses who had worked on the renovation of the building; the congregation of the South and West Church for giving the committee the hall for a Memorial Chapel. Mr Charles Florence for the stained glass windows and Mr Alex Wilson, retired County Architect who had done so much to bring the project to fruition and whose help in all kind of ways was so invaluable. After ending his address Mr Murray handed the keys of the building over to Mrs Nessie Lawson who together with Mrs Jean Hillier had began the whole thing 18 months before.

Photographs on page five show the congregation inside the North Church; Mrs Jean Hillier turning the key to open the door of the Memorial as Rev Johnston and Rev Coutts look on and finally a photograph taken inside the building showing the board with all the plaques attached.

BHS Annual report - George McKenzie, Rector of Buckie High School, gives the school report for 1981/82. This is to be found on page 7.

Portknockie Gala Queen - The girl chosen to be the Gala Queen for 1982 is Angela Slater, 9 Haig Street. Her two attendants are Jackie Murray, 6 Mair Street and Yvonne Wood, 6 Slater Crescent.

Buckie RNLI Gala Queen - Chosen as this year's RNLI Gala Queen is Lesley Robson who is seen in a photograph being crowned by last year's Gala Queen, Heather Niven. Lesley was one of the princesses last year. The two princesses this year are Wendy Stewart and Carol McKay.

The new Cortina Crusader - Alan Wiseman, reporter with the Banffshire Advertiser has a trial run in a Ford Cortina Crusader provided by Cordiner's Garage. In his report he said that it was an ideal car for a long journey as it was very comfortable in every way.

July 13 **the Fishermen's Hall** - The first stage of the renovations and improvements planned to take place have begun. Among the things being done now is new ladies and gents toilets and a disabled toilet which will be built on to the north side of the building.

No more - Moray District Council is to demolish the vandalised and underused toilet building at Portessie.

The Royal visit - more pictures taken during the visit to Buckie of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh are to be found in this edition.

July 20 **Contractors begin harbour work** (at Buckie) reads the headline on the front page.

Repairs to Cullen viaduct - A photograph shows workmen busy doing repairs to the viaduct over North Castle Street. The work, costing around £12,000, to repair cracks is being done by a specialist firm from Middlesex. A scaffold was erected by SGB Scaffolding.

Summer sale - Peter G. Slater, 65 West Church Street. 10% of all made to measure goods, trousers, jackets, and suits.

Final week of sale - F. Ritchie (Hay), 72-74 East Church Street.

25 Year's Service Recognised by Thorn EMI- John Ferguson, Jim Donaldson, June Jappy, Anne Mair and Jessie Jappy who have all worked with Thorn EMI for 25 years were honoured at a dinner dance held at the Mill Hotel, Tynet. They all began with the firm when the factory opened at Marchmont Terrace in June 1956. They all received carriage clocks, watches from Mr Charles Brown, manager and signed certificates from Thorn EMI Chairman. Among the company present was Personnel Officer at the Buckie factory when it opened in 1956, Mrs C. Wilson.

Article - 'So We Heard' by Peter Dick.

An extension to 'Normas' The shop known as 'Normas' at 18 East Church Street which up to now has catered for female attire now has a men's department. The flat above the shop which Sandy and Norma Pirie have occupied for the past three and a half years has been converted

The Rotary Club of Buckie - The new president of the club is Police Inspector Florence, a photograph shows the past president, John McLean handing over the chain of office.

Sales - Henry Packman, House Furnisher, 72-76 Mid Street, Keith.
T. M. Jack, Ladies and Gents Fashions , 35 East Church Street, Buckie.

Notice - Klondykes Sales of Kirkcaldy would like to thank all the customers who came along and made the sale such a success and look forward to seeing them again on 21,22 and 23 September

Peter Fair - Alan Wiseman, reporter, gave the event front page coverage. His heading read – Peter Fair Popularity Continues. It was the biggest Peter Fair for many years in terms of amusements, according to the promoter. He said that the police weren't happy about the fair being so near to a busy road and had suggested a number of other sites but none of them were suitable. He complained that the local farmers who provide parking places for cars did not pay any money back to the show-people, which he felt they should since if they weren't here there, would be no cars. He also mentioned that the Seafield Estates had increased the rent of the field by £100.

The promoter had something to say to the people who complained how the charges for the amusements had gone up a lot. He told of the price they had to pay for the amusements which ran into thousands of pounds, the cost of petrol and diesel, down to the cost of small things like coconuts which had doubled in price over a very short time. On the future of Peter Fair, he was optimistic, he said that he had been coming to it now for 55 years and when he was unable to come his son would keep on do so, there would always be a Peter Fair, were his final words.

An unusual visitor was to be seen in Buckie harbour this week. It was **the 45-foot long Fifie, Isabella Fortuna, the only one of its kind still sailing when once they were very common.**

The Isabella built in 1890 by the J. Weir Boatyard in Arbroath it is now owned by Hobson Rankine from Fife who describes himself as an unemployed textile manager.

It originally belonged to the Smith family of Arbroath who owned it and used it for commercial fishing from 1909 up until 1976 when it was bought by Hobson.

For the first 29 years the Isabella Fortuna went to sea without an engine and Hobson explained that with a favourable force three wind and using sail power alone she can cut through the water at upwards of 7 knots.

"She is a very sweet-moving craft and her sea worthiness is a mark of the skill of the men, who built her," he said.

Article – 'So We Heard' by Peter Dick.

Versatile Windows diversify - The Deskford window firm can now supply garden slabs with a special price for cash and carry. They can be had in a variety of colours and finished. We also stock garden screen blocks and copings.

Aug 2 **Blasting has now got underway at Buckie harbour** as part the £850,000 improvement scheme by Grampian Regional Council, Blasting is necessary to excavate the rock of the seabed to provide a deeper water berth and improve the entrance channel. The firm involved is Whatlings (Civil Engineers) Ltd. Glasgow.

Electrical firm boss interviewed - Brian Davidson of Thain and Davidson the Buckie Electrical firm when interviewed by reporter, Alan Wiseman last week said how he was quite optimistic about work prospects over the coming year and agreed that during the past year they had gone through a sticky patch. They were much more confident that work would become available and were about to start four apprentices. The scarcity of jobs for youths can be gathered from the fact that 95 applications had been received for the four vacancies.

New local magazine - 'Extra Time' the report said how the June issues was still on sale. It went on to say that to enable us to launch the next issue we would not be publishing it until September. It should be noted that the competition closing dates in the June issue has now been extended to Monday August 16. The log of the new magazine is **"A Magazine to Serve the Local Community"**

For sale - Nearing completion a four-apartment dwelling house at site 2 Core Development, Enzie Cross Roads. Apply to Slorach and Simpson, 9 Gordon Street, Portgordon.

Highland League football - Buckie Thistle took part in the Chivas Royal tournament at Keith at the weekend. The team drew 1-1 with Arbroath winning 5-4 on penalties. In the next game they again drew 1-1 with Brechin but lost by 8 goals to 7 in the penalty shoot-out.

The team was Innes, Watson, Mason, Wilson, Forbes, D. Smith (Anderson), Murray, Ellis, Pirie, Nicol and Cumming.

Advert - George Buchan, Plaster, Taping, Aertex Ceiling, and Roof Repairs. Postal 27 Commercial Street, Findochty. Phone G. Thain on 820xxx

Newsletter from Community Action, Buckie (This is found as a supplement in the 'Advertiser'.) - Community Action is a new organisation set up in Buckie, based in the Community Centre. At the moment it consists of only two people though it is hoped that more people will be joining soon. A coffee bar for the unemployed has been operating in the Community Centre called the 'Drop In'

Pages 2 and 3 of the newsletter turns the spotlight of fashion with the following shops having a written piece Ladyfayre, Normas and T. M. Jack. Photographs show girls modelling various kinds of clothes.

Albert Phimister in an article called 'Video Eye' gives a run down on what he considers to be the best videos available at the present time with a wee write up about each.

Vivian Smith gives Buckie Rovers a plug, listing their achievements of last season and how they were looking forward to the next.

Under the banner Church News the following churches all had written a piece - Fred Coutts for the North Church, Tom Johnston for South and West, Rev Bennie for the Episcopal Church, Rev Baxendale for the Methodist, Canon Keith, St Peter's Church, Baptist Church.

Aug 10 **Hamilton Brothers, Engineers** was the firm under the spotlight this week. Mr Stewart Hamilton one of the partners said: "We've had a fairly busy year and in fact better than last year. We've had a reasonable number of enquiries and we're hopeful that the upturn in business will continue." On the question taking on more workers he said that there was no intention of adding to the number of employees as they had 100 at present. **Two photographs of the firm are shown.**

Football - The two brothers Louis and Charlie Duncan have both left the Thistle. Charlie signed for Inverness Thistle for a modest fee, returning to the club where he won two championship medals in the 70's
Buckie signed Neil Cowie from Banks of Dee the Aberdeen junior club.

Death of local bus operator - The death took place at his home on West Church Street of Donnie Mayne the well known bus operator who along with his mother followed his father Jim, founder, as boss of the bus firm, Maynes of Buckie. He was 52 and had suffered from illness for a long time.

Aug 17 **Intake of barley at the Buckie Maltings** - A photograph shows the first intake of barley.

Cutting barley - A photograph on the same page shows a combine harvester in action in a field opposite the Buckie Maltings belonging to the farm of Mill of Rathven.

Portgordon Maltings sent 600 tons of malt to Antwerp via Buckie harbour last week on board the coaster Reins.

The Peter Dick column - 'So We Heard'

Football - In the first competitive game of the season Buckie Thistle beat Lossiemouth by three goals to 2. The Thistle team was – Alex Innes, Alan Thain, Dave Watson, Tommy Wilson, Alan Forbes, Mason, Malcolm Murray, Cumming (Reid), Robbie Nicol, Cowie, and Anderson Sub. Alex Walker.

Junior Football - Buckie Rovers also won their first game of the new season when they beat Bishopmill United by the odd goal in three. The Rovers' team was – Sammon, Coull (Murray), M. Mair, Ewen, Sellar, Milne, Cowie, Sinclair, Henderson, Reid, and Sub. D. Mair.

Closing down sale –everything must go – Beds and Furniture - John Ferguson, 8-9 Cluny Terrace.

Welfare League football - Buckpool Victoria won the Duncan Cup when they beat Portknockie by three goals to one at Victoria Park last Monday night. Captain Jack Johnston is seen in a photograph receiving the car from Peter Thain, Portgordon. The other members of the team names are – Michael Johnston, Wm. Geddes, Taylor, Eddy Lamont, Thain, Scott (Wojcik), Bain, K. Nicol (Shearer), McPherson, and Russell.

Portknockie – Redhead, D. Reaich, Innes, Pirie, McKay, G. Reaich, Duncan, Adam, Strachan, Slater, Mair.

Big 'incomer' shoe sale - James Donn, Shoe sale, Cluny Hotel, Saturday 21st August.

Aug 24 John Duncan Construction Services under review - John Duncan proprietor when interviewed by Alan Wiseman, 'Advertiser' reporter, expressed the view that at long last the recession that had crippled the construction industry for the past few years had began to lift. He had been in the building industry for 11 years and the past two or three years had been the poorest in terms of work that he had ever experienced. "The only way to survive in the present economic climate is to diversify," said Mr Duncan, " We have done work in the Outer Skerries in Shetland, taking all the material by boat from Buckie. We have built a shooting lodge at Kingussie and built a sawdust storage building at the paper mill in Irvine and at present have ¼ million works in hand.

Welfare League football - Portgordon F.C. are shown after winning the Ross Cup. Sandy Ewen, captain, I seen receiving it. Earlier in the week they beat Whitehills to take the Lyon Cup which they won exactly fifty years before in its inaugural year.

Aug 31 **Wood chippings to be exported through Buckie** - Grampian Regional Council have signed an agreement with Riddoch's, Rothiemay to export wood chippings through the port of Buckie.

Boat launch - Monday saw what could be the last boat launched from the shipyard of Herd & Mackenzie for some time when the 59' gill-netter, **Kelly** took to the water. The Kelly has been built for Grimsby based skipper, Bob McQueen who has been a fisherman for 18 years. The Kelly is his second boat and was named after his three-year-old daughter. He intends to fish for cod in the North Sea. Bill Neale, the yard General Manager confirmed that they had no more new orders for new boats on the books at present and hinted that redundancies were likely to take if the same situation was to continue.

Butcher sells up - A. G. Stewart has sold his butcher's business at 18 East Church Street, Buckie to C. P. Hendry.

Falling support may lead to club folding - Portknockie Aberdeen F.C. Supporters Club set up three years ago is in danger of folding because of a dramatic fall off in interest according to secretary and founder, Euan Chisholm

" The present membership is now down to 80, about a third or less than it was when the club began while numbers putting their names forward to book seats on the bus to Aberdeen have been so low that at times the club was out of pocket, said Mr Chisholm." He continued by saying that he found the apparent lack of interest in the Buckie area in watching the Don side play hard to believe. " I suppose part of the problem is the

general trend of growing public apathy towards football but to me it's incredible that people aren't prepared to turn out regularly to see a Don's side when you consider the depth of talent there is in the squad," he said. "The opportunity to see world class players in Don's colours like McLeish, Miller and Strachan every fortnight may never arise again".

**** **Advert – the final one for Mackay's of Buckie** - Final clearance, last two weeks, entire stock less 25%, cash only. All outstanding accounts to be paid by 11 September and all gift tokens to be exchanged by the same date.

Sept 6 **Pay off at 'Herdies'** 16 men were paid off from the FMA owned Herd & Mackenzie, Shipyard on Friday. These include electricians, carpenters, engineers, welders and labourers. The recent pay-offs mean that the work force has now been cut to 76 since the recent pay-offs follow six newly time-served men who received their notice on 27 August.

'Herdies' also lose their manager - The yard and General Manager, for the past three months, Bill Neale, have parted company. He left the yard on Wednesday and his rented cottage in Portknockie on Friday to return to his wife and family on Tyneside.

Under 17 years Disco - Buckie Rovers are holding a disco, to music by Sonic, in the Community Centre on Saturday 11 September from 7.30 till 11.30pm. Admission 80p.

Welfare League football - Buckpool Victoria won the Ferguson Shield when they beat Portknockie by three goals to nil at Victoria Park last Monday evening.

New staff at Buckie High - The following members of staff joined the school at the start of the new term - Mrs Munro, Assistant PT English, Miss Selbie, HE, Miss Bruce, Maths, Mr King, Maths, Mr Knight, Science, Mr Mearns returned to the English Department after a year's exchange in Canada.

The school roll at the start of the term is 1050 about 20 down at this time last year.

Tee names in Portsoy and Sandend. An article by James Slater, Portsoy is found on page 5. Of Sept. 6 1982

New bid to beat solvent abuse is to be made by Grampian Regional Council

Advert - Orpool Meats, Family Butcher, St Peter's Road, and Buckpool. Special offer - Lamb shoulder chops - 90p per lb. Gigot of lamb - £1.50, Rolled roast- £1.80, Rolled brisket - £1.48.

Sept 14 **Fish business sold** - I. R. Bain Snr. Has sold his fish shop on Low Street to K. M. Smith, St Peter's Road.

Nae mare petrol tae be selt - Petrol sales are to cease at the West End Garage, Arradoul on 30th September 1982. Signed John Duncan. Like all other businesses that close down or are transferred here again thanks are extended to customers for their support over the years.

Buckie Townswomen's Guild - A photograph shows the members as they gather for a photo call at their Jubilee celebrations. The club president, Mrs Jean McGrory welcomed everybody to the party. Mrs Daisy Geddes gave a sketchy resume of the history of the Guild over the past 50 years. Mrs Jo Johnston gave the vote of thanks at the end of the evening to all that had taken part in the entertainment.

Buckie Speakers' Club - The opening session of Buckie Speakers' Club for session 1982/83 took place in the Cluny Hotel last Thursday evening. The chairman for the speaking part of the programme, Bill Jannetta introduced the two members, Gordon Stephen and John Fowle who were to give the prepared five-minute speeches.

The title of Gordon Stephen's speech was the 'The Vital Spark' in which he outlined his views of the use of electricity as a necessary power source and the various methods used in its production.

John Fowlie spoke on the theme of 'Sailing, sailing, Ad Nauseum' and gave a humorous account of the various ways in which some new members aboard yachts react to the problems of sea sickness.

John Watt, the club president, invited the remainder of the club members to speak on a series of topics taken from various sayings. Charles Brown later evaluated those. The General Evaluator was Bill Cecil. The club again expressed the hope that anyone interested in the Speakers' Club would come along as a guest initially. The club's next meeting will take place on 6th September and fortnightly thereafter.

Advert - Charlie Davidson and Son, Joiners and Contractors. 3 St Paul Street.

Marathon men - Two Buckie men recently ran the Edinburgh marathon in the interests of charity. Willie Geddes an unemployed computer programmer of 95 Seatown and Alan Gray, a student of 16 Wilson Land, recently attended a pop concert in Edinburgh and were persuaded to put their names down to run. Willie who was just able to complete the race after suffering a foot injury some miles from the finish was sponsored for Cancer Research and hopes to raise £200 with Alan hoping to raise the same for Seafield Hospital to buy some equipment for patients.

Buckpool Victoria League Champs - Buckpool Victoria, the Welfare League team managed by Eric Geddes and his wife Moira are shown with the trophies they won during the season. They won four trophies altogether plus the League Championship. Son Willie, the marathon man named above is one of the players in the photograph.

A likely move for Buckpool Victoria player - Buckie Thistle are likely to sign Andrew Bain from Buckpool Vics. If he does sign it will be on amateur forms so that if he fails to make the grade he will be able to return to Welfare or Junior level.

Buckie Guide book - The community council still hope to have a guide book published although the English firm, Forward Publicity who first raised the possibility of having a guide book for Buckie published has pulled out.

Rev Fred Coutts, chairman of the council said that he understood the reason for Forward Publicity pulling out of the project was because they failed to secure sufficient adverts to fund the project. Perhaps the fact that they were asking £150 a page was just too much.

Advert - Though Alex Hendry boss of the joiner firm of Alex Hendry and Sons died some time ago the advert as funeral directors still appeared in this edition. His grandfather established the firm in 1840 when he came to Buckie from Keith.

Sept 21 **Amusement Arcade re-opens** - The Shoreline Arcade on Marine Place has re-opened under new management.

An under 17 years Disco - Buckie Rovers F.C. are to run a junior disco in the Community Centre on Saturday 25 September from 7.30 till 10pm. Admission 80p. Music by Sonic.

A boon for the disabled and wheelchair users - The ramp that has been built at the door of the Town House on Cluny Place has been voted a major success by wheelchair users and others who found it difficult to negotiate the former steps

Get on the bus - it's free - A free bus will run this Saturday to the disco being held in the Garwood Hotel, grange. The bus will leave Portgordon at 7.50pm, St Andrew's Square at 7.55, Cluny Square at 8pm then Portessie, Findochty and Portknockie reaching Cullen at 8.15pm.

Article - So We Heard by Peter Dick

A new minister at the Baptist Kirk - Rev James Elphinstone , 41, in the new minister of Buckie Baptist Church. He came to Buckie after spending 3 years on Burra Isle in Shetland. He is a native of Kirkcaldy and left school to become a pit surveyor before taking a BSc degree in Mining Engineering at Edinburgh University. He took a job with Scottish and Newcastle Brewers as an engineer before moving into administration and had reached management level when he decided on a change of career and trained as a minister in the Baptist Church at the Baptist College in Glasgow. In Buckie he succeeds Rev Alex Barr who was in the post for 34 years.

Klondykers Sales – Kirkcaldy - will be in the Cluny Hotel on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 21-23 September 1982.

Sept 28 **She celebrated her 105th birthday with a glass of sherry-** Buckie's G.O.L Mrs Lobban, now a patient in Seafield Hospital was able to celebrate her 105th birthday with a glass of sherry and meet her guests. Councillor's Jack Cole and Frank Anderson, Moray District Council presented her with a bouquet of flowers while Councillor Hugh Munro, Grampian Regional Council handed over silk flowers. Mrs Lobban's only relative living locally, a niece, Mrs Molly Hughes, Fochabers was also present. A card addressed to Mrs Lobban was received from the Queen. From the report found in the local paper on her 104th birthday last year it said how she had lived in Rome Villa, a residential home for a number of years but since then had to be moved to Seafield Hospital as she became less able.

Vandalism at the Ian Johnston Park - Buckie Community Council's concern over the amount of vandalism at the Ian Johnston Park and their dissatisfaction with the existing facilities there have been noted by Moray District Council Recreation Department.

Letters - The report on the latest community council meeting and the things that were discussed, such as the above, led to a resident living near the park writing a letter in which he criticised the community council. Sandy Wilson, former chairman and now treasurer, answered the letter by saying it was a pity that such a person, who he named, someone who had the affairs of the town very much at heart didn't put himself forward as a community councillor and suggested that he would stand down to allow him to take his place.

Advert - Alastair Milton, Painter and Decorator. Quality service at competitive rates from an experienced, time-served tradesman.

Advert – R. S. Cruickshank and Co. 32 West Church Street, Zanussi washing machines.

Headline - Gloomy **outlook at Thorn Lighting.** The workforce is now down to 197 from the maximum figure of 350 at one time. The numbers have decreased through planned redundancies and natural wastage. Mr Charles Brown, manager said though 6 girls had been taken on since June in the majority of cases if someone leaves they are not replaced because there simply isn't any work.

Football – Buckie Thistle 3 Deveronvale 0 (H/L) Thistle team - Innes, Thain, Watson, Wilson, Forbes, Murray (Pirie) Cowie, Mason, Reid, Nicol, Anderson. Sub. Cummings, Bain.

Marathon man - Amongst the many first time runners in this year's Aberdeen Milk Marathon was 24 year old Buckie graduate, Keith Fraser whose parents Allan and Isobel live at 21 Sutherland Street.

Keith who only started intensive training at the beginning of June finished the gruelling 26 miles 385 yard course in four hours two minutes. He was sponsored and raised the sum of £100 for Grampian Hospital Radio which he helped set up and now helps to operate as programming co-ordinator.

Keith graduated as a Bachelor of Art in Librarianship in November. As well as finishing the Marathon he has reason for double celebration, as he is to start a new job in Aberdeen.

Oct 5 **Hair Boutique to close** - Sheila and Annette regret to announce the closure of the Hair Boutique as managed by them due to expiry of the lease. They wish to thank all customers for their support over the past five years.

Birdwatchers - Buckie & District Birdwatchers Club are to hold a meeting in the Episcopal Church Hall on Wednesday 13 October at 7.30pm

Aberdeen F.C. Supporters Club, Portknockie and District Branch - An extraordinary general meeting will take place in the pavilion McLeod Park, Portknockie on Thursday 7 October 1982 to discuss the future of the club. A full turn out of members is requested. Euan Chisholm, secretary.

Highland League Football - Inverness Caley 7 Buckie Thistle 0. Team - Ritchie, Alan Thain, David Pirie, Wilson, Forbes, Mason (Watson), Raymond Pirie, Murray, Reid, Nicol, Anderson (Cumming).

Twenty-one year old Raymond Pirie has been signed from Montrose.

Big carpet sale in the Cluny Hotel on 7th and 8th October. Aberdeen Textiles Newmarket.

Oct12 **Boat christened at Jones' Shipyard** - A boat was named at Jones' Shipyard last Wednesday, the latest boat built by the boatyard. The 60-foot long seiner/trawler **Andromeda** was christened by Mrs Ann Watt of Lerwick, whose husband Robert and partners ordered the boat to be built by Jones' who began her in February. It is expected that the Andromeda will be ready for launching by the end of the month. Skipper Watt is to use the new vessel for bulk fishing of sand eels off Shetland and the vessel is designed to carry a total of 75 tonnes. The storage capacity has been described as phenomenal for a vessel of this size, measuring 60' by 20'. The shipyard-managing director would not comment himself but did say that there was a good possibility of future work for the yard to keep the 62 labour force in work for some time.

No car park on the railway infill - Their now seems little likelihood of part of Buckie's disused railway cutting being used to provide car parking. Councillor Hugh Munro of Grampian Regional Council had suggested that part of the cutting once infilled from Cluny Place west wards to Pringle Street might be used as a car park. A survey was done of traffic on East and West Church Street, also Cluny Square. Following this Grampian Region's Roads Director said that he could see no need for more parking.

Advert - John Coull, 25 James Street, at your service for the laying of old and new carpets. Local removals and upholstery repairs.

Support Junior Football - Buckie Rovers Development club needs you for our Development Draw. Contact either Bruce Smith secretary or John Cowie, manager.

Opening announcement - The Buckie Wool Shop will open at 5 West Cathcart Street on Thursday 14 October.

Inter Zippa One of Aberdeen's largest discount stores comes to Buckie. They will be in the Cluny Hotel on 14 and 15th October. Their advert organised by Inter Zippa of Blackpool took up one and a half pages.

The Harbour Fish and Chip Restaurant, Seatown, Cullen announces the long awaited return of The Baked Potato.

Rome Villa first floor flat for sale

The new Open Manta is tried out by Alan Wiseman courtesy of Regency Car Sales, Marine Place.

Buckie Rovers Junior F.C. is to set up a new fund raising club beginning in October to ensure the continued success of junior football in the Buckie area. The Development Club will be on a monthly basis. The cost of entry is £3 monthly. They expect about 100 members to subscribe. A spokesperson for the club explained what finance is needed to keep a junior football like the Rovers afloat with the transport bill last year amounting to £1000. "We appeal to the business people of Buckie, football fans of Buckie thistle and ex Rovers' players to back us in our attempts to give Buckie a junior club of which they should be proud."

New goalkeeper - Graham Roy played his first game for Buckie Rovers in goal in a win of 4-2 over Deveronside. Mike 'Scammers' Smith who had recently been signed from Caberfeidh had a very good game with football of a very high standard plus the fact that he scored one of the goals. (Mike turned out for the Rovers against Whitehills on March 15 2003, answering the call to help out his old club when they were short of players. He still showed a lot of his old skills. His younger son Nicky (Neil) was on the bench and went on as a substitute in the second half.)

A speedy bottle - A bottle thrown into the sea at Buckie three weeks ago by 13 year old Jennifer Loudon, Union Terrace was found on the beach at New Aberdour, Fife, by a couple from Leicestershire meantime on holiday there. A note inside the bottle was clearly readable which asked the finder to reply, which they did. Jenny has written to thank the couple.

Decora - a new superstore has **just been opened** in the former Lossiebank Mills, Elgin., selling among other things, paints, flooring, wallpaper, timber and kitchens.

Oct 19 **On the line** - Renovations costing just under £59,000 are about to start in the first phase of improvements at the Fishermen's Hall. The Elgin Joinery firm of J. Cameron and Company is doing the work.

The first phase will involve the demolition of the gent's toilets on the north side of the hall, the fire escape stair and entrance area partitions.

New gent's and ladies toilets are to be built and a separate toilet for disabled people. The existing heating system is to be renewed and cloakrooms and storage area provided.

An access stair to the lighting console, which is part of the next stage, is also to be constructed. The complete programme is expected to cost £200,000

Fowk are keeping too well - Kimbro Health Foods Ltd are closing down their shop at 17 East Church Street with a sale to begin on 23 October.

As one shuts another opens - A shop known as Lynne's Floral Art is to open at 19 East Church Street above 'Ladyfayre'. On sale will be silk flowers for all occasions, bouquets, favours and corsages. Flowers for the church can be hired.

They shid be worth seein - An exhibition of coloured prints by Tom Kennedy Jnr. In the cocktail bar of the Commercial Hotel from Tuesday 19th October until 31st October. All welcome.

An evening of fisticuffs - Buckpool Amateur Boxing Club is to present a Boxing Tournament in the St Andrews Hotel hall on Wednesday 27th October beginning at 8pm, doors open at 7.30. Adults £1, children and OAP's 50p

Poster about Buckie - Buckie Community Council are to go ahead with the publication of a poster about Buckie, which will tie in with the nation-wide bid to attract visitors to Scotland's fishing towns and villages - The Fishing Heritage Trail.

Mr Bill Hunter of Portgordon is producing the poster, which is being commissioned by Buckie Community Council. Bill is a senior-planning assistant with Moray District Council but has been doing illustrative work now for a number of years. Among his best-known work are the illustrations for the Banffshire Coast Preservation Society Cullen Walkabout booklet produced some years ago. (The report is given on page three.)

Buckie Rovers new signings - They include, Alan Milne, ex Islavale and Michael Smith ex Caberfeidh, both experienced juniors who were previously with the Rovers. They have also signed Brian Mair and Gary Innes from Portknockie, Craig Henderson who was formerly with Buckie Thistle. Graeme Roy and Stewart Slater have both impressed in recent games.

Advert - George W. T. Henderson, Housebuilder, 14 Baron Street and 22 Bogmoor. "We have a house to suit you".

How's your musical talent ? Buckie Brass Band needs new members urgently. A spokesperson said that we only have 20 members at present and a trombonist and another horn player would add greatly to the sound – instruments are available.

Advert - F. P. Farm Products, 56 Seatown, Cullen. Tatties, fruit and vegetables.

Oct 26 **There is a need for additional parking** - Buckie Community Council disagreed with Grampian Regional Council who following a survey done felt that there was no need for additional parking in the centre of Buckie. Councillor Hugh Munro (G.R.C.) had asked that when the railway cutting between Cluny Place and Pringle Street was filled in that space is set-aside for parking. This was turned down. (It would seem that at the time no one took into account the likely growth in traffic, thankfully better counsel prevailed at a later stage and part of the infill did become a car park.)

Advert - Hobbicrafts, Land Street, Buckpool. Tapestries, toys, etc. etc.

Highland League football - Inv. Caley 7 Buckie Thistle 0. The league champs beat the Jags by the same score as on their previous visit to the Highland capital. Connel, Thain, Masson, Wilson, Forbes, Murray, R. Pirie, D. Pirie, Reid, Nicol, Cumming. Subs. Bain and Walker.

Advert - George Falconer, General Services. Labour hire, firewood supplied, kerbs and slabs laid, dykes and garages built. Sits cleared, rubble, earth etc. Fences supplied and erected. Driveways and paths tarred.

Computers - Win a Sinclair ZX81 personal computer in our competition G.T. Tyres, Moss Street, Keith. Answer three questions and complete a slogan when you have your car serviced or tyres fitted etc.

Nov 2 **Buckie Thistle on the Brink of Extinction** so read the headline in the front page of this edition of the Banffshire Advertiser. The report went on to say – As a result of the cash crises at Victoria Park Buckie Thistle players and management gave their services free against Nairn County on Saturday and are willing to do so again for the scheduled match at Banff on Saturday provided that the remaining club officials can give manager John Fitzpatrick a firm decision by tonight that the club will continue. However it looks very much as if Saturday's game at Station Park, could be the last match that Buckie Thistle will play.

A three hour crisis meeting in the Town House on Friday evening aimed at gauging the degree of public support for the continuation of Buckie thistle ended in disarray with only 9 people expressing their willingness to stand on the club's committee. **(For those really interested in the history of Buckie Thistle it is worth reading the whole page.)**

See page three - A body of opinion. The suggestion has been made that Buckie Thistle should fold and a complete new club under a different name is started next season with new members and an entirely new set up. **(When the club was in a similar position in the immediate pre-war era the same suggestion was made.)** However the SFA secretary said that there was no guarantee that a new club would be admitted to the Highland League, if this was to happen it could mean the end of senior football in Buckie.

Death of former Thistle player and trainer - Word has been received that the death took place at his home in Newcastle of Frank Smith at the age of 77. A former Buckie Thistle player and trainer Frank was a carpenter to trade and went south to work some years ago when he was made redundant with the slump in the shipbuilding trade. He will be remembered as a prominent player at centre half during one of the club's most successful periods from 1933 to 1938. It was said in the report that he would have been saddened to learn about the present situation concerning the club he was associated with for so long.

Buckie Welfare Society is 40 years old - At the recent annual general meeting Mr Archie Douglas, Chairman, who has been with the Society from the beginning gave a brief outline of the organisation since October 1942 when it came into being. He referred to it acting on behalf of Armed Forces during the war. He continued by saying that in the post war period Victoria Park was added to the Fishermen's Hall among the Society's assets and the Society became very much involved with the well being of Buckie Thistle Football Club.

Mr Douglas said that Victoria Park, which cost the Welfare Society £500 per annum to maintain, remained available to Buckie Thistle F.C. and other organisations.

This year as has been the practice for some years now the decision was taken to divide the sum of £450 amongst 18 different organisations, with each receiving sums ranging from £15 to £50. 30.03.03

The committee of the Welfare Society is as follows - Chairman and treasurer - A. Douglas; Vice Chairman, A. Geddes, Secretary, J. D. G. McLeod. Members of the executive committee include the above persons and also W. A. Burnett, T. H. Morrow, G. S. Sandison, C. Shearer, Drs E. G. Hendry and A. Lawrence. Park convenor, Wm. A. Burnett.

Big sale in the Cluny Hotel - Lancashire firm - Ready made curtains, material, textiles and rugs.

Nov 9 **Junior football** - New Elgin 2 Buckie Rovers 1 Stewart Memorial Cup .

The Rovers' team was published for the first time for ages - It read - G. Roy, A. Milne, A. Reid, A. Ewen, M. Mair, R. Smith, M. Smith. G. Innes. D. Findlay, J. Cowie, B. Mair, Subs. N. Murray and C. Henderson.

Queen's Guides - The following two girls, Susan Stewart, 35 Highfield road and Lesley Smith, 67 Milton Drive received their Queen's Guide's Awards and certificates from the District Commissioner.

Cammie opens another supermarket - Cammie Hendry who has already owns three Spar supermarkets in the town, one of which he leases, opened another this week at 18B East Church Street. A motor mechanic to trade from Glenkindie on Donside he started in the grocery trade with a small shop on Land Street in 1977 now employs 32 people on a part time basis and with this new shop he will add a further four.

One day sales attacked - The National Federation of self employed and small businesses in the Grampian Region have decided on a four pronged attack on One Day sale in villages, town halls and hotels.

They complain that these are seriously hitting local traders and are unfair to consumers. They are not subject to rules of Health and Safety nor do they contribute to community rates and are not liable for consumer protection.

Grand Clearance Sale in the Cluny Hotel on 11 November by Aberdeen Textiles, Newmarket, Aberdeen. Carpets etc. etc.

Nov 16 **Remembrance Sunday Services well attended** - As the parade of Legionaries led by Alex Ferguson marched down High Street to the War Memorial the salute was taken outside Templeton's Supermarket by R.B. L. Branch President, Mrs Alice Chalmers.

The Seamen's Memorial attracts great interest - Mr George Murray, the chairman of the Seamen's Memorial Committee said this in making his report at the first annual general meeting held on Thursday 11 November. The visitors' book show that hundred have come to see the memorials in the Seatown Hall.

Golden Wedding - A photograph shows Peter and Doris Morrison, 34 Land Street taken at the their Golden Wedding celebrations.

Rock House , East Church Street , formerly used as an Old People's Home (Shipwrecked Mariners) is advertised **for sale**. It is as adequately suited for use as a guest house. On the ground floor there are four rooms, two bathrooms and a toilet. On the second floor there are six rooms, a shower room and a store. Outside there is a large walled garden, two glasshouses, a double garage, two sheds, lawn and a paved area with seats.

Thistle Appeal Fund - Buckie Thistle have launched an appeal fund with the aim of raising £15,000 in the next three months to save the club which is **£45,000 in debt**. A 14 strong committee was formed at a meeting in the Town House under the chairmanship of Jim Leask . Les Douglas was elected to the committee as vice president and accompanies David Campbell as treasurer. Others on the Save Buckie Thistle Appeal Fund are Bill Stephen, Fish Merchant and retired businessman Francis Ritchie.

Thistle manager resigns after only 9 months - John Fitzpatrick tendered his resignation as manager of Buckie Thistle after 9 months in the job. He felt that he had been kept in the dark regarding the situation at the club following the election of a 14 strong committee last Tuesday. His assistant, Alex Walker, has also resigned.

An Outsider trader sale will take place in the Episcopal Church Hall on Saturday November 20 by J. Hamilton, Elgin. For sale will be Household Goods, Radios and Toys etc.

Scottish Junior cup - Buckie Rovers have to travel to meet Broxburn Athletic in the 'Scottish'

Bridal Fashions – 7 St Andrews Square - A write up and a big advert.

Nov 23 **Buckie man dies in Australian desert** - Oil worker, Gordon Clark is believed to have got lost and died of heat exhaustion or dehydration . Gordon served his time as a welder at Jones' shipyard in Buckie before emigrating to Australia some time ago and had been working on an oil rig as a roustabout. His mother lives on Harbour Street.

Another acquisition for Cammie - C. P. Hendry , sole proprietor of the Spar Supermarket on Milton Drive and others throughout the town has recently taken over the butcher's shop at 32 St Peter's Road, formerly ran as Orpool, with Bob Sutherland as butchery manager.

Bob specialises in sausages, beefburgers and steak pies . Opening offers include steak mince at £1.28 per lb.

Hone cooked gammon [personally cooked by Cammie will be on sale in all Spar Supermarkets soon . The previous owners of the butcher's shop, Mr and Mrs Scott thank all their customers for their support over the years.

Notice - Save Buckie Thistle Appeal Fund have opened a thrift shop at 11 West Church Street and would like to have unwanted, toys, books, and bric-a-brac to sell.

The One Day sales continue - Klondyke Sales, Kirkcaldy are to hold a big sale in the Cluny Hotel from 24th to the 26 November.

Nov 30 **Anti-closure petition** of the Maternity Department at Seafield Hospital handed over. In a photograph, Grampian Health Board Chief Administrative Officer, Bruce Howie, is seen receiving a petition containing 5,941 signatures by the president of the Buckie and District Ladies Circle, Mrs Eleanor Cowie as representative of some of the women's organisations involved in the petition campaign.

1,000,001 Marathon Darts Match is to be held in the Social Club on 17,18 and 19th December in aid of Buckie thistle F.C. Sponsorship for scores of 100 and over or donations would be welcomed. Please support us. We need your help.

Flower Show meeting - Moray District council Department of Recreation give notice of a public meeting that is to take place to consider the proposal to hold a Flower Show in Buckie in 1984. The meeting will take place in the Town House on Thursday 2nd December 1982 at 7.30pm.

Councillor Frank Anderson pushed for Flower Show. In an article written on page five he is reported as saying that there are a number of good gardeners in Buckie and district and is of the opinion that Buckie should have its own Flower Show. He explained that at a Flower Show one will find far more than flowers, there are usually sections for flower arranging, for baking, handicrafts, preserve making with special sections for OAP's and the like.

Jon's Place sold but name kept - John and Lorna Wielewski have sold their business at 29 Yuill Avenue to Naseer Ahmed.

Buckpool Harbour. A set of three photographs show the harbour as a dump, in the process of being done up and as it is now a park. Moray District Council received a commendation from the Civic Trust for their environmental improvements at Buckpool Harbour.

Buckie Rovers go down heavily in the 'Scottish', losing by five clear goals to Broxburn Athletic. The Rovers' team was - Roy, Coull, Sellar, Ewen, Mair, Smith, Milne, Henderson, Reid, Cowie, Sinclair. Subs - Murray and Findlay.

Buckie Thistle also crash at Inverness - Inverness Thistle 6 Buckie Thistle 1 The Thistle team was - Connell, Thain, Masson, Murray, Forbes, Watson, R. Pirie (Wilson), Cowie, Reid, Nicol, Anderson (D. Pirie).

Buckpool Victoria the Buckie Welfare League team - Albert Phimister writes an article on the team, which had a very successful season.

Christmas Lighting - This year Buckie is to have its first extensive Christmas Lighting display for a number of years thanks to the efforts of five unemployed youngsters and their supervisor. For the past six weeks since Buckie Community Council gave the go ahead the project supervisor, Derek Horrobin and five local youngsters, involved in MSC work experience scheme, Graham Brandt, Alan McPherson, Kevin Bain, Brian Morrison and Michael Addison collectively known as the Cullen Workshop have been repairing lighting cables which have lain unused in the North Church Hall since Buckie Town council disappeared as part of the local authority reorganisation in 1975.

It must pay them tae come tae Buckie - Inter Zippa, Blackpool are to hold another massive sale in the Cluny Hotel on 5th and 6th December. Their advert took up a page and a half of the local paper so their presence in the town must have pleased some folk.

Photograph of Portgordon F.C. Welfare League team - This was taken at their end of season 'Do' with *Player of the Year*, Sandy Ewen being seen being presented with the Allwyn Designs Trophy by Mrs Lorraine Burnett.

Yet another one day wonder sale - Scotshirts of Bothwell They are to be in the Cluny Hotel on Saturday 4 December, selling sweatshirts, slippers towels, continental quilts and duvet sets.

Opening announcement - Fashion House is to open at 17 East Church Street on Friday 3 December. Gents Fashion Wear, Ladies Fashion Wear and Kids wear.

OAP's turn out in large numbers for Christmas 'Do' So many OAP's wished to attend the annual Christmas bash that their were two sittings. Last week a photograph showed those living on the east side of the town and this week it was the turn of the west side. There was no story.

Heading to an article - Number of births resume a downward trend.

Dec 7 **Advert** - Grant's Ice Cream, Easter Bogs, Clochan, Buckie. Xmas Gateau. Try one for your Christmas meal prices from £3.15 to £5.60.

Advert - Webster's Garage, Colonsay Place, Exhaust systems 50% off.

Why weren't you there ? - Dr George Mackay criticised Buckie Community Council for not being present at the handing over of the petition against the closure of the Maternity Annex at Seafield Hospital. Chairman Rev Fred Coutts replied in as many words that it was manners to wait until you were invited, anyhow the women's organisations had worked thus it was their place to be seen to be taking a leading part in the campaign to stop the closure.

Buckie Flower Show came a step nearer following a meeting in the Town House. Councillor Frank Anderson, himself a keen gardener called the meeting. Nine people including Mr Anderson were present and he suggested that it could have been more but there were a number of other things on the same evening. A number of other meetings are planned with the next one set for the 13th January.

Advert - Fashion House, 17 East Church Street also at 54 High Street, Elgin.

Dec 14 **We have an order to build a fishing boat** - The FMA owned shipyard of Herd and Mackenzie have announced that an order has been received for the construction of a 75' fishing vessel which would mean continued work for the 76 workforce for some time. The vessel a wooden seiner/ trawler is to be built for Bruce More and partners, Buckie, who fish through Arthur Duthie Fishselling Company, Lossiemouth. The probable completion date is September 1983. Bruce More is presently skipper of the Hazelmore built by H & M in 1974.

Thorn City Breakers Club is holding a meeting in the Highlanders Hotel on Sunday 19 December at 7.30pm. Right of admission reserved.

Special Church Service - A service for able bodied and disabled persons is to take place in the North Church Hall, Buckie on Sunday 19th December at 3pm. All welcome. Tea will be provided and those seeking transport are asked to phone 343XX

Advert - Jon's Place. The new owner N. Ahmed had a similar advert in the local paper as we had seen inserted by the previous owner. 'Fancy a steak supper?'

Senior Citizens of the Spey Bay area enjoy their Christmas Dinner. Photographs show them tucking in to the festive fare in the Grant Arms Hotel, Fochabers. The meal was organised by the Spey Bay Amenities Association. Bill Geddes, former dance bandleader is seen in one of the photographs.

Obituary for Davy Duncan - The article written by Bill Cowie found on page 9 speaks of Davy Duncan the former Thistle football player who died some days before. The heading to the article reads 'Davy Duncan - A Jags Star Remembered' In the story Bill Cowie mentions some of Davy's colleagues, Alex Smith, Kitchie Cormack, Sandy

Middleton, Frankie Smith, Peter Logie, Peter Bain and Jimmy Ross. He said that Davy had the opportunity to go for trials to bigger clubs but turned them down. Mention is made of the day that Buckie Thistle met Third Lanark at Victoria Park in season 1938/39 when there was 7000 of a gate. (I remember how disappointed I was that I wasn't taken.) This was the famous occasion when a fisherman who had missed the game phoned up Jimmy Pozzi and being told the score - 6-0 - made the classic enquiry, "Fa for Jimmy?" Murray of Stonehaven in goal for the Thistle couldn't stop the flow of goals despite some desperate acrobatic heroics.

For the record the Buckie team was - Murray, James and John Bowie, Logie, Smith, Middleton, Bain, Ross, Burnett, Cormack and Duncan.

Elected Chairman - At a meeting held at Pittodrie Stadium last Tuesday Buckie solicitor Euan Chisholm was elected chairman of the Association of Aberdeen F.C. Supporters Clubs.

A poem is found on page 12 - A seasonal verse 'My Lord And My God' by C.F.G.

Dec 21 **Buckie's Christmas Lights** were switched on by 94 year old Mrs Florence Summers a resident of the Abbeyfield home on Cluny Square. This was after several weeks-hard work by a team of five unemployed teenagers and their Manpower Services commission supervisor, electrician, Derek Horrobin. Alex Wilson, treasurer of the community council said that 100 bulbs had been donated by Thorn Lighting, fifty was left over from last year with 300 new ones having to be bought. He wasn't sure how much these would cost but a street collection made on 11 December by members of the community council had raised the sum of £104 which would help to pay for the bulbs. A Quiz sheet, which he had compiled, had raised the sum of £132 and also an approach had been made to the Buckie Common Good Fund. Mr Wilson said "We're hopeful therefore that there will be enough cash to cover the cost of the display." Mrs Jean Hendry, 12 Cliff Terrace, was the winner of the 40oz bottle of whisky, the first prize in the quiz.

Advert - Bruces' Sport's Shop, 61 West Church Street.

Advert - Super Annual Winter Sale - Alex J. Slater, House Furnisher, 23-25 East Church Street.

Advert - Findlay's Pet and Cycle Store, 153 Mid Street, Keith.

Christmas Greetings - Charlie and Pearl Hay, Cathcart Garage. Bob and Margaret Hay Ritchie's Draper, 72-74 East Church Street. Roddy and Danny Davidson Joiners, Baron Lane. Alex and Maureen Hay, Hay's Ideal Homewares, 25 West Church Street. Fashion House, Nemat Ali, 17 East Church Street. Thomas H. Hillocks, Painter and Decorator, Glamorgan, Cliff Terrace. Music Matters, Mike Harvey, next to the Post Office on East Church Street. Moira and Staff, Carlton Salon, 8 East Carlton Terrace. Frank and Elizabeth, Slaters' Sports, 5 High Street. Maynes Coaches, Cluny Lane. John Sandison, Draper, 22 East Church Street. Firth Furnishers, Proprietor and Staff, 33-37 West Church Street. Millbank Garage, 18 High Street. Walker and Smith, Electricians West Church Street, George, Ronald, Douglas, Innes, Margaret, Lil and Lorraine. Peter Bruce, Painter and Decorator, Roselea, West Cathcart Street. Mr and Mrs Henry Packman and Staff, Henry Packman House Furnishers, 72-76 Mid Street, Keith. Kenfresh, Isobel and Kenny, Low Street. Hang Hing, Chinese Carry Out, West Church Street, open on Christmas and New Year's Day. Joe and Margaret Bruce, Bruces' Sports Shop, 61 West Church Street. Anne's Gift Shop, 29 West Church Street. Alex Mair, Hardware and Gift Centre, Seafield Street, Cullen. Richmond Arms Hotel, Portgordon, Cath and Brian. Taylors' Toiletries, St Andrews Square. Dodie, Sheila and Staff, Cathcart Chip Shop. Thistle Taxis, Colonsay Place. R. Innes and Staff, Butchers, 1 Seaview Road, Findochty. T. Beattie, Gents Hairstylist, 9 Pringle Street. Robert Benzie, Highland Garage, Proprietor and Staff of the 'Kings' Buckie, and our van staff, Leslie Craib. Joe Dawson and son, Garage and Car Hire. Bill and Mae Summerfield and Staff, 'Green's' Chemist, 9 East Church Street. The Portgordon Chip Shop. Ian and Irene Props. Chip Inn, Milton Drive. Buckpool Fish Bar, Davie and Jessie and Staff.

Douglas Currie and family Blairstone, Enzie. Doolin and Clarke 2 Gordon Street. Hunter and Pirie, 31-33 East Church Street. Lynne's Floral Art, 19 East Church Street. Peter G. Slater, Outfitter, 65 West Church Street. All the best for the season, Norma's 18 East Church Street.

Advert - Templeton's Supermarket High Street

To commission another tape - Following on the success of the Buckie 81 cassette project Buckie Community Council are to commission another tape about the town. The last one was an outstanding success with 450 copies produced and sold, raising £200, which was distributed among local charities.

Great Annual Sale - Robertson's of Buckie and Banff are presently holding a great Annual Sale.

Buckpool Victoria AGM - Report per Albert Phimister - Officials - President, Eric Geddes, vice president, William Geddes, (The post was created to give the club voting powers at meetings.) Secretary, Moira Geddes, Treasurer, Mrs Vee Innes. Committee - Peter Shearer, Edward Grant, Angus Lawtie, Jack Johnston and Edward Lamont. It was not certain whether Eric Hay was to continue as manager due to work commitments. Mr Geddes said that buses to away games had cost the club £263 during the last season and it was necessary to raise £600 to run the team in the Welfare League. Since the books had been audited at the end of November they had raised £240 through lottery tickets, a thrift shop and a disco to be added to £105.97 they had in hand.

Fochabers MIA - One of the two speakers at the recent meeting was Ian Brown, former headmaster at Portessie School who showed and rang the 17th century 'Dede' bell which was on display by kind permission of Rev John Osbeck and the Rathven Kirk session. He said that it was probably associated with Burns and Buckie. John Cui or Cowie of Elgin cast the bell. The second speaker of the evening was Wm. G. Cowie, former college lecturer, who took as the subject of his talk, 'Headings and Local History'. He quoted Burns' poem about Gordon Castle and said that although Burns had visited Elgin Cathedral he had written poems about Fochabers and Buckie but not about Elgin. Amongst the subjects of local history he headlined the landing of King Charles II at Kinston in 1650 and the disastrous Moray Floods of 1829 when a local youth was drowned in the River Spey when part of a bridge collapsed.

28 Dec **Basin to be infilled** - The go ahead has been given for a £230,000 scheme to infill the little used west basin of Buckie harbour to provide much needed quayside space. A total of 33,000 cubic metres of material will be required to infill the basin to the optimum level determined by a model study at Aberdeen University. The infill is the third phase of a £1 million Grampian Regional Scheme for improvements to the Buckie harbour to enable the port to accommodate larger vessels in an effort to ensure the long term viability of the port. The first phase was extensive dredging which involved the blasting of rock in the entrance channel and the second stage the resurfacing of No 1 pier is now underway.

Article - So We Heard by Peter Dick.

Advert - Great Winter Sale starts on Wednesday 29 December - The Firth Furnishers. 33-37 West Church Street.

Advert - Winter Sale begins on 30th December at Cluny Fashions, 7 High Street and 168 High Street, Elgin.

