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Jan 8 **Shipyard in trouble** - The front page story told how efforts were being made to find a rescue package for one of Buckie's main sources of employment.

Alex Pollock MP for Moray and the Buckie councillors are united in a bid to save the jobs of 100 men employed at the FMA owned Herd & Mackenzie boatyard. The political opponents share this common aim following the collapse of the FMA as a result of mounting debts.

Medal for Portessie seaman - A Portessie seaman, Edward Smith, 3 McIntosh Avenue, Chief Petty Officer with the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries has been awarded the BEM in recognition of his services to the Department.

Death of yard foreman - Mr John Farquhar, foreman at Jones' Shipyard at Lossiemouth for the past 25 years has died at the age of 64. His home was at 4 Manar Street.

Advert - Wm. Findlay, Painter and Decorator, 2 Hope Street, Portessie.

Sale at Homes and Gardens, 25 West Church Street, Anne's, 29 West Church Street and Alex Mair, 8-10 Seafield Street, Cullen

Advert - C. A. F McLennan, Plumber, Fochabers.

Advert - A. G. S. Johnston, Plumber, Fochabers.

Jan 13 **Major Growth at Mosstodloch Sawmill** - There has been an increase of 80% in production at the sawmill with an additional 300-400 tonnes of timber being processed per week. Mr J. Copland, St Peter's Road, Buckie, Manager at Mosstodloch gave this information. The plant opened in 1956 and at present employs 70 men. There are three sawmills in operation working five days a week with 500 tonnes of timber being cut on average each week. All the timber processed comes within 100 miles of Mosstodloch with the most from forests only 80 miles away.

The firm is self contained with its own fleet of lorries, mechanics and 4 saw doctors employed.

Nae problems at Buckie High School - The assistant rector at Buckie High School has refuted the rumours of serious discipline problems at the school. Stories of wide-spread fighting among pupils and a break-down in discipline had been circulating in the town since last week. Mr MacKenzie, rector, stated that the rumour reflected a substantial distortion and exaggeration of the facts. (Report on page 5.) There had been a couple of fights amongst boys with those involved being punished. The fighting had taken place at lunch time with some former pupils being involved in view of this the police were called to show a presence.

Sale at the Baby Shop, Bridge Street, Portknockie.

No more taxation on tobacco please - This was the essence of a large poster found in the local paper in which tobacco retailers were asked to sign a petition asking the government not to add further taxation burdens. It was said that since 1979 50,000 job losses had taken place in the tobacco industry including retailers.

Shoe shop sale - George Sutherland, 21 West Church Street.

Clearance sale - C. B. Milne, Newsagent, 11 East Church Street, Stock Clearance Sale. Toys 40% off, Computer Games, 20% off, calendars 30% off with many items ½ price.

Sales - Christie's Florists 10 High Street.
Options, 17 East Church Street
Dress Scene, Duke Street, Huntly.

Scottish title for Buckpool boxer - Fifteen year old boxer from Cooper Street, Buckpool is the proud champion of his country in his class. Gordon Gray, Buckpool ABC fighting for Buckie High School defeated Wm. Toner of Kilmarnock in the final of the 60kilo intermediate class at the Scottish Schoolboys ABA Championships held at Bellahouston Sports Centre in Glasgow. It is significant to not that Gordon has only had five fights to date.

Jan 22 **Now you can keep your tatties longer** - A 6th year pupil at Buckie High School has designed a bag to keep tatties from going sweet in very cold weather and becoming inedible. Colin Reid, Highfield Road, a 17 year old Chemistry student, has explained that when temperatures become very low the starch in potatoes turn to glucose and the bag he has invented is designed to stop this process happening. The bag consists of a bin liner with a layer of fibre glass roof insulation being inserted between the bag holding the tatties and another outer bag. He feels that this could be suitable for anyone wanting to buy in bulk. The following warning is given that a mask ought to be worn when packing in the fibre glass as the fibres can be dangerous when inhaled.

Reductions at the jewellers - Sam Cowie, 27 East Church Street.

Advert - Strathlene Insurance and Finance Brokers Ltd, 12 Cluny Square.

Jan 29 **Unite and Fight** - This was the headline on the front page of the Advertiser where a clarion call was being made to all those with an interest in keeping the Maternity Unit open at Seafield to keep up the fight.

High winds and heavy seas cause problems - On Tuesday a combination of heavy seas and strong winds caused flooding of the roadways at both Portgordon and Portessie prompting fears of a repeat of the battering the seafront communities in the area took almost two years ago.

Photographs of the storm shown on page 6.

Notice - Buckie to Keith Station circular bus service - E. Glennie. Newmill, Keith.

Teachers on strike - A number of teachers at Buckie High School belonging to the SSTA union took strike action in concert with colleagues throughout the Grampian Region. The call is for the government to set up an independent salary review body for teachers.

Have you any jiner jobbies needing deein'? See R. D. Soutar (Eric) Carpenter and Joiner, 17 McKenzie Road, workshop on Railway Terrace.

New shopping complex planned - A large shop in Buckie is to be sub divided into several units and are to be available on lease. (Where was this? Did it ever materialise?)

Central Stores (Jean Barr), 36 James Street. Ideal wedding presents at reduced prices.

Fishery Heritage Trail posters now available - Buckie Community Council arranged for 1000 posters to be produced and are now available at 50p each. Bill Hunter, Portgordon, who was assisted with some of the research by council treasurer, Sandy Wilson, produced the posters.

The community council sees the production of the posters as part of the promotion of Buckie as an important stop on the Scottish Tourist Board Fishing Heritage Trail, which is now under way.

The cost of the posters has been estimated at £475. Mr Wilson said that Mr Hunter had agreed to take on the task and had really done an excellent job. Grants of £200 were received from both GRC and Moray District Council and when sold at 50p the outlay will be recovered.

Feb 5 **Save Seafield Hospital Maternity annex** - this was the clarion call that was going round Buckie. A public meeting called for by Buckie and District Ladies Circle and held in the North Church Hall to enlist support for the local GP's attracted 130 people. The platform party was Dr Jim Tuckerman, Councillor George Innes, Chairman of the Ladies Circle, Mrs Eleanor Cowie and Mrs Margaret Tuckerman. The report occupied the whole of the front page.

Royal British Legion (Buckie Branch) officials appointed - President, Mrs Alice Chalmers, Chairman, Mr A. McIntosh, Treasurer, Mr L. Cummins, Hon Secretary, Mr Wm. Cebula and Club Chairman, Mr E. Lyon.

Buckie magician honoured - The three years of magic work by Merson Grant has been recognised and he is to receive the honour of appearing at one of the most prestigious events in the UK magic calendar. He will be the only Scotsman on the bill, which will feature acts from Czechoslovakia, Italy, France and Denmark.

His honour stems from his 1983 feat of being the first magician in 32 years to twice carry off the top award, the McMillan shield at the Scottish Association of Magical Societies annual convention. He also took the shield in 1979. He works as an architectural technician with the Keith firm of Simpson and Wright.

Roundabout on Cluny Square - A small roundabout is to be introduced in the centre of Cluny Square Grampian Regional Roads Department has decided.

A new car - Millbank Garage are advertising the 'sensational' new Peugeot 205 GT at prices from £3995 to £6645. "It will suit everyone's pocket". (It was away out o my range, I can mine.)

Feb 12 **Kirk minister fined** - Rev John Osbeck, Church of Scotland minister for Enzie and Rathven churches was fined for having no road fund license. He said that he was unrepentant and promises more law breaking. He is a supporter of the Peace Tax campaign and objects to his taxes being put towards military purposes.

Common Good Fund must not be used - Buckie Community Council are against using Common Good Fund money to pay for work to prevent slippage of part of the bank of the Buckie Burn, Moray District Council Recreational Committee, of which Hamish Watt is a member, agreed that half of the £60,000 should come from the Common Good Fund. Two other local councillors Frank Anderson and Hugh Munro were on the side of the community council led by chairman, Sandy Stewart and treasurer, Sandy Wilson.

Portgordon Harbour may get a face lift - Pictures in this edition show the holes in the harbour wall with a report stating that there were moves afoot to have these repaired.

We'll buy your player - Inverness Caley offered Buckie Thistle a four figure sum for striker, Donald Smith but this was turned down.

Boat launch - A launch took place from Jones' Shipyard on Saturday when the 75 feet long fishing boat, Crystal River, built for skipper Peter Smith, 14 Park Grove took to the water. The Crystal River is the 184th fishing boat built by the firm. The skipper's wife, Winifred, launched her.

Watching the ceremony was John Richardson; Managing Director of Jones and the Smith's minister, Rev James Elphinstone of Buckie Baptist Church who gave a dedication and offered a prayer before the bottle of champagne was smashed on the bows of the ship.

(This is the first time that this is known to have taken place at the launch of a fishing boat. A very brief Christian service took place many years before at the launch of the last minesweeper to be built at Buckie.)

The new vessel that cost £600,000 is powered by a 557 hp Caterpillar diesel engine. The Crystal River is the second vessel that Peter Smith has had built, the previous one, the Marantha, which he skippered for over a decade was sold to two members of his crew, Niven Ogg of Macduff and Neil Rumbles of Buckie. The Marantha was strictly a trawler with no seine net facility capability.. The Crystal River BCK 16 has been built with larch planking on a heavy oak frame. The upper deck is enclosed by an aluminium shelter extending from the bows to the after deck end of the wheelhouse. She is also fitted with a 157 hp Volvo engine for hydraulic power and secondary electrics.

Both the engines drive generators and give 110 and 240 volts.

There is a nine berth cabin, which is equipped to a very high standard with interior sprung mattresses. The lockers etc are all clad in high grade formica while there is electric heating and ventilation. In the galley there is a large marine electric cooker and hot and cold water. In the mess room there is a toilet and shower cabinet.

Mr Smith said that he chose to have his new vessel built at Jones because they build a good boat. He intends to fish out of Peterhead during the winter and be based at Lochinver during the summer as he did with the Marantha.

The managing director, Mr John Richardson said, "**We have another 75 foot vessel being built for a Buckie owner which is progressing well, and in addition the keel of another 75 foot vessel for a Shetland owner has just been laid therefore we can say that we are quietly confident about the continuing prosperity of Jones Shipyard.**"

Feb 19 **F AL Scottish Propeller Works** - The front page carries a story about the firm which was established by Fred Langnes m a Norwegian and a friend Chick Lamb in 1961. "Bright future likely for Buckie firm" Photographs show two workmen - Sandy Clark and Grant Drummond, also Frank Langnes and his brother Steve sons of the founder. (Kevin served his time here as a welder/plater from 1976 to 1980.)

James Slater fisherman 2 James Street - The Heritage has a copy of the transcript of an interview done on behalf of the Heritage Society in 1986 in which Mr Slater answers a lot of questions about his past life. In this edition there is a photograph of James Slater, 77, and his wife, 72, taken at their Golden Wedding celebration in the Station Hotel Portsoy. The couple were married on February 14 1935.

*** **George Addison, Cullen writes about the present state of church spire on Seafield Street**

One might have thought that they could have squared off the stump in Norman style as it is it looks as if it had a disease and was withering away. They say that there is no money to repair the steeple why don't they sell the coin collection, which I believe was left to the people of Cullen by a watchmaker and jeweller in 1889. My late father told me that the coins were all Roman or early English, some of which were gold.

I am led to understand that the collection was last seen in the council chambers after the Town Hall was rebuilt since then nothing has been heard of it. When I asked former councillors they said that it was probably in the bank as such a collection would be worth a lot of money.

Surely at present day values enough money could be generated to repair the tower by auctioning the collection off.

Feb 26 **Proposed closure of 'Matty' still makes news** - A big turn out of interested members of the public were present in the main function room of the St Andrews Hotel to hear various speakers on the proposed closure of the Maternity Unit at Seafield Hospital. The heading was 'Closure Unacceptable' Feelings run high and at times exchanges were heated
(It had been proposed to close the Maternity Unit and transfer everything to a new unit at Maryhill in Elgin. The Northern Scot, newspaper, of 21 November 2003 carried a story that the Maternity Unit at Maryhill, Elgin may close.)

The end of the line - St Andrews Hotel The following notice appeared in the Banffshire Advertiser of this date. The owners of the above hotel wish to intimate that the Function Halls will close for business on Monday 9th September 1985. All parties with bookings up to this date can be assured that their function will be carried out to our usual high standard. Parties who wish to book a function before the above date should enquire at the hotel as usual. All lunches will cease from Sunday 3rd March. High teas, funeral teas and coach parties and accommodation will continue as normal up until the 9th September. The public bar, snug, snooker and lounge bar are not affected and will continue as normal
To avoid unnecessary speculation and rumour the owners of the hotel have no financial problems. The continuing ill health of the owner has been the main deciding factor in reaching this conclusion.
The future of the function hall is being looked at closely at the present time with a view to it being put to some form of community use.

Mar 5 **Renewed hopes** - Their now appears to be a sound foundation for hopes that the Seafield Hospital maternity unit may be saved.
In addition to the tremendous level of opposition in the local area towards closure Elgin doctors expressed views last week, which may well, force the Board into a rethink.

Appeal for funds - The Buckie and District Trust Fund committee formed to provide transport for the areas elderly and disabled have appealed for cash to fund the provision and maintenance of a minibus equipped to carry handicapped people.

Hangs up his boots or is his duster this time - A well known local figure last week severed a 38 year link with local schools as a janitor and teacher. On Wednesday, his 65th birthday, Mr Alex Thomson, better known as 'Bomber' received a Caithness crystal vase and silver St Christopher medallion from staff at Millbank Primary School to mark his retirement.
Alex, a former well known footballer and coach, has been at Millbank for just over a year, previously he had become a popular figure with children at St Peter's Primary School where he had been janitor for 13 years.
He was a PE teacher in local schools before becoming a janitor.

A second fisherman drowns - Last Monday evening a young Grimsby man became the second Buckie-based fisherman to lose his life at sea within a week. Paul Mann, aged 20, a married man with a young child was lost overboard from the Grimsby fishing boat Marandi that has been fishing out of Buckie. The previous Wednesday 24 year old David Campbell from Findochty was lost from the Buckie fishing boat Integrity.

Mar 12 **Portgordon Harbour** - The go-ahead has been given for the much needed remedial work to take place at Portgordon harbour in the near future.

Are ye intae computers? If you are and fancy forming a club please phone Clochan xx384.

Herdie's boat launches reach to 287 - Saturday saw the 287th vessel built by the boatyard of Herd and Mackenzie, since the yard was first established in Findochty in 1903, take to the water. The 60 foot dual purpose vessel, named Loch Inchard II by the skipper's wife has been built for Lairg man Mr John Mackay. This was the first launch of 1985 for 'Herdies' and could also be the last to be launched under its present name. The new boat will be powered by a 320 hp Volvo engine, which will be fitted this week.

Mar 19 **Short Time Working** - As a result of industrial action the engineering section of the Thorn Lighting factory at March Road, Buckie has been put on short time working. The workers are in dispute with the company over a pay claim in excess of 6% rise offered by the company.

A white-out - Just when the recent balmy weather had people thinking that spring had come winter returned with something of a vengeance. Heavy snowfalls throughout Friday led to nearly a foot of snow in some parts with outlying places having an even deeper fall. If motorists and others were none too happy with 'white stuff' the children revelled in it as the numerous photographs on pages 8 and 9 testify. The deep snow also meant that both the Rovers and Thistle had a blank day with their grounds unplayable.

Mar 26 **'Herdies' declare 'Business as Usual'** That is the message coming loud and clear from the new owners of Herd and Mackenzie's shipyard. General Manager, Ian Sinclair and Yard Manager, Jim Farquhar who have taken over the yard with the backing of outside parties hope that the establishment of a secure operational base will result in increased work for the yard. The future of the yard was thrown into doubt when its previous owners, the Fishermen's Mutual Association collapsed at the turn of the year with massive debts

Nine years inside - Former Buckie man John Maybury was sent to prison for nine years last Wednesday after being convicted of the attempted murder of his teenage lover in Aberdeen. With two kitchen knives he stabbed her six times leaving one of the knives sticking in her back. During a six hour operation to remove the knife the patient's heart stopped twice and she was brought back to life.

Are ye looking for a site for a hoose? There are building plots for sale down at Westburn Court, Buckpool, near where the former Buckpool railway station was situated.

Another boat takes to the water - Saturday saw the launch from the shipyard of Wm. Thomson and Son of the 75 foot fishing boat Shalimar built for Hopeman skipper Dan Sutherland. It is interesting to note that this was the third fishing boat to be built by Thomson's for Dan Sutherland each one being called Shalimar. The first Shalimar built in October 1969 cost £57,000, the second in 1976 £220,000 with the newest one almost three times more again at £600,000.

Apr 2 **Gosh sic a response, there wis moths a'wye.** - There has been a tremendous response to Buckie and District Trust Fund appeal which was launched last month for money to buy a mini-bus for the elderly and disabled. Within days donations began to pour in and already the appeal is nearing £1000. It is hoped to raise £10,000

Big shot on maiden trip - The Buckie registered fishing boat, Crystal River, skipper and owner, Peter Smith landed a huge catch of 783 boxes at the end of her maiden trip at Peterhead fetching a total of £29,824 at the market. A Maud buyer paid £4.15 for the first box of large haddocks.

They'll sort out things - A community council has been formed in Portknockie to fight for a better deal for the coastal town and its people. Already its members have come up with a whole host of local issues.

Christmas Lights - A fund is to be set up as part of an all out effort to provide Buckie with Christmas lighting to be proud of. Two of the town's most active organisations Buckie Community Council and Buckie District Chamber of Commerce and Trade have joined forces to raise money for new lights.

We've a new name now - A new body has been formed to represent the business interests of the town. The Buckie and District Chamber of Commerce and Trade replaces Buckie and District Traders Association for years the mouthpiece of the town's shopkeepers.

Chairman – Alex Stewart – Mace Supermarket, Buckpool, vice chairman, Eddie Malcolm, Archibald's Garage, Barhill Road., Miss Wilma Leslie, Solicitor, secretary.

Mair support – Grampian Regional Council added their weight to the body of opposition re the closure of small maternity hospitals around the region.

April 9 **Don't fence me in!** A compromise has been reached at Strathlene on the issue of fencing to keep motorists off the grass. Councillor Frank Anderson was all for there being no fence with motorists free to take their vehicles on to the grass at all points. However there was much opposition against this both from members of Moray District Council Recreation Department, members of the public, the owner of Strathlene House and the community council. A wooden fence with rails has been erected.

Building to have a new use - The large building, three and more stories high, at the east end of St Peter's Terrace, which in its history has been a bank and dwelling house, boarding house and private residence is to be converted into 10 single person flats. The planning application was approved.

It had been a long wait - Buckie Thistle ended a six year wait for silver ware and a 28 year one for the Aberdeenshire Cup with a convincing victory over Fraserburgh on Saturday at Victoria Park where the Thistle won by three goals to nil.

For Jag's manager, Dave Watson it was third time lucky. Since taking over at Victoria Park he has guided the Jags to two Highland League Cup finals only to see them fall at the last hurdle.

The winning team was – Innes, Shearer, Morrison, Pirie, Buchannan, McPherson, Nicol, Stephen, Smith (Catto), Tallis (Ewen) Anderson.

Twenty year old Alan 'Mickey McPherson was said to have a very good game. Apart from McPherson the other local lads in the team were Ali Ewen and Alex Innes from Portknockie and Graeme Tallis and Robbie Nicol both of Buckie.

Fit will we dee wi it? Moray District Council could develop a six acre stretch of land around the Rathven Burn stretching from Burnside Cemetery to the course of the Former Highland Railway as an amenity area. They bought the land for £2000 from Grampian Regional Council. The six acres had been bought by GRC along with the land at March Road for industrial development.

Apr 23 **Work begins** - Work has begun at Portgordon harbour to effect repairs. The 69th Independent Ghurka Field Squadron who is to do the work of repairing the sea wall was given a great reception when they arrived in the village.

The soldiers are fully prepared for the work in hand, their equipment including compressors, a crane, diggers, tractors, dumpers and motorised assault craft. **A full report is given on the front page.**

We've started up – An advert read – Charlie and Brian Davidson, 3 St Paul Street have commenced in business as carpenters and joiners. Competent in all types of joinery work and specialists in hard wood windows and doors also kitchen design.

Adverts – Douglas Burgess, Builder, Clochan xx 316

R. D. Souter (Erick) Carpenter and Joiner, 17 McKenzie Road.

Auction sale at 8/9 Cluny Terrace on Saturday 27 April at 11.00am. A. G. Cross.

Sale – One day Wallpaper and Paint, Royal Hotel, Keith, Fair City Decorators, Aberdeen.

Carpets – One day sale in the Cluny Hotel, Doncaster firm.

Bridal Fashions, Mrs Mary Kemp, 6 Sutherland Crescent

Shortage of fish leads to lay-offs - Shortages of fish have resulted in lay-offs at Cox Fish processing plant at March Road.

Teams in the Welfare League – Macduff, Portknockie, Portsoy, St Marnans, Portgordon, Whitehills, Cullen, Portsoy, Buckpool, Victoria,

Rovers receive financial support - Buckie Rovers F.C. Who play in the Morayshire Junior League learned that they had been successful in their application to Moray District Council for financial support for their new football pitch and Merson Park

The estimated cost of constructing the park is £16,957. **See full report in this edition of the `Advertiser.**

A Change over at the Herber- Captain Tom Garden, retired this week after reaching the age of 65. He has been harbourmaster at Buckie harbour since 1965. Taking over in his place is Captain Willie Wood, 52, who have been employed at the harbour as an assistant for the past 4 years.

Apr 30 **Housing needs** the front page carried the news that efforts to provide accommodation locally for mentally handicapped people was gathering momentum. - A committee involving professional people and members of the local branch of the Scottish Society for the Mentally Handicapped has been formed and donations for the cause have begun to come in. Mrs Gordon was elected chairman, local solicitor, Charles Breen, secretary with John Steele, a local banker as treasurer, plus a committee of 17

Buckie fisherman drowned - A 36 year old Buckie man, Raymond Jappy (Todger) was drowned early on Friday morning at Stronsay harbour in Orkney. His home address was 41 Cairnfield Crescent, Buckpool. After being unemployed for a spell Mr Jappy, a bachelor, had taken a berth on the Inverness registered fishing vessel, Heritage, skippered by Andrew Flett of Hopeman.

Coffee Evening - St Peter's Ladies Guild in aid of the Community Bus Trust. Tickets cost 60p.

Come to the Circus - Robert Brothers Circus will be in Merson Park, Buckpool, Buckie from Monday till Wednesday 6 to 8 May. Adults £4, £3 and £2 with children £3, £2 and £1.50. Elephants, horses, ponies and dogs. Zoo opens daily from 10am.

Half Marathon - A high degree of interest has already been shown in the half marathon, which is to be staged in Buckie this summer by Buckie and District Round Table and sponsored by Moravian Motors. Due to the great interest shown two new sections have been introduced.

Bright pupil - A 6th Year Chemistry student at Buckie High School, Alison Bruce, 17 of Glebe Park Crescent, Cullen has made two new compounds. The new

chemicals are based on the precious metal platinum and amino acids the building blocks of which proteins are made. **A full report is given on page 9** also a photograph of Alison along with teacher, Mr Jeff Jones and Mr George McKenzie, Rector.

Opening announcement - Charlyn's Boutique and the Firth Furnishers at. 33-37 West Church Street will open on Thursday 2 May. . The Boutique will have a big fashionable, selection of girl's tops, jeans, skirts, dresses and jewellery. Next door there will be special opening offers on furniture.

May 7 **Sudden death of local priest** - The town was shocked to learn of the death of Canon David Kidd Keith who has been parish priest at St Peter, RC church in Buckie for the past 11 years and was a well known figure in the community Canon Keith died at his brother's home in Dundee on Thursday. He was 59. **A full report is given on the front page.**

Fishermen's Hall reopens - Last Wednesday evening saw the 'new' Fishermen's Hall open its door for a public gathering for the first time. The staging of the Buckie Ladies Lifeboat Guild Fashion Show in the totally transformed building was the culmination of a three year wait and £2000,000 worth of expenditure.

Probus Club first AGM - The first annual general meeting of the Probus (Professional and business) was held in the Cluny Hotel on April 25 1985 and was well attended. Treasurer, Bert Samuel in his financial report showed that the club, which has now a membership of 36, had a credit balance of £16.40 after its first year in existence. His recommendation that the subscription be set at £2 for 1985/86 was accepted.

May 14 **Portgordon harbour** - The repairs to the sea wall at Portgordon harbour are nearing completion. The indications are that the soldiers from a regiment renowned for their toughness and determination have been displaying these qualities in a task they have been given in the local area. Despite poor weather conditions for the time of the year repair work on Portgordon harbour being carried out by men of the 69th Independent Gurkha Field Squadron is progressing well and is expected to be completed by the middle of next week.

Girl Guide Association - The women of Buckie Girl Guide Association have embarked on a fund-raising campaign with the aim of generating monies to pay for a replacement hut in the town. The condition of the existing building at Cathcart Grove provided by the Association in 1930 is deteriorating rapidly with years of dampness having taken their toll on the building interior.

Forty years on - The Allies victory in Europe forty years ago was remembered with pride on Sunday. Buckie Legionaries dusted off their campaign medals and wore them with pride in a parade through the town. They were joined by 26 representatives of a fighting breed, The Gurkha, who proved to be among the British 's most formidable allies in the Second World War. Alex Ferguson was the parade commander.

Guest speaker - Rev Wm. Taylor, minister of the North Church and a former teacher of Classics was the guest speaker at the Probus lunch meeting last Thursday when a company of forty members and guests were present. He was welcomed by the chairman, Mr James Green. Mr Taylor's subject was Education. Mr Peter Hutcheson gave the vote of thanks.

May 21 **Strathlene Caravan site** - Much concern has been raised about the caravan site at Strathlene which at the present time lies in a desolate state, apart from two unoccupied caravans which were not removed when it was closed.

Moray District Council, owners of the site, decided they could not afford the £60,000 required to bring it up to standard.

Good news for shipyard workers - Employment for the 84 strong work force at Jones Shipyard, Buckie has now been virtually guaranteed until the end of next year with the securing of two new boat orders with a combined value of £1.3m pounds. One vessel is for Shetland skipper, John Anderson and partners and the other for young Whitehills skipper David Findlay and partners whose agents are M.D.M, Buckie.

Baptist Church, Buckie. The pastor is Rev. James Elphinstone.

Councillors to resign - At the latest meeting of Buckie Community Council members were disappointed to learn that both the secretary Mrs Elsie Jamieson and treasurer, Mr Sandy Wilson had decided to stand down at the end of the current session and not to offer themselves for re-election come September.

Death of former banker - A retired banker, Mr Ian Forbes, died in Woodend Hospital, Aberdeen this week aged 73. He was manager of the Bank of Scotland in Buckie for 8 years. He was involved in many organisations in the town including the British Legion, Abbeyfield, Rotary, Speakers, Probus, and the Amateur Swimming club. He was an elder of the South and West Church.

Death of former skipper - Mr James Murray, former skipper died at his home, Elora, East Church Street this week. He was 76. He first went to sea with his father on the Handsome, BCK1. In 1955 he had the MB Steadfast BCK22 built in 1955 which he skippered until he retired in 1974.

Fishermen's Hall re-opens - The new-look Fishermen's Hall was officially unveiled by Recreation Committee chairman (M.D.C) Co. Tom Howe on 16th May. The Doric Theatre Company with their production 'Precarious Living' was the first event to be staged since the refurbishment of the building was completely finished. 350 members of the public, members of the District Council and officials were present to hear Co. Howe declare the hall open before the start of the play The hall when newly built was opened on New Year's Day 1886.

May 28 **Gurkhas honoured** - The local authority and Portgordon folk gave a big thank you to the soldiers of the Ghurka Regiment for the work they had done on the walls etc of the harbour. **Report is given on the front page.**

Buckie man awarded the BEM - Chief Petty Officer, with the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, Mr Edward Smith, 3 McIntosh, Avenue, Portessie received the BEM in the New Year's Honours List. He was presented with the medal in Edinburgh by the Secretary of State for Scotland George Younger.

Surprise, surprise - The surprise news that Strathlene caravan site was to reopen was given a resounding welcome by many sources in Buckie. Moray District Council surprised everybody by agreeing to provide the necessary funding to reopen the site.

Junior football - Fochabers F. C. won the North Regional League (North). The championship flag was handed over by the league president, Bill Cruickshank, Keith.

Buckie Thistle - There is reason for optimism from supporters of Buckie Thistle regarding the playing side following Friday evening's AGM but there is also cause for concern about the club's continued ability to remain financially viable. There was an alarming deficit of £%,044 on the club's playing activities, however, this had been offset by a surplus of £3,121 on the club's other dealings.

Opening announcement - 'Playtime' 74a, East Church Street. A large range of toys to suit all ages,

June 4 **Buckie harbour** - The upturn in trade at Buckie harbour, reflected in the recent announcement by Grampian Regional Council that the port's earnings were up 52% to nearly £173,000 in the past year seems set to be maintained. The local authority are demonstrating their confidence in Buckie's future as a commercial port by proposing improvements costing around £300,000

Week's landings at Buckie harbour - Twenty-four boats landed catches in Buckie last week including 6 Danish vessels. Altogether 2,700 boxes of shrimps and 1,126 boxes of white fish were landed between Monday and Friday. The boats were - Arlando, Notterdam, Bunillidh, Kemara, Crystal River, Morning Star, Rival Kedana, Strathpeffer, Hallmark, Crimond, Anna Bhan, Seawave, Sulven, Morann, and Braes o' Strathlene and Harvest Gleaner.

Extension to 'Bob Cruickshank's' Bob Cruickshank who came to Buckie as manager of W. G. Davidson, Cullen's Radio, TV and Electrical business at 32 West Church Street and in 1973 took the opportunity to buy the business for himself recently bought which was part of the old police station on Banff Street so that his showroom might be extended.

FMA. A large sale of stock costing in the region of £250,000 belonging to the Fishermen's Mutual Association, now in liquidation, starts on Friday June 7th. At 19 Commercial Road. The goods consist of household items, clothing, fishing nets and accessories.

Italian shopkeeper dies - Guisseppa Iannetta known to generation of folk in Buckie simply as 'Joe' died on 3 June in Dr Gray's Hospital, Elgin. He was 89.

June 11 **Gift of a bus** - Buckie & District Trust Fund last week took delivery of the vehicle given to them by Buckie High School for the purpose of transporting elderly and disabled people locally. Mr Charles Milne, along with Douglas Milton and Gordon Coull carried out the work to convert the vehicle for use to which it will be put.

District nurse retires - Miss Ruby Hughson retired after nearly three decades as the area's district nurse. She received a presentation at the Cathcart Grove Clinic with a cheque from friends and colleagues and also other gifts.

Buckie Common Good Fund - According to an age old unwritten law any money from this Fund was only to be spent on something which would be in the best interests of a large percentage of the people of the town. Moray District Council had the support of Councillor Hamish Watt that some money from the Fund should be spent on paying for work to be done to stabilise the banks of the Buckie Burn north of the Victoria Bridge. The community council were totally opposed to this.

This week there was now hopes that Buckie Common Good Fund would not be used to meet half the cost of the work to the rear of the Victoria Bowling Green. The original proposal made by Moray District Council Recreation Department was that half the £60,000 estimated work should be paid from money from the Buckie Common Good Fund.

Cars of grass at Strathlene - The news that motorists were to be allowed on to the grass at Strathlene was made known to the community council at their recent meeting and immediately deplored. Local Councillor Frank Anderson was all for it and felt that it was only right that picnickers should be allowed to take their cars on to the grass and could not see that they were doing any damage. This view was at variance with many other people.

June 18 **Maternity Unit gains a reprieve** - The news that Seafield Hospital Maternity Unit was to be given a reprieve by Grampian Health Board has been given an understandable welcome in the local area. The stay of execution, however, is only temporary and will be reviewed again in two years time.

Refreshments at the hall opening - The chairman of Buckie Community Council, Mr Sandy Stewart, objected strongly that the refreshments provided at the re-opening of the Fishermen's Hall including a glass of wine should have been paid for from the Common Good Fund. This, he said, was not a fitting purpose for the cash. The fact that only two members of the community council were invited to the opening was something, which again didn't suit members. Who chose those to invite, was the question posed by Mr Bill Jappy. Mr Sandy Wilson said that in any similar event in the future he proposed that local members should be consulted.

Launch from Jones' Shipyard - Drummur-based landowner and entrepreneur Keith Schellenberger revived his links with Buckie on Saturday when his new yacht, 'Amy Rose' a 40' Spey Class was launched from Jones' Shipyard.

Buckie Rovers' player wins all the awards - At the Rovers' annual dinner and dance held in the Buckpool Golf Club 18 year old Gary Innes was voted Player of the Year, Player's Player of the Year and Young Player of the Year.

Guiding Association reach milestone - The Guiding Association of Great Britain celebrates its 75th birthday this year and to mark the occasion a special torch lighting ceremony is being held at Buckingham Palace on June 24th. Specially chosen guides from all over Britain will attend the ceremony and among them will be Hazel More from Buckie representing Scotland. Hazel, of 32 Cameron Crescent was expressly selected as her birthday is on June 24.

June 25 **Buckie could lose out on jobs** - Buckie is in danger of losing a £1.500,000-shopping scheme, which would bring more than 40 jobs to the town. Property company Jaymarket Development Ltd have threatened to pull out of a major supermarket and office building plan for east Cathcart Street. However, M.D.C. are considering selling a crucial piece of the land jigsaw to local funeral director, Mr Wm. Mair. This would almost certainly end our interest said Jay Director, Alan Wilson. As the land wrangle could block the supermarket plans.

Launch of the Ocean Sovereign- Friday afternoon saw the formal unveiling of a new venture for three Buckie fishermen when the 75' seine net fishing boat christened Ocean Sovereign was launched from Jones' Shipyard by Pauline Patient, teenage daughter of skipper Robert Patient. His partners in the venture are John McKay from Macduff and James Sutherland, Buckie.

Portgordon United - A photograph in this edition shows the 'Port' being awarded the Maitland Cup as winners of the trophy.

The Sinclair C5 - Make the main attraction of your fete or gala the Sinclair C5 all electrical personal transport. First in the north east for hire. Versatile Shop, Seafield Street, Cullen. **A sketch of the car is shown.**

July 2 **Slaughterhouse to close - shock!** The fight is on to save an important facility for local farmers and jobs of the men who work there. Local community, district and regional councillor Hamish Watt is leading the struggle with full backing from the NFU.

The Aberdeen & Northern Marts subsidiary company, AMMCO dropped a bombshell on Wednesday last when they announced that their abattoir at Buckpool was to close with effect from the end of the week.

Sports shop to close - Mr and Mrs Joe Bruce who have ran Bruce's Sports shop on West Church Street for the past 12 years have announced that they are to close down.

Seafield Hospital mini fete - A mini fete in aid of the Community Bus is to be held at Seafield Hospital on Saturday 6 July. It will be opened by Dick Gardiner, Hopeman, of BBC Beechgrove Garden fame.

1st Half Marathon - Buckie's first ever half-marathon, organised by Buckie and District Round Table and ran on Sunday, proved to be a spectacular success. The race was won by Charlie McIntyre of Fraserburgh. Don Ritchie was second. The first woman home was Marjory Swaten with Rathven woman; Barbara Finnie Ratchen only seconds behind. Moravian Motors spent £425 on trophies and also presented the two winners with expensive quartz watches. **A report is given on page 10**

July 9 **Foundation for hope** - There appears to be sound foundation for hopes that the abattoir at Buckpool, which shut down in a shock move on June 28 by AMMCO, may reopen.

Opening announcement - Ian and Kreesha Smith have taken over the Sports Shop at 61 West Church Street formerly owned by the Bruces.

A success - The mini fete at Seafield Hospital last Saturday raised £2,650 for the Community Bus Fund.

New minister - Sixty four year old Glaswegian Rev. George Scott was inducted at a service in the All Saints Episcopal Church, Buckie on the evening of July 1 by the Bishop of Aberdeen and Orkney and the Rev Frederick Darwent.

Sale time - At Woman in Mind, Ladies Outfitter, 39 West Church Street. The shop is ran by two woman partners one of who is Mrs Christine Slorach (nee Scott)

Former school teacher dies - Miss Annie Louisa (Nan) Birnie died at her home, Monaco, 89 High Street aged 93. She was a daughter of a fish curer. She is survived by her sister and brother Bruce.

School Dux - The Dux of Buckie High School this year is Shona Thomson, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Thomson, Merson Street, Buckie.

July 16 **Ark Housing** - The bid to provide Ark Housing accommodation for mentally handicapped people took a step forward with a suitable site on Land Street being identified. (A considerable part of this was formerly taken up by A. Hendry and Sons Joiners.) A photograph shows Councillor Frank Anderson and Mrs Joanna Gordon, Letterfourie, committee chairman looking at the area in question.

A photograph shows - The fishing vessel Morayshire left Buckie harbour recently to make her way back to Lossiemouth where she is to become part of the permanent exhibits at the Lossiemouth Fisheries and Community Museum. The vessel had been to the shipyard of Herd and Mackenzie, where she was built in 1946, where work was carried out at no cost.

Advert - 'Strathlene' Insurance and Finance, 12 Cluny Square. The owner is 'Chickory' Douglas, formerly of Fochabers.

Another success for Portgordon United - A photograph shows the united team who had just won the Legion Shield in the Welfare League after beating Portknockie by 3 goals to two at Merson Park. The trophy was handed over by Willie Geddes vice chairman of Buckpool Victoria to Portgordon captain George Gardiner.

Getting his face washed! Alistair Ingram, a local teacher was in the stocks at Buckpool Golf Club gala and is seen getting a weef sponge in the face from pupil Karl Phimister.

July 23 **Living in hope** – A photograph shows one of the runways at the wartime aerodrome at Dallachy where it is still hoped a pipeline fabrication yard will be set up in connection with the oil industry.

Galas galore – It was a busy week of galas, taking place at Buckpool, Cullen, Portknockie and Fochabers.

Gala Queen – Fourteen years old Diane Mair 13 Haig Street, was crowned Gala Queen at the Portknockie Gala

Gala Princess - Over at Cullen 13 year old Lynn Clark of 17 Logie Avenue was crowned this year's Gala Princess.

July 30 **Nearing the target** – The Buckie and District Trust Fund is nearing its initial cash target. The Fund set up at the end of February has now reached the figure of £10,725. The target set was £12,000 which it was felt would not be reached for two years but now it is believed can be reached by November.

Abbeyfield gets cash grant - Moray District Council agreed to give £500 to the Abbeyfield Society, Buckie to ensure conditions for the elderly there are as comfortable as possible. The Society were contemplating buying a stair lift.
Report is found on the front page

To represent the Observer Corps - Miss Mary Jappy 11 Provost Reid Crescent and Miss June Marshall, 39 Great Western Road were chosen representatives of Buckie Branch of the Royal Observer Corps to travel to Bentley Priory in Stanmore Essex to attend the Royal Garden Party on June 27 to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of the R.O.C. There they got to meet and chat with the Queen Air Commodore in Chief.

Peter Fair - Alan Wiseman, reporter with the 'Advertiser' wrote a good, long report on the fair in this edition – well worth reading.

Aug 6 **Mosstodloch sawmill** - The prospects for the workforce are uncertain at the big sawmill at Mosstodloch where Riddoch's the owners still await a buyer. A full report is given on the front page.

Cleared of murder - A report on the front page tells how a Portknockie man was cleared of the charge of murdering his mother.

Aug 13 **The bowlers are nae happy** - The bowlers at Victoria Bowling Green bemoan the lack of progress being made on the stabilisation of the banks of the Buckie Burn behind their club house where considerable damage has taken place due to subsidence.

Former councillor and footballer dies - Adam Gowie known to many as Abbie a former Thistle player and town councillor died at Netherha' Old Folk's Home aged 81.

Advert – Peter Slater, Gents Outfitter, 65 West Church Street, Buckie

Aug 20 **Missing from home** - Mrs Lilian Cowie (43) 27 Anton Street, Buckpool, is reported as being missing from home since Sunday August 18th. She has been unwell recently and the police are worried.

Floods again - For the umpteenth time the Stripie Burn in Findochty overflowed its banks following on heavy rain flooding also took place at Drybridge. There are photographs showing both places under water in this edition.

Newsagent to retire - James Wood, Newsagent, Portknockie has intimated that he is to retire shortly after being in business in the village for 24 years.

Travel Club - A new club held its first meeting in the Cluny Hotel last week. The Travel Club is the brainchild of Mrs Marjory Whalley, Cameron Crescent

Huntly versus Buckie - Yours truly wrote his first ever report for the 'Advertiser' on the doings of Buckie Thistle. It was felt that Donald Smith was Buckie's top man hence the heading - 'Smith - A Mighty Man was He' Karl felt that it was just a little over the top.

Aug 27 **Crossing patrol wanted** - The parents with children at St Peter's School were asking for a crossing patrol on Land Street.

No evidence of an earthquake - still the owner of a house on Rannas Place, Portessie got more than a surprise when the building fell down

More flooding - Just days after they got tidied up after the last floods on August 19 the people in Drybridge were hit once again.

Sept 3 **For sale** - There had been an inkling of hope that the abattoir at Buckpool would reopen after being closed down on June 28 with the loss of twenty jobs but this didn't happen and was offered for sale this week.

Opening announcement - Sandy Laing, Mason and Bricklayer, Portknockie.

Nae traffic problem noo - The mini roundabout on Cluny Square is now finished.

Sept 10 **Body recovered** - The body of Mrs Lilian Cowie, was recovered from the North Sea last week 45 miles east of Aberdeen by the oil rig stand by vessel, Grampian Prince.

Let there be light - The stretch of the A98 road running through Arradoul is to be lit up. This was agreed by G.R. C. This is most unusual since the road is a trunk road and outwith the Region's responsibility.

Sept 17 **Change of use** - The dining block at Buckie High School is likely to be converted into a unit for children with special needs presently at the Richmond School, Clochan.

The first launch - Saturday saw the first launch of a fishing vessel at the shipyard of Herd and Mackenzie since the managerial take over in the wake of demise of the Fishermen's Mutual Association. The vessel, which was built for Skipper Ashley Goodbrand, Portsoy was named Ptarmigan.

Sept 24 **Latest figure** - The Buckie and District Trust Fund founded at the end of February with the aim of providing transport for the old and disabled locally, now stands at £11,884.

Land Street crossing survey - The survey undertaken to see if the numbers of children crossing the road and also the amount of traffic justified the crossing being patrolled has been done.

Oct 1 **Opening announcement** - Brenton's Store, 20 Seaview Road (formerly occupied by Reid and Slater) to open on October 4th. Gifts and Xmas presents at bargain prices.

Clochan - Bible Services to take place in the Clochan Hall on Wednesday 2 October at 7.30pm.

Advert – Marella Hair Fashions, 11 Richmond Place, and Portgordon. Ladies and Girls, Joyce Burgess.

Hawthorne Restaurant, Fordyce - The restaurant has come out among seven finalists in the 'Taste of Britain' award for Scotland. Robert and Elizabeth Legget who opened the Hawthorne Restaurant in the Spring of 1984 are justifiably delighted by their success. The restaurant seats 24.

Boats and Fish landings at Buckie - 18 boats landed 821 boxes of white fish and prawns. The boats were – Odyssey, Resolute, Anna Bhan, Crimond, Lynn Marie, Pilot Star, Sea Wave, Suilven, Rival, Kidana, Hallmark, Avail, Lunaria, Braes O' Strathlene, Heathery Brae, Elegant, Astra and Bunillidh.

Young teacher dies - Mrs Maryse Barr, a French teacher at Buckie High School and wife of Donald Barr PT Music at Speyside died in Seafield Hospital, Buckie on September 23 at the age of 31 from Cancer. Mrs Barr gave birth to a baby girl, Elise, three months ago.

Oct. 8 **Abattoir at Buckpool sold** - The former AMMCO abattoir at Buckpool has been sold to Grampian Country Pork. It is hoped that around fifty jobs will be created as well as beneficial spin –off for local farmers.

Head teacher retires - Mrs Effie Davidson has retired after 11 years head teacher at Richmond School, Clochan. A special ceremony and presentation was organised by Mrs Sandra Smart, assistant head to mark Mrs Davidson's departure.

Former Thistle stalwart dies - George Tough who gave sterling service to Buckie Thistle through a long and illustrious career died this week at the age of 63. He was a native of Mosstodloch where his dad was a sawmill worker; 'Toughie' came to prominence as a football player with Mosstodloch in 1939 when playing with the village team then in the Buckie Welfare League. He served his time as a baker with Murray's of Fochabers before being called up. He served as an air crew member in the RAF with Coastal Command.

Oct. 15 **Another fishing tragedy** - The town was saddened yet again to learn of yet another loss of life at sea. Three local men were reported to be missing, two of them being brothers. They are Joseph Innes 25 and Kenneth Innes 26 and Stuart Taylor, 24, of Cullen. They were members of the crew of the Banff-registered Ocean Harvest, which would appear to have sank. Two of the men were married, Joseph Innes leaves a wife Susan and two sons, Stuart and Campbell; Stuart leaves a wife, Linda. They have no family.

A new Mensa member - Andrew Murray, 16, of 26 Douglas Crescent has become a member of Mensa. He originally had an IQ of 149 but after the test in London this went up to 156.

Hey Presto! Presto one of the UK's major multiple grocery groups are making Scottish retailing history by opening 77 Presto supermarkets all on the same day, including one at Buckie.

Its an event worth noting in Buckie because Templeton supermarket on High Street, along with the other 76 supermarket stores in Scotland is adopting the Presto name.

Local singer in the money - John Grigor formerly of Oxhill Farm, Clochan, a tenant farmer, now living at Burnside Cottages won the first prize of £500 at a singing competition held at Butlin's Holiday Camp in Ayr this year. His efforts

also earned himself, his wife Doreen and children Ian 8 and Allan 6 a free holiday. He sang 'Good Hearted Woman.' John has had many years' practice in public performing.

Oct 22 **Memorial Service** – A memorial service for Buckie brothers, Kenneth and Joseph Innes, lost at sea on October 11 when the Macduff fishing vessel Ocean Harvest sank in stormy conditions in the North Sea is to be held in the North Church, Buckie, on Sunday.

Generous donation - The Buckie and District Trust Fund, which provides transport for the elderly and disabled, received a large donation towards funds of £3,300 from Mr Ernie and Margaret Anderson of the St Andrews Hotel. £300 towards the fund set up to purchase a new mini-bus and £3000 to be used to maintain it.

Business changes hands - 'Bridal Fashions', owned by Mrs Mary Kemp has been sold to Miss Deborah Ewen who will be trading from Old Market Place in Banff. Mrs Kemp still intends to trade as 'Hat Box' from her home at 6 Sutherland Crescent, selling hats, gloves, handbags etc and looks forward to serving both old and new customers.

10 K race another success - The second 10K race to be held in Buckie was a winner and it looks very much as if it will become a regular event. A field of 124 competitors took part. Colin Farquharson, Aberdeen was the first male runner over the line with a time of 30m and 30 seconds. First local man home was Andrew Newlands with a time of 32 minutes and 56 seconds. June Marshall. Black Isle, was the first lady home turning in a time of 45 minutes and 1 second, behind her, 43 seconds later came Barbara Finnie, Rathven.

Oct. 29 **Opening announcement** - D. J. Beattie, 14 Baron Street - TV's, videos, Audio Repairs, Sales, Personal Services. (Forbes the Bakers originally occupied the shop and later was a barber's shop.)

Off on his travels - Bill Forbes, who formerly had a barber's shop on Cluny Square where he was known as the 'Lightning Barber' set off on yet another safari in, Kenya, during which time he hopes to hitch hike a distance of 2000 miles. Bill is no stranger to Africa having done several treks over the years.

Nov. 5 **Move is on** - The transfer to Buckie from Clochan of the local special school for children with special needs will now definitely go ahead. This was agreed at the September meeting of Grampian Regional council's Education Committee.

2nd Buckie Boys Brigade - A large, clear photograph of 2nd Buckie Boys' Brigade, associated with the Methodist Church, is shown on page 6.

Buckie Community Council - The first meeting of the new Buckie Community Council will take place in the Town House, Buckie tonight, Tuesday, 5 November. At 7.30pm.

Due to there being only six nominations being received for the vacant seats the community council will be operating at only half strength.

Representing the westward are Messrs Bill Jappy, Sandy Stewart and Allan Fraser with Mrs Alice Cumming, Mrs Alice Chalmers and Mr Roy Shepherd representing the east ward.

Fishing returns - Last week 34 fishing boats landed 2,164 boxes of fish and prawns, showing an increase on some previous weeks.

Huntly Outfitters open in Buckie – Errol Stewart and his brother Donald have opened two shops at 38 and 40 East Church Street. one called Denim Plus, the other Grapevine, being men and women's boutiques. The firm has also a branch of Denim Plus in Banff.

Bill Forbes sends a communiqué - A report on his travels in Kenya so far are to be found on page 1.

Sawmill jobs secure - The jobs of 70 men at Mosstodloch sawmill complex have been secured as a result of a take over. The new firm will be known as 'Riddochs' a Surrey-based investment company Generation Securities. Riddochs of Rothiemay went into receivership at the end of July. The principal shareholders in the new firm are the Macalpine family who were previous owners of Riddochs before selling out in 1978.

Buckie Community Council - The first meeting of BCC took place last Tuesday evening when Sandy Stewart was re-elected Chairman, Bill Jappy, vice chairman and treasurer. In the absence of any other volunteers Allan Fraser agreed to take on the secretarial post on condition that the community council investigate the possibility of enlisting outside help to assist in the execution of the role. (He was still in the post in December 2004 almost twenty years later.)

Nov. 19 **Beacon Fellowship** - The Beacon Fellowship meets every Sunday at 10.30am in the Beacon Christian Centre, 8 St. Andrews Square. (The hall that forms part of the St Andrews Hotel.)

Removal of bridge - Work is presently progressing on the removal of the bridge, which formerly carried one over the Keith to Buckie railway line at Forgieside, a short distance north of the A96, and levelling the adjacent roadway on the B9016. The road which was scheduled to be closed for up to six weeks, starting on 4th November, will be likely to be closed for another three.

Nov. 26 **Lennox Community Council** - At their first meeting the new council elected as Chairman, Jeff Jones, Clochan, Vic Ayres, Portgordon as vice chair, David Cruickshank, Fochabers as secretary and Mrs Margo Howe, Spey Bay treasurer.

Rovers lose their manager - Johnny Cowie, manager of Buckie Rovers F. C. has moved to take over Rothes, the Highland League team. His move was a blow to the local junior club as Mr Cowie was also secretary. The 43 year old teacher of Technical Subjects at Buckie High School played for Inverness Thistle, Buckie, Keith, Lossie and Rothes. The Rovers also moved smartly and have signed up Bruce Roy as their new manager. Bruce also a former Highland League player who also played in England was formerly manager of Welfare League side, Buckpool Victoria.

The traders are back - - A big sale of shoes, videos, tapes, records, cassettes and porcelain is to take place in the Cluny Hotel on 27 and 28 November. By Video Fair, Acoustics, Blackpool.

Dec. 3 **Boat christened not launched** - Saturday morning saw the christening of the third new vessel to be built by Jones' Shipyard this year. Due to the bad weather the boat wasn't launched. The wife of the Scalloway skipper, James Robb, named the 75 ft. seiner/trawler, Trident. The vessel will be powered by new eight cylinder turbo charged after cooled 650 hp Kelvin diesel and for hydraulics and secondary electrics a Volvo Penta 260hp auxiliary engine is fitted. Fishing operations will be conducted by close circuit TV system. Jones are presently engaged in the construction of another vessel for Scalloway owners while the keel for another 65 ft. vessel is expected to be laid in January for Whitehills owners.

A decade on - Buckie Thistle Social Club celebrated their ten years in existence in style on Friday November 22 with Mrs Mabel Geddes, the only female member of the current committee having the honour of cutting the celebratory birthday cake. An enjoyable buffet and dance then took place.

Dec. 10 **Female workforce go on strike** - The female production workforce at the Thorn EMI lighting plant at March Road, Buckie yesterday gave a 100% backing to a strike call in support of their claim for a better pay deal. None of the 143 Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers membership broke ranks and the other seven women production operatives who are non union members because of religious grounds also failed to report for work.

Dec 17 **Still on strike** - The dispute at the 'Lamp Factory' is still rock solid. The dispute hinges around the disparity in wages paid to workers at the factory in Buckie compared to those in the firm's factories in the south. The firm counter this by saying that the work force there are employed on different work.

The mine has gone - The war-time mine which formerly stood in Cluny Square for collecting cash for Shipwrecked Fishermen and Mariners Royal Benevolent Society has been removed and re-sited opposite the office in the harbour area. Both the firms of Hamilton Brothers and Herd and Mackenzie, Shipyard were involved in its transfer.

Dec. 23 **'Sparkie' firm goes down** - The electrical firm of Thain and Davidson, with a work force of 48 has gone into Receivership and up for sale as a going concern. Mr Brian Davidson, who began the firm with Ian Thain in 1972 has been in sole charge since 1982.

'Bulb Factory' strike ends - The two week strike at Thorn EMI lighting plant at March Road ended today with the female production workforce returning to work.

The women had rejected a 6% pay offer, which they felt would further widen wage differentials between them and female workers at the company's plants in the south. They were advised to return and have their case discussed by the arbitration service.

Mr Charles Brown, manager, described the move as a victory for common sense. The factory's profitability could not justify further wage increases and spoke of a decrease in the work force in the new year.

Christmas Greetings - The following firms in Buckie had Christmas messages in the 'Advertiser' this week - Bill and Mae Summerfield, Chemist, 7 East Church Street. Cluny Fashions, 5 High Street, John and Rob Milton, Motor Body Repairers, High Street, Mayne's Coaches, Cluny Garage, Hairdressers, 3 Bank Street, Innes Taxis, S. Anderson, Painter, 14 East Church Street, R. S. Cruickshank, TV etc, 32 West Church Street, C.B. Milne, Newsagent, East Church Street, Options, West Church Street, Archibald Motors, Barhill Road, Moravian Motors, Hunter and Pirie, 31/33 East Church Street, Nemat Ali, Furniture Centre, West Church Street and Spar 52 West Church Street, Slater Sports, Cluny Square, Carlton Hair Salon, 8 East Carlton Terrace. T. Beattie, Gents Hairdresser, Pringle Street, M & B Taxis, Millbank Garage, Raymond Cardno, Insurance Brokers etc, 21 West Church Street, Anne's and Gardens 25 and 29 West Church Street, John Sandison, Draper, East Church Street, Busy Bee 7 St Andrews Square, A. G. Stewart, and Co Butchers, 36 Commercial Road, Fabric Attraction, Mattie, Hairdresser, Karl E. Thomsen, Rigger, Normas, East Church Street, Robert Benzie, Highland Garage, Walker and Smith Electricians, West Church Street, Ian and Kressha Smith (Bruces Sports) West Church Street, W. S. Taylor, Chemist, High Street, Ritchies (Bob and Mgt. Hay 72 East Church Street) Roddy and Danny Davidson, Joiners, Baron Lane, Whyte's Taxis, Enzie, Natalie's 31 A West Church Street, Paint Pot 28 Land Street, The Hat Box, Sutherland Crescent, Doolin and Clarke, Painters, 2 Gordon Street, Isobel and staff, Crop Shop, Portessie, Coffee And Cream Café, 11 West Church Street.

Doctor to retire - Dr Ian Sutherland is to retire after 30 years in practice in Buckie. A native of Hopeman he came to Buckie in 1952.

Dec 30 (Mon) **His trip was cut short** - Bill Forbes the 75 year old former barber in Buckie was forced to cut short his safari in Kenya after being robbed by renegade soldiers on the Ugandan border. The story on the front page tends to say that the reason why his trip was aborted was more to do with beaurocracy officials coming down on him, a white man, for staying in a native camp which is not allowed.

Strathlene caravan site - Moray District Council have put the caravan site at Strathlene up for sale.

Alf Gordon (McGonagall) Alf Gordon, Joiner, Sunnybrae, Findochty, had his usual piece of doggerel written in this edition. It can be found on page 11 column 6.

Cullen viaducts - There was word that Cullen & Deskford Community Council were to commemorate the centenary of the opening of the viaducts at Cullen in 1986.

In this edition of the 'Advertiser' there is a photograph of the viaduct over the present A98 and the Deskford Burn in the process of being built. **See page 14**

Café in Cluny Square - In 1985 it was called Mr C's it was formerly known as Pop Eye's and had other names prior to this.