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Jan 7 **Real First Fits** - Two babies were born at Seafield Hospital on New Years Day. Lee Nicholls arrived at 4.25am and his appearance made it a happy New Year for his parents Lynn and David Nicholls, 63 Seatown. On the weights Lee weighed 8lbs 8 oz. Heather Lyndsay McNabb arrived at 6.02 and weighed 6lbs 11oz. Her Mam and Dad Alistair and Rosella live at 39 Braeview Road, Buckpool. Lee was the first baby to be born at Seafield Hospital on New Year's Day since 1975 said Nursing Officer, Mrs Zena Fern.

Killed on the road - Mrs Louise Mair (19) 2 Harbour Place Portknockie died in a two-vehicle collision at Ballindalloch on Thursday. Her husband William suffered a head injury, two passengers, Fraser Smith Portknockie and Elspeth Milne. Buckie sustained only slight injuries.

The foursome was returning from a skiing outing to the Lecht. Louise was the daughter of Murray and Catherine Smith, 40 Seatown. Buckie, She leaves her husband and a 14-month-old daughter Rebecca. Mr Mair is a crew member on his father's boat, the Elegant.

Caravan site for sale - The holiday caravan site at Strathlene, Buckie on the Banffshire coast is for sale. Rateable value - £2,650.

Noted local architect dies - A Buckie man who rose to become a distinguished architect and senior partner in a celebrated international firm died suddenly whilst on a business come holiday trip to Hong Kong and China recently.

Charles Tocher Donaldson RIBA Dip Arch (Aberdeen) RICA FRIAS MSIA MAAK was 52 the only son of the late Mr Andrew And Mrs Ann Donaldson Garage Proprietor and Motor Hirer, Newlands Lane, Buckie.

He was a man of many talents and interests with a great love of music and painting, an accomplished pilot who enjoyed flying. In earlier years it was no uncommon for him to fly north and land at Dallachy on his way to visit relatives in Buckie and Drybridge.

His sister Mary in Buckie and also cousins, his wife Elizabeth and children, Phillipa, Rory and Jennifer survives him. His ashes were buried in Burnside Cemetery.

His firm Covell Matthews was involved in the construction of the prestigious Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank in Hong Kong.

The first and only woman - Findochty's only woman provost, Mrs Margaret McMillan, a native of Lewis in the Outer Hebrides, died last week in Culduthel Hospital in Inverness.

Jan 14 **Employment blow** - There was a major employment blow for Buckie last week when the bulk of the manual workforce at local electrical contractors Thain and Davidson were made redundant.

At the end of last week the Receiver Mr Alan Amoore told the 'Advertiser': "I had hoped to find a buyer quickly and prevent any redundancies but this has not proved possible.

New serial by Spike - The first chapter in a serial by 'Spike' titled 'Death at Hairy Corner' starts on page 3 of this edition.

Moderator to pay a visit - The Right Rev. Dr David M. B. A. Smith MA BD Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland is to pay a visit to Buckie on Sunday January 26 when a joint service will be held in the North Church, Buckie at 7.30pm.

Music for the World Cup - A local musical duo are doing their best to generate World Cup fever with the release of what is likely to be the first of many recordings with this theme.

Vocalist Monty Esslemont and keyboard player Don Grant have just unleashed the 'Don Grant World Cup' on the music-buying public. Nicola Harvey, a sixth year pupil at Buckie High School composed a song, 'Take it Back' with Alan Wiseman, 'Advertiser' news editor a 'Scottish Samba'. A report is given on page 7.

Jan 21 **All happy** - Agreement has been reached at the Thorn Lighting Plant at Marchmount Crescent over pay and the implementation of a review of the wages grading system for female employees.

The female workforce feels that they have gained an important concession with the lowering of the age at which a woman qualifies for the full rate of pay.

Urgent remedial work required. - Buckie Community Council have sent a strongly worded letter to Moray District Council asking that urgent steps be taken to improve the condition of local authority houses in the town's Merson Street, especially those numbered 17-29. A report is given on the front page and page 3.

Local businessman in more trouble - A property and development agent with an office at 12 Cluny Square appeared in private before Sheriff McPartland at Elgin Sheriff Court yesterday morning on a charge of conspiracy to defeat the ends of justice. He employed a party to break into the offices of the Procurator Fiscal in Elgin on October 25/26 and steal productions and papers relating to a charge of fraud in connection with the payment of improvement grants by Moray District Council. He was remanded in custody for further examination.

The person in question had originally appeared in court last October on fraud charges and released on bail. **A full report is given on page 3**

Settling in fine - Buckie's new priest Father John Beveridge, appears to be settling in well after his first three months at St Peter's Church. He was appointed to the Buckie charge in October and also has responsibility for Presholm Chapel, Clochan.

Father John who is 34 years of age was born in Methil in Fife but in his early life his family moved to Thurso where he had his primary education. His secondary education was at Blair's College, Aberdeen before moving to Rome Gregorian University where he spent 7 years.

To Swim for Scotland - A young Buckie swimmer, 13 year old Lorraine Phimister who is turning into one of the brightest prospects in the distinguished history of swimming locally has been chosen to represent Scotland at junior international level at the twentieth Golden Cup International Swimming event in Geneva from January 24 till January 26. Lorraine who lives at 3 Cluny Terrace is the current Scottish 100 metre free style champion for 12 to 13 year olds and is representing her country in the under 15 event in Switzerland.

Boxing Champion - Buckie High School pupil, Martin Goodall, 18 the Bow, Buckpool won the 34 kilogram Junior A Class boxing match and Scottish title by stopping Andrew C. Wisen, District Champion in the second round in the Scottish Schoolboys ABA Championships at the Palace of Art Belahouston, Glasgow on Saturday January 11. Martin is the North East Champion at his weight and trainer, Sandy Campbell said that if Martin keeps working away he has the ability to go a long way.

28 Jan **Encouraging signs** - The encouraging growth in commercial and fishing trade at Buckie harbour, first identified in the middle of last year has been maintained. According to figures just released by the Dept. of Agriculture and Fisheries and G.R.C. The value of fish landings and the amount of cargo handled have increased dramatically in recent months.

There were 37 arrivals of fishing boats last week with 1,829 boxes of fish put ashore despite dreadful weather on Thursday and Friday.

The boats were - Astra, Elegant, Ardelle, Glenernie, Vernal, Macandi, Silent Waters, Fidelity, Kedana, Emmet, Bunillidh, Integrity, Lunaria, Braes of Strathlene, Dalma, Strathpeffer, Suilven, Crimond, Girl Joyce, Rival Aries, Pirate Star, Anna Bhan, Zephyrus, Aquarius, (Ins), Unity, Sapphire Stone and Heathery Brae.

Cod sold for between £35 and £45.

Cullen Minister dies - Rev John Guthrie, Cullen's popular Church of Scotland minister died on Tuesday aged 78 to bring to an end an era. He had been minister at Cullen and Deskford since 1937. He had suffered from poor health for some time. He was a native of Findhorn and a son of the . He is survived by his wife Betty and three daughters.

Travel Club - At the recent meeting of Buckie Travel Club Mrs Eileen Smith kept her audience enthralled when she showed beautiful pictures of San Francisco, Las Vegas and the Grand Canyon.

Games off - Bad weather led to the postponement of the game between Buckie Thistle and Inverness Caley due to be played at the Victoria Park on Saturday. A similar situation has taken place this season already on umpteen times. In the Juniors Fochabers have hardly played at all in recent weeks.

We'll seen wye a'thing - Work is going ahead for a new weighbridge at Buckie harbour. A photograph in the 'Advertiser' shows men working in a hole about five feet deep. The new longer weighbridge is required for a single weighing of lorry loads. The contractors on the £42,500 job are G & R. Young of Inch. Meanwhile a weighing service has been provided at Buckie Maltings under an agreement with Paul's Malt.

Feb 4 **Tappie's boat launch** - The second fishing vessel built at Thomson's Boatyard for a major Buckie fish processor took to the water on Wednesday afternoon. Mrs Isobel Eckersley named her husband's new boat Moray Endurance, which cost £700,000 to build.

His other boat, Moray Endeavour launched in 1984 towed the new vessel round to the harbour where she will be fitted out. The Moray Endurance will be powered by a 498 Kelvin diesel motor, have an alloy fish room, refrigerated cooling system, an Arbroath hydraulic seine and trawl winch and $\frac{3}{4}$ deck shelter.

Closure fears - Rumours are rife that McGruther and Marshall who have their headquarters in Inverness are to close the DIY and plumbing side of their business in Commercial Road. If this was to become the case it would mean the loss of 7/8 jobs. It has not been finalised yet

Moderator pays a visit - This edition shows photographs of the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, Dr Smith, as he pays a visit to Moray Seafoods and the Thorn Lighting Plant at Marchmount Crescent.

Among the medals - Lorraine Phimister competing against swimmers from 12 European countries took the individual bronze medal in the 100m butterfly, missed out on a bronze in the 100 metre backstroke by two 100ths of a second, reached the final of the 200metre individual medley and 100 metre front crawl events. Being 6th in the first and 7th in the second. Her greatest triumph came in the team events with her striking gold in the 4 x 50 metre front crawl and 4 x 50 metre medley relay.

Lodge Gordon's 589 The new RWM of Lodge Gordons 589 is Thomas Diverty.

Feb 11 **Female sports drivers** - Two young Spey Bay women, Fiona Simpson, the Skylark, Spey Bay and Sarah Mills 19 Nether Dallachy are bidding to break the male stranglehold on the motor sport. They will be taking part in the Ladbrokes Snowman's Rally, which starts and finishes in Inverness though it has a local leg. Fiona will be driving and Sarah, a 16-year-old schoolgirl will be navigating.

Surprise death of Clochan man - John McLean, Kirkland, Clochan died suddenly while working with two other Moray District Council Recreation Department workers clearing ditches and forming footpaths near the Rathven Burn. He was

found by one of his colleagues face down in a small pool of water. He was a single man aged 34.

Who is he/she? - Buckie Rotary Club has instigated a search for the most community minded person in the local area.

Buckpool loon's poster is chosen - Craig Chisholm, 7 Great Western Road, Buckpool, a 1st year pupil at Buckie High School had his anti vandalism poster chosen from a competition open to all primary school pupils in Grampian. His poster reads: "Stop Vandalism It Costs You Too Much" is to feature in anti-vandalism calendars in every school and classroom in the Grampian Region. Craig was invited through to Woodhill House where he was presented with a pen and book. He took part in the competition while still a pupil at Millbank Primary. The competition formed part of a Grampian Police Community involvement project.

Bowling Complex planned - A public meeting is to be held in Cullen Bowling pavilion on Friday to gauge the level of interest in the area from Portgordon to Portsoy in the provision of Banffshire's first indoor bowling stadium.

Noo we can a' see - At their monthly meeting on Monday January 27 the members of Rathven and Arradoul Community Council were unanimous in their expressions of delight at the switching on of the road lights on the A98 through the hamlet in mid December.

This brought to a successful conclusion a wordy battle, which had been fought with the authorities over an 8-year period.

Feb 18 **Can we have a Tourist Office?** Buckie Community Council is to lobby Moray District Council for a Tourist Office in the town. They feel that it is patently wrong that a town the size of Buckie should be without one.

A change of use planned - Plans were lodged to change the use of the building at 29 Yuill Avenue from a licensed restaurant and hot food take away to a public house and lounge bar.

The Railway cutting - The long-running saga of the infill of the former railway cutting running through the heart of the town received an airing at the February meeting of Buckie Community Council. **A photograph of the cutting is shown on page 3**

The Rovers receive a cheque -President Jim Tuckerman, secretary Allan Fraser and treasurer Chrissie Sinclair met with Jim Johnston and Harry Gerrard where they were given a cheque for £500 from Buckie Thistle Social Club. This it was decided would be put towards the erection of a spectator rail. **A photograph is found on page 9.**

Training in office work - A well-equipped room in Buckie Community Centre, formerly the West Church gives those on the YTS (Youth Training Scheme) training in office work.

Youth Training Scheme - The new two year Youth Training Scheme is one of the most important developments in vocational education and training this century said Bryan Nicholson Chief of Manpower Services Commission at the launch of the new scheme on January 27. **Report found on page 13.**

Feb 25 **New boat order** - Herd and Mackenzie have secured a new order for a fishing boat from a Buckie skipper which should ensure employment for the 103 people on the payroll until the end of the year. The order is from Gordon McKay, 62 East Church Street and partners. He fishes out of Peterhead and Buckie. His present boat is the Rosemount, which he bought in 1975. The replacement seiner is to be 65 feet long with a beam of 22 feet and built of wood.

Death of High School janitor - Norman Gordon, 27 Linn Crescent janitor at Buckie High School for nearly three decades died in hospital on Sunday February 16. He had been ill for some time. He was 64.

Female team from Spey Bay-The first local all girl assault on the Snowman's Rally encountered mixed fortunes. Spey Bay duo, driver Fiona Simpson and her navigator Sarah Mills survived a dramatic crash to complete the gruelling event. The event, which they described as 'brilliant fun', took place on February 15. At an icy corner at Ord Hill near Inverness the car left the road, rolled over a couple of times before coming to rest upsideways. Marshals quickly righted the car and set them on their way again.

Mar 4 **We want our houses improved** -The calls by Moray District Council tenants on Merson Street and Robert Street for better living conditions have been answered. They are to receive gas central heating.

Change at the Rathburn Hotel - Violet and Davie Reid are to lease Rathburn from Cammie and Alice Hendry as from 3 March.

New houses for sale - The firm Olympic Homes are offering Classic Modern Homes for sale at The Links adjoining Buckpool Golf Course.

The meaning of the word - On page 4 Ian Sinclair gives his interpretation of the word Buckie. As taken from the book 'Place Names of Scotland' by Rev. James B. Johnston BD published in 1892. He says the Buckie comes from the Gaelic word beucaih meaning noisy or roaring. A similar word in French beuc meaning to roar, especially of the sea. (The most up to date, 2005, interpretation of the word Buckie is that it is an adjective describing a place where buck or male deer were to be found.)

Valentine Day poems written for a competition are found on page 10, covering columns 1,2,3 4. The winner was Frank Bawden of 2 Harbourhead, Buckpool who wrote two. His prize was £30.

Mar 11 **Orders for two identical trawlers** - Herd and Mackenzie Shipyard have received order for two identical 70 feet for southern skippers., Mr Robert Miller, Mussleburgh and Mr Thomas Bain of Eyemouth. The partners intend to pair trawl out of Eyemouth.

Death of James 'Dyles' Cowie - The death took place of former Buckie Thistle player of the 1950's. Mr James Cowie, 10 McKenzie Road, better known as Dyles, had an accident two years ago when working with a building firm when he fell from scaffolding hurting both his legs making him unable to work afterwards. He was 55. His late father John 'Dyles' Cowie also played for the Thistle before moving to Falkirk. He was capped for Scotland at centre half in 1920.

Government Drugs offensive stepped up - The first stage of our drug and education campaign has produced most encouraging results said Mr John Mackay MP Home Affairs Health and Social Work.

Mar 18 **Strathlene Caravan Site** - The news that Strathlene Caravan site had been sold received an enthusiastic welcome in Buckie. M.D. C. announced last week that an Aberdeen buyer had been found and that it was likely that the site would be open, at least on a limited basis this season.

Third new boat for Buckie skipper - Eddie Simpson saw his third new boat in two decades launched on Friday from the shipyard of Herd and Mackenzie. The 65-foot long Aquila II is the first vessel to be commissioned and completed at the yard since the management takes over was effected a year ago. From the time that the contract was signed until completion took 11 months.

A photograph of the Aquila II is found on page 3.

Norma to close her ladies' department - Normas, 18 East Church Street, Buckie to close down the Ladies Department. The Gent's Department is to continue trading.

Cullen viaducts - A photograph shows workmen of Gordon Forbes Contractor, Buckie, taking part in an ongoing maintenance programme on the former railway viaduct crossing Seafield Street in Cullen. The work is being done to prevent further damage to the arches from percolating rainwater.

Advert - Classic Modern Homes in Buckie at the 'Links' (sic)-adjoining Buckpool Golf Course. Olympic Homes. Agent Mrs Lynda Robertson, R. R. Cardno Ltd. 31 West Church Street, Buckie.

Mar 25 **No Navigation classes** - Gordon McKay, skipper of the fishing vessel, Rosemount believes there is a significant omission in education at the present time with no provision being made for the town's youngsters to learn Navigation. No Navigation is currently being taught at Buckie High School.

Change planned illustrate sign of the times - Planning application was lodged to change the Herd and McKenzie (shipyard) showroom and store on Commercial Road into a hot food take away.

Cullen clock and steeple - The steeple with clock on the former church on Seafield Street, Cullen, which was taken down because it was in a dangerous condition is to be rebuilt. The go-ahead was given by the owner of the property, Ally MacDonald, Elgin. Sufficient money has been provided for the work to be done under the guidance of architect, Douglas Forrest. The local Community Council gave a contribution of £4,220 while a grant was also given for the work from the Historic Building Council. The church bell will not, however, be hung but will be offered for sale.

Advert - Firth Furnishers - 33-37 West Church Street. - Firth Fashions 33-35 West Church Street.

***** **Buckie and District Fishing Heritage Society** was officially founded at a meeting at the home of one of those interested on March 12 1986. The stated aim of the Society is 'to gather together, file and make available to the general public full information regarding the fishing industry in Buckie past and present.' A 15 strong committee has been formed under the presidency of retired fishing skipper Peter Slater, the vice-principal is another retired fisherman, Peter Murray. The secretary is local government officer Adam Robertson while banker Bill Smith was appointed treasurer. Another local government officer, Ronald Stewart is to be records officer. He is the principal instigator for the setting up of the Society.

A fuller report is given on page 9

Advert - Calor Gas - (Robertson) Moravian Garage, South Pringle Street.

Peter Fair - An article written by James Young Merson on what he claims to be the 300th anniversary of the Fair and Market. A note that such a market and fair was to take place on this date was found in the records belonging to the church at Rathven and recorded by Dr Crammond in his book 'The Church and Churchyard of Rathven'. (The note, however, doesn't specifically state that this is the very first one to be held.)

April 1 **Hope that this is not a pie in the sky** - Buckie looks set to be in line for a jobs boost following the announcement by Guinness PLC that they are to

undertake a substantial investment at the Arthur Bell and Sons distillery at Inchgower on the outskirts of the town.

The firm, which became established as a major brewing operator bought the top-selling whisky brand in the UK in August last year. At the time fears were expressed about the possible job losses through closure of some of Bell's distilleries but these have proved to be unfounded. The brewer's decision to spend £1 million pounds on a new visitor centre at Inchgower looks likely to mean shrinkage in the dole queue rather than an extension. The company expects 20 jobs will result through the development.

Advert – The Property Centre, Douglas Estate Agents Ltd, 12 Cluny Square, Buckie.

Death of local man - Andrew Niven (58) was found dead in his Portessie home by his daughter, Heather, on Friday evening. It is thought that he had been overcome by smoke fumes.

He leaves his wife Bella, son William (21) and Heather who is 18.

New home for Girl Guides - Buckie Guides Association aimed at raising enough cash to provide a new meeting place for the movement locally is tearing their target.

The estimated cost of the building planned is £45,000 and the Association set themselves a target of £12,000.

One way of raising this sum was organising a raffle for a motor car with 16,000 tickets being sold at 50p a time.

The winner of the car, a Nissan Micra provided by Moravian Garage, was 10 year old Robert McIntosh.

The Guides Association has been fortunate enough to receive donations from many organisations in the town plus a substantial contribution from Buckie Common Good Fund.

April 8 **Advert** – Bin Hill Brewery own draught beer now in production. 70/- ale at under 55p a pint in 36 pint barrels, also Belhaven Pale Ale and Greenmantle Ale in bottles. (The brewery was located in a former croft house adjacent to the Hill of Maud road half way to Deskford.)

Advert - Charlyn's Boutique - 33-37 West Church Street. (Same property as the Firth Furnishers in which her father was a partner.)

Property to have a change of use - Plans were submitted to change the use of the property at 29 Yuill Avenue from a hot-food take away into a Public House. The owner, Memit Ali was successful in his application despite considerable opposition including that of one of the local councillors.

Advert – Bruce's Sport's Shop, 61 West Church Street.

Advert – Walker and Smith, Electricians, West Church Street.

Cinema now a Bingo Hall - The Playhouse Cinema at 29 West Church Street received a major face lift when it was converted into a solely Bingo Hall. It was officially opened on March 29 1986 when there was a crowd of 300 'players' present. **A larger report is given.**

April 15 **Excitement in the 'Paraffin City'** TV crews were in Portgordon this week shooting scenes of yesteryear for a TV film that is to be made called, 'The Shutter Falls'. This tells the story of a 19th century photographer who visits the north east of Scotland to compile a photographic record. He is supposed to have fallen in love with a local lass but met a lot of opposition from local suitors - **See front page**

Probus Club - The speaker at the regular monthly lunch meeting for April was fellow member and chairman James Green who spoke on the advances being made in technology. He went on to speak of the recent release of the 'Gotto' which is to rendezvous with Haley's Comet 93 miles away in Outer Space. The American voyager rocket was fast approaching the outer perimeter of the solar system sending back pictures from hundreds of millions of miles - miracles. But miracles, he said, are happening all around us but are passed by unheeding he illustrated this by showing a photograph of a bluebottle, a common eel and a jackdaw and describing them.

April 22 **Community Bus arrives** - The culmination of 14 months of hard work and fund-raising locally came at the end of last week with the delivery of the areas brand new community bus.

The new van, a Mercedes Benz, arrived safely in Buckie last Friday afternoon and on Saturday morning members of the Buckie and District Trust Fund took the opportunity to view the vehicle.

Present were Gordon McKay, Bill Smith, Findlay McKay, Sister Arlene Farquhar, Bill Jappy, Euan Chisholm and Charles Milne. Other members who were not present include - Rev Alex Barr, Mrs Alice Chalmers and Mrs Elsie Jamieson.

New business launched - The Rope and Wire Guide Division of Lockwood, Torbay and Carlisle Ltd (LTC) based in North Shields has been taken over by its general manager Mr John A. Fleming and is not to be know as Flemings Fairleads and will operate from 43 Commercial Road.

Now open - Elspeth's Hairstylists and The Hat Box at 51 West Church Street.

New member joins - Mr Sandy Stewart, chairman, welcomed the newest member to Buckie Community Council at their April meeting. He was former Zimbabwean official Mr David People who resides at Strathlene Lodge.

Fame from afar - Buckie Flower Show appears to have captivated interest in some of the more far-flung areas of the world. Secretary Allan Fraser, recently received a phone call from a person in Kashmir, India, Mr Radurnal Singh a businessman who was interested to know if it were possible to take up some space in the forthcoming Show to display some of his products. He had seen the Show advertised in a tourist brochure and felt that here was an ideal place for advertisement.

Hawthorne Restaurant expands -- As the fame of this little restaurant in the village of Fordyce has grown the proprietors have found that they have insufficient space to cope with their customers. Recently to mark the anniversary of the there second year in business they have increased the size with an extension.

Tribute paid to founder members - Buckie Rotarians gathered on April 14th to pay tribute to four of their founder members - Ian Brown, Charles Shearer, Sandy Wilson and George Packman. All received goblets from current president, Charles Mackay who spoke of the formation of Buckie Rotary Club 18 years before. The event took place prior to a Founders Members Dinner in the Seafield Arms Hotel, Cullen.

Advert - Buckie Furniture Centre, 45 West Church Street - come and view a nice selection of suites carpets, beds etc.

April 29 **'The Shutter Falls'** the front page of the 'Advertiser' has more on the filming of the TV film 'The Shutter Falls' with photos of the Scots comedian, Robbie Coltraine who plays two parts in the film. There are a number of other photographs on page 3 one which shows co-star Emma Thomson.

Advert - Douglas Estate Agents Ltd. 12 Cluny Square.

Player of the Year - Neale Cooper, a player with Aberdeen F.C. Has been chosen Player of the Year by the members of Portknockie and District Aberdeen Supporters Club.

Proved to be Popular - Buckie Lyric Company played to full houses over three nights when they presented their latest production - 'The Wizard of Oz'.

May 6 **They marked the Centenary - Last** week Cullen marked the centenary of one of its most influential events in its history- the opening of the railway line through the burgh.

One of the area most striking architectural features is the impressive viaduct system constructed to serve the railway figure prominently in the celebrations.

See the front page.

Notice - Come and join us at the Beacon Christian Centre, St Andrews Square.

The 'Majestics' on stage - The former Playhouse on West Church Street now a Bingo hall was used for scenes in the filming of the TV production "The Shuttle Fall" with the stage being used to show the group 'Majestics' a group formed for the part in full flow.

May 13 **Jobs at the Pork factory** - Grampian Country Pork who took over the premises at Buckpool (near the former station) formerly occupied by AMMCO slaughterhouse has already cut the unemployment total in Buckie and set to provide more jobs. **Front page news**

The new company has been set up exclusively to process local pork and market it throughout the UK.

Work now on the go - The long awaited restoration of one of the more prominent features of Cullen's skyline has begun. Specialist natural stone contractors, Moray Stonecutter from Birnie near Elgin began the task of rebuilding the spire and clock tower of the former church on Seafield Street last Tuesday. **See front page**

Speaker at the Probus Club - The speaker at the May luncheon meeting of Buckie and District Probus Club was Mr Peter Flett, a member, who gave an interesting talk, illustrated with slides of his previous employment as a marine salvage operator.

Former 'Advertiser' reporter dies - The death took place of Mr Johnny Butler, who was a reporter for the Banffshire Advertiser in the 1950's. An obituary is given by ----- on page ?

Closing down sale - George Sutherland, 21 West Church Street who had been in business in Buckie as a boot and shoemaker for a great many years is to close down. Advert - 'Suppliers of fine footwear' many bargains in all departments.

May 20 **Saved from the waves** - A young oil rig worker from Portknockie, Mr Eric Smith, 1 Falconer Terrace, was one of the men plucked to safety from the sea by a Peterhead trawler last Thursday after their helicopter was forced to ditch in the North Sea. A total of 18 oil men plus two pilots were on their way to Dyce from the Magnus field when the Bell 214-St aircraft developed a fault in the main rotor blade and had to make a splash down 15 miles north east of Fraserburgh.

Spike's new serial - This edition carried the third chapter of Spike's new serial, "The Oil Rig off the Mucks" (This serial had actually been published some years before.)

New advert – Cluny Estate Agents were now in the premises at 12 Cluny Square previously occupied by Douglas Estate Agents. Cluny Estate Agents have other branches at Elgin and Forres.

Advert - Homewise Estate Agents, 31 West Church Street. Contact John McVean or Ray Cardno.

Buckie BMX Club - Buckie BMX Coasters Club are now firmly established having elected their committee and competed in a race meeting held in Forres on May 5. A total of 17 club members took part in the racing and did very well in the qualifying heats. Anyone seeking information about the club are asked to contact Mrs R. Pitt, secretary.

Fishing Heritage Society - A group of local historical enthusiasts are making headway in their efforts to chronicle the development of the fishing industry locally. The Buckie and District Fishing Heritage Society was established at the start of March. They now have secured premises and membership has snowballed. **See page 8**

Pealed for the last time - The clock tower bell at the former Seafield Church at Cullen pealed its last this week before being removed in the latest part of the extensive renovation scheme at the building. Four year old Craig Souter 63 Seatown had the honour of giving the bell a final ring as he watched the removal operations with his mother Mrs Brit Souter, a member of Cullen and Deskford Community Council. The bell weighs 16 cwt and was given to Cullen in 1901 by Dr George Duffus in memory of his father who served as a town councillor for many years, the last six as Provost. **See page 8**

A family occupation - Allan Fraser, recognised scribe for the 'Advertiser' of the football games in which Buckie Rovers are involved wrote the report of the cup game in which the Rovers met New Elgin. Karl his youngest son who helped his Dad out on the odd occasion also wrote a report of another Rovers' cup match in this edition. The opponents on this occasion was another Elgin team called Caberfeidh. Neither father or son was to see the Rovers win New Elgin beating the Rovers by six goals to five after extra time had been played while Caberfeidh rattled in 8 goals to the Rovers three all scored by Stevie Mackie. **See pages 10 and 11.**

May 27 **Dull days face Buckie shipyards** - Buckie shipyards face their most difficult period since the start of the decade with many jobs in jeopardy. **Report on the front page.**

For sale - The house and shop at 66 and 68 West Church Street formerly occupied by Mr and Mrs Peter Slater, Gent's Outfitter. Was for sale.

Thistle Player of Year - The supporters of Buckie Thistle voted Alistair Ewen as their Player of the Year for season 1985/86.

Like an epidemic - - Another one of the long established shops in Buckie has given notice that it is to close down. This will make four this year. T. M. Jacks (the original name but for a long time known as the Little Wonder) at 37 East Church Street gave notice this week that they are to close down.

Early Entertainment in Buckie – An article by James Y. Merson. Is found on page 15.

June 3 **Oil industry work** - Last week saw the arrival of a second oil supply boat in Buckie harbour through Hamilton Brothers, Structural Engineers.

In 1983, prior to the completion of the major scheme the 220 feet Glasgow registered Stirling Osprey came to Buckie to pick up 8 tonnes of steelwork commissioned from the yard by Shell UK for use on the Brent Alpha field rig.

On Wednesday afternoon the TNT Lion came in to take on board a prefabricated deck unit for Shell's North Cormorant platform constructed during the past two months.

The 8 tonne structure was lifted off a trailer on the quayside and lowered on to the boat by a huge crane capable of lifting 100 tonnes on hire from Frank Lyons, Burghead.

Pub extension - A planning application was submitted to extend the Harbour Bar on Main Street, Buckpool, to provide a lounge and ladies toilets.

Fund raiser - Buckie Thistle F. C. are to hold a Sponsored Cycle Run and Fun Day at Victoria Park on Sunday 8 June.

Former Methodist minister killed - Rev Janet Baxendale minister of the Methodist Church in Buckie from 1980 till 1984 was killed last Friday when she plunged 100 feet to her death while out walking with another Methodist minister in the Lake District. She was an experienced hill walker and rock climber.

Former G. P. and Provost of the town dies - A Buckie General Practitioner in Buckie for three decades and a prominent figure in the British Legion activities nationally and locally died aged 69. Dr John Falconer Cameron was found dead early on Thursday evening in his room at Glenburn Hotel, Rothesay. He joined the Town Council in 1951 and was Provost from 1958 till 1964.

More success for Spey Bay driver - Spey Bay car enthusiast, Fiona Simpson has landed another one in the eye of chauvinist critics of women drivers by finishing her third prestige rallying event.

She won the John Wilson Trophy and the Nora Wallace Salver picked up for being the top woman driver in the Dalamart Valentine and Auto fit stages rallies. Her navigator was Peter McKenzie.

Her local sponsors for the Dunoon event were Northern Oils, Lenny Marshall, Car Repairer, G. W. T. Henderson, Builder (her boss) and Gordon Forbes, Contractor.

June 10 **Strathlene Caravan Site** - The increasing sorry saga of Strathlene caravan site took another twist last week with the shock withdrawal of the potential buyer from a deal with Moray District Council. It looks now most unlikely that the site will be open this summer.

More jobs - Forty jobs were created when Grampian Pork took over the former slaughterhouse at Buckpool on May 12 now the number employed has increased by 50%.

Advert - (His last?) George Sutherland shoes. Come and see our £5 window- many other bargains.

A long overdue cup victory - Buckie Rovers beat RAF Kinloss by 6 goals to three AET to win the Nicholson Cup at Forest Park, Burghead. The Rovers' team was George Webster, Alan Macdonald and David Sellar; Neil Scott, Joe Innes and Colin Nicol; George Gardiner, Craig Henderson, Steve Mackie, Willie Geddes and Gary Innes. Subs. Ian Taylor and Alan Reid.

This was the swan song for both Alan Macdonald and Alan Reid. Gary Innes was still playing for the Rovers in 2004 although he had been elsewhere in between times.

Article - Early Entertainment in Buckie by James Y. Merson. **Found on page 18.**

June 17 **Community Council not happy - The** decision by Moray District Council to sanction financial input to the development of the new tourist facilities at Baxters of Fochabers came under fire at the latest meeting of Buckie Community Council. The improved tourist facilities planned at Baxter's is likely to cost in the region of £500,000.

Members said that the sum sanctioned by Moray District Council was flea bit size but it was the principal that came under censure. Buckie Community Council had on their own did a considerable amount to encourage tourism in the local area without any help coming from MDC who would not provide a tourist centre in the town.

**** **Citizen of the Year** - Gordon Pirie, 44 Well Road, Buckie has been chosen as the first recipient of the award 'Citizen of the Year'.

In launching the 'Citizen of the Year' award in February Buckie Rotary Club announced that they were looking for community-minded individuals from the local area and it was left to the public to vote for whom they felt best fitted the bill. With Gordon Pirie receiving the most votes.

Gordon received a 'Citizen of the Year' salver which he was to have custody of for a year plus a small personal memento.

Brewery on the Hill of Rannas - Page 6 of the 'Advertiser' carries an article on the brewery that has recently been set up on the former croft of Hill of Rannas adjacent to the Connage to Deskford road. The owner is Phillip Gilbert, a native of Birmingham who previously taught science at Milne's High School in Fochabers and also Elgin Academy before becoming fully employed in the brewing business.

Buckie Rovers' Night out - At their annual dinner and dance held in the Marine Hotel the various players collected trophies - Stevie Mackie was voted the Young Player of the Year; Neil Scott, Player's Player of the Year; George Webster, Committee's Player of the Year. Spencer Lyon, coach was awarded the Newlands Trophy given for the person who was judged to have done most for the club apart from the players.

June 24 **Baxters' new visitor facility opened** - The large extension to the visitor facility at Baxters of Fochabers was opened on June 15 1986.

A boat launch at Jones' Shipyard - The launch of the 187th fishing vessel built by Jones' Shipyard since the Second World War took place this week.

The 80 feet long dual purpose vessel was named 'Still Waters' by Carol Anderson wife of the skipper and part-owner John Anderson of Lerwick, in Shetland. One of the two partners is his brother who is to sail as engineer.

Former pupils did very well - Julie Thomson and Sharon Smith two former pupils of Buckie High School shared the top honours at the Aberdeen College of Education graduation ceremony. The pair passed with Distinction in the College Diploma in Primary Education.

Sharon also collected the top award from the college - the James Findlay Prize for Primary Education students.

Buckie Welfare League - The teams that have entered their names to play in the Buckie Welfare League in season 1986/87 are - Portgordon, Portsoy, St Marnans (Aberchirder), Buckpool, Portknockie, Cullen, Whitehills, Banff Rovers and Macduff.

'The Picters' at Buckie - The future of 'the picters' at Buckie now seems assured providing public support continues at its present level.

The third film night at the Fishermen's Hall took place on Thursday evening with 161 people being out to see 'Jewel of the Nile' put on by the Dundee-based Moving Picture Show.

July 1 **Sinny's special day** - Saturday was a very special day for a retired fish-merchant and well known nonagenarian.

One of Buckie's real characters, Mr Alexander Mair, better known as Sinny or Sandy celebrated his 93 birthday on June 28 and to mark the occasion neighbour and close friend Buckie Jeweller Sammy Cowie arranged a number of treats for the old timer. **See story on the front page.**

Note - 'We wish it to be known that the Beacon Christian Centre in St Andrews Square has no connection with the St Andrews Hotel. The proprietors of the St Andrews Hotel are not members of the Beacon Christian Centre.'

End of the road for the sweet factory - Planning application has been submitted for the change of use of the sweet factory formerly owned by Mr Paul Jannetta to a fish processing factory.

Fete at Letterfourie - Buckie Ark Housing project for the mentally handicapped are to hold a Fete at Letterfourie House on Saturday 5 July 1986 from 2pm till 5.

Baxters and help from MDC - Mr Bill Jappy then a member of Buckie Community Council later a local councillor, wrote an article in this edition regarding the above. He argued that instead of giving the £21,000 to help finance the visitor centre at Baxters the money should have been spread through Moray - **see report on page 3.**

He also criticised the map showing the location of Baxters, which failed to show the position of Buckie a mere 8 miles away.

Mr Jappy also mentioned the things that Buckie Community Council had done to help the tourist industry mentioning a poster that had been made, also a tape.

Bi-Centenary of Enzie Church - Two centuries of worship at Enzie South Church were marked on Sunday morning.

A commemoration service in the church was shared between the present minister Rev John Osbeck and his predecessor, Rev Donald Macdonald who now lives at Stratford on Avon.

The history of the church goes back to 1730 when a Chapel of Ease was opened at Glasterim just east of Enzie Cross Roads. In 1786 a replacement Chapel of Ease was built at Broadley. The Enzie became a Quoad Sacra parish in its own right in 1841 when the church became the parish church. The present church was opened in 1887 on the site of the former Chapel of Ease. During the building period services took place in the school, which stood across the road.

July 8 **No prize-giving ceremony** - For the first time in the history of the establishment there will be not be a prize-giving ceremony at Buckie High School this year. The break in tradition has been necessitated by continuing teacher's industrial action.

Factory given on lease - Grampian Country Pork factory premises at Buckpool have been bought by Grampian Regional Council and leased back to the firm. G.R. C. have done the same elsewhere in the region.

The purchase price of £413,000 has been agreed and there will be a five yearly rent review on the 25 year lease.

Thanksgiving Service - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and Ministry of Rev Janet A. Baxendale BA. Will take place in the Methodist Church, Buckie, on Sunday 13 July 1986 at 3.00pm.

Planning application - Plans have been submitted to form an extension at the rear of the existing building and change of use at 43 West Church Street to a licensed restaurant and take away.

Successful swimming family - Faye Phimister, Lorraine Phimister and their brother Wayne were among the prize-winners at the Esso Scottish Age Group Championships at East Kilbride recently. Lorraine competing in the 14 year old age group won gold, silver and bronze medals, Faye competing in the 12 age group won a bronze.

Advert - R. Cardno, Insurance Services, and Fast Loans – Write or phone, John McVean at R. Cardno Insurance Services, 31 West Church Street.

July 29 **Peter Fair** - There was a fair write up along the same lines about how it was originally a market, where sheep, cattle and horses were sold, and a fair also where men were engaged for the harvest. The real Peter Fair day, Friday, was dry although it had been wet the night before. There was a fair crowd although it was felt that the numbers were down. The major feature in the report was the cost of the mammoth machines that were on site. **A number of photographs are found on the front page and also page 8**

A new Christmas display promised - Buckie looks set to have a new lighting display this festive season. At this meeting of Buckie and District Chamber of Commerce members heard that lights had been ordered at a cost of £3,000. The appeal launched by the C. of C. This year to raise money has reached the figure of £2,900. Eddie Malcolm vice chairman and fellow member Nemat Ali went to the factory at Debenham, which specialises in Christmas lights and placed the order.

Advert - The St Andrews Hotel had two adverts in this edition.

Opening announcement - The Grain Store Restaurant opened at Mill of Towie by Mr and Mrs Gordon Duff is just off the B9014 – the Keith to Dufftown road. The restaurant has been opened in what was part of a former meal mill. It is hoped to open the mill next year as a working museum producing oatmeal and oat products by old methods.

Aug 5 **Improvements at Portgordon** - More improvements are planned around the harbour at Portgordon, part of which will see a number of ageing fish houses being demolished and general tidying up of the area.

Advert for the 'picters' - The Moving Picture Show presents Cave Bears Movie - Stallone Cobra. A new generation. Two houses at 6.10 and 8.05 p.m. In the Fishermen's Hall, Buckie this Thursday 7 August.

Planning application - Plans have been lodged with Moray District Council to upgrade and convert the existing farm buildings at Woodhead, Bauds, and Cullen to boarding kennels.

Aug 12 **We canna get petrol noo** - Feelings are still running high over the closure of the Esso filling station at Fochabers despite attempts by the company to defuse the situation. (Stewart worked at the pumps here when at school in Fochabers in the 1960's and when they were owned by Bert Hampton.)

A Fete – take note – Buckie Ladies' Circle and Round Table are to hold a Super Summer Fete in the Ian Johnston Park on Sunday 17 August 1986 commencing at 2pm.

Buckie Flower Show - Buckie and District Flower Show will take place in the Fishermen's Hall on Saturday August 23, 1986 from 1pm till 4.30pm. Admission 40p for adults and 20p for children. Teas 60 and 20p.

A new season and a winning start. - The Rovers began season 1986/87 with a home win over RAF Kinloss of one goal to nil after extra time had been played. Neil Scott (Captain) scored the all important goal. The Rovers' team was – George Webster, Mark Russell, Eddie Campbell, David Leslie, Joe Innes, Colin Nicol, ?Sutherland, George Gardiner, Willie Geddes, Neil Scott and Raymond Tait. The Rovers fielded four new faces, all ex Welfare League – Mark Russell, Raymond Tait, Eddie Campbell and David Leslie.

Probus Club - The speaker at the monthly lunch meeting was fellow member Ted Kellock who had recently returned from an extended holiday in New Zealand and Australia. His subject was volcanic eruptions in North Island, New Zealand and of the International Vulcanological Congress, he had attended and which took place at different venues in N. Z. between February 1 and February 9.

Thistle lose first game - Buckie Thistle kicked off season 1986/87 with a home game against Inverness Caley and were disappointed to lose by the odd goal in five.

Thistle team was – Innes, Ewen, Mason, Shearer, (D. Anderson), Buchannan, Pirie, Nicol, Stephen, Smith, G. Anderson and Barclay. Sub. C. Nicol.

Licensed Restaurant on cards - Buckie's first licensed Chinese restaurant is drawing near. Moray District Council approved the application, subject to certain conditions, for a change of use at 43 West Church Street to a restaurant and Take Away. The applicant Mr Tai Fong has been operating a Take Away from number 43 since 1980

Rotary Club speaker - The speaker at the recent meeting of Buckie and District Rotary Club was Sandy Wilson, retired architect, who chose as the title of his speech 'Tales of a Grandfather'. He told of his relationship with his own grandfather before speaking about himself in this role mentioning the changes that had taken place over time.

Aug 19 **Former Buckie businessman jailed.** - see front page.

Opening announcement - Buckpool Bakery at 18 St Paul's Street – prop. Derek Thomson.

Nae licences needed noo - Dog licenses are to be abolished throughout the UK as from July 23.

Aug 26 **Clochach School** - Clochach Community Group are to be allowed to lease the former Richmond School (Enzie Public School) at a nominal rent. Grampian Regional Council planning, property and development committee agreed last Wednesday to allow the group to use it for a 'peppercorn rent'.

Far's a the visitors? The hoteliers who bemoan the fact that it had been a poor season for them with the number of visitors being scarce may well have said this. The summer of 1985 was generally accepted, as having been the worst for many years and it seems that the legacy of the dreadful weather is still active.

The Harbour Bar - Charlie Bennett, mine host of the Harbour Bar on Main Street, Buckpool held a special night to herald the opening of his new extension, which cost in the region of £20,000.

The Harbour Bar building dates from 1886. William Hunter was given a licence to sell alcohol first in 1910 after being refused six years earlier. The building was completely burned down in 1911 but was rebuilt again. Wm. Hunter sold the business in 1914 to Alex Urquhart who in turn sold it to Wm. Hosie in 1923. Wm. Hosie only remained for three years before selling to George Gabriel. There were four other licensees before Sandy Gauld, took over in 1946. He remained as mine host for 26 years before selling to Jock McRitchie. He built on a small extension and women's toilets. Three and a half years later Alan Cameron selling to the present owner in 1980.

Bill Jappy (Plumber) and Dolly Scott are seen in a photograph cutting the ribbon to open the new extension.

Sept 2 **The record is broken** - The Buckie registered fishing boat, Crystal River, skipper Peter Smith, broke the national catch record, which narrowly eluded them less than a month ago. Last Monday at the port of Lochinver of the west coast of Scotland the Crystal River landed 743 boxes to gross a staggering £65,771.

Advert - Morven Stores, 19 Cluny Terrace.

New pub – The Northern Lights - Buckie's newest and most luxurious lounge and public bars is now open at 29 Yuill Avenue after a £50,000 transformation from the former Indian restaurant. The manager is Barry Anderson who was for over three year's manager of the Cluny Hotel. The owner of the Northern Lights is Mr Ali.

Portgordon F.C. - The village football team won the Ferguson Shield after beating Cullen by four goals to one at Portknockie. **A photograph of the team is found in this edition of the 'Advertiser.'**

Boat launch - The fishing boat Unity II was launched from the shipyard of Herd and Mackenzie on Saturday. The new boat has been built in just 11 months for John Flett, 6 Cameron Crescent, and Buckie. He previously had the Unity I built by the same firm in 1972.

The Unity II, which was launched by his wife Margaret, is 60 feet long and will be powered by a 500hp Caterpillar diesel engine.

Now open - 'Outcasts' alternative clothing, posters, videos, oils etc. 12 Baron Street.

Sept 16 **Joy follows boat orders** - The possibility of substantial redundancies at Jones' Shipyard has been averted. A new boat order has been secured and there are grounds for optimism of more new building work being forthcoming in the next three months.

'Peter Rawn Sails Again' - The 'Advertiser' has chosen to reprint one of 'Spike's' serials which first appeared in 1959. The serial 'The Oil Rig off the Mucks' which appeared earlier in the year was also a reprint.

School closed -- The Richmond School at Clochan for children with Special Needs officially closed on Friday June 20 and the Department at Buckie High School opened on Monday 23 June. The teacher in charge is Mrs Sandra Smart.

Buckie win the Highland League Cup - Buckie Thistle ended their seven year's wait for a major silverware in rousing fashion with a sparkling show in the Tennent's Highland League Cup Final on Saturday at Telford Street Park to

collect the trophy they last won in 1979. The Thistle had won the same trophy seven times since the end of WW II.

Buckie Thistle beat Ross County by five goals to nil to win the Highland League Cup. The Thistle team was – A. Innes, Ewen, Morrison, Pirie, Shearer (Buchanan), McPherson, Nicol, Stephen, Barclay (Gary Innes), Masson and D. Anderson. The manager was Dave Watson.

Sept 23 **Bleak outlook for the 'Bulb' factory** - Due to a fall in demand for the lamp product produced at the Thorn EMI Lighting factory at Marchmont Crescent it is now operating at its lowest level of production for many years and the prospects of an upturn in business in the near future are not good. This was the gloomy picture painted by the plant manager since 1966 Mr Charles Brown. The factory opened in 1956 with a production workforce of five. The payroll grew rapidly until the factory was the largest employer in the area with nearly 400 employees in 1979.

Strathlene caravan site - The sale of the caravan site at Strathlene appears to be imminent. The long-running and tedious tale looks finally to have drawn to a conclusion.

Opening announcement - J. M. Cycles, South Land Street. Good selection of cycles and accessories.

Sept 30 **Portknockie harbour wins a reprieve** - Portknockie harbour was one of ten small harbours in the Grampian Region which were in danger of being closed but strong representation made in opposition to the closure has borne fruit.

Planning application has been made for the erection of 15 house units including a ten person house for the mentally handicapped at Land Street

Buckie harbour was the highest earner of the 13 harbours administered by Grampian Regional Council the authority's harbours sub committee heard last Wednesday. Income to April 1986 jumped by 58.6% to £273,797 as a result of increased fish landings and commercial cargoes.

Oct 7 **Planning applications has been lodged for the construction of a BMX track**, associated car parking and the provision of toilets on ground in the Cunningholes Industrial Estate to the east of Cruickshank's Lemonade factory.

Closing down - Charlyn's Boutique - 33-37 West Church Street is to close down in two weeks time. Everything must go at half price or less.

Heritage Museum's first Coffee Morning - Buckie District Fishing Heritage Society are to hold a Coffee Morning in the North Church Hall on Saturday 18 October 1986 from 10 am until 12 noon. Tickets cost 40p. for adults with children 20p. There will be a sales table and also a photographic display.

Advert - Brenton's Store- 8 Cluny Terrace, furniture etc.

Oct 14 **Fish market reputation enhanced** - Buckie's reputation as a shell fish port looks to be growing with a big increase seen in the landings in the first two thirds of 1986 compared with the corresponding time last year. Buckie continues to be attractive to Danish fishermen especially from the Skagen area.

Star Bar, Buckpool, has new owners - Dave and Martha

Fishing Heritage Society - The membership of Buckie District Fishing Heritage Society has now reached 100 and the organisation is two thirds of the way towards an initial fund-raising target of £1000. Moray District Council

has given permission for the use of part of the Town House adjacent to the library, which the Society intends to turn into a local studies room. They have identified a microfilm reader as the key piece of equipment required. **A fuller report is given on page 5**

Oct 21 **Buckie born adventurer** - Bill Forbes ('The Lighting Barber') is to set off on his travels on the African continent again at the end of the month. This time his quest is to find the 'Lost Valley' in Central Africa. Bill a retired hairdresser who had a shop on Cluny Square for many years was last in Africa in autumn of 1985.

Advert - Johnny's second hand furniture and household goods now open at 8-10 Low Street.

Buckie's third 10 K - There was a massive entry for the third Buckie 10K with the number of competitors reaching 246. The first year the number was 32, last year it had increased to 139 but this year it has taken a big jump. The race ran on Sunday last was won by Welshman Chris Hall with a time of 30m 45 secs. Last year's winners, Charlie McIntyre from the Coaster's Club was 27 seconds behind. The first lady home was Lynn Findlay of the new Fraserburgh Club.

Flower Show AGM - Frank Anderson, who was responsible for the rebirth of the Flower Show in Buckie, stepped down as president of Buckie and District Flower Show at the annual meeting held last week. Mr John Grant took over as president. With Mrs Beryl as vice president; secretary, Allan Fraser; assistant, Mrs Jean McGrory; treasurer, Mrs Wilma Baxter; show manager, Jeff Duguid; staging manager, John Duncan.

Oct 28 **Baxters' of Fochabers** - Because of the continuing interest shown by tourists Baxter's have decided to extend the length of their open season. This past year a restaurant building was erected and at its busiest was serving 880 visitors a day.

Watch what you say about Halloween. - Teachers in the Grampian Region have been warned about what they tell children about the pagan practices associated with Halloween. This has led to a considerable amount of anger among teachers who see the directive as unsolicited interference in their role as mentors of the next generation. The source of antagonism is a leaflet from Hertfordshire based Association of Christian Teachers which was distributed to all schools giving advice to teachers on how to deal with the subject of Halloween.

Will you help? Charles (Charlie) Geddes (51) a former mason who studied to become a teacher and was PT of Religious Education at Buckie High School from 1979 to 1985 and who moved to take up a post at a private primary school in Port of Spain, Trinidad has launched an appeal for funds in his home town. The money is required to pay for medical treatment for 24 year old Lou Anne Barclay a student at a top Jamaican University who is suffering from leukaemia. The treatment which she must undergo is expensive but has an 85% success rate. Without this treatment she will most certainly die.

Opening announcement - J. Niven, 52 Yuill Avenue, all types of joinery work undertaken.

Honoured by the company - Three employees of Thorn EMI Lighting, Miss Rose Hay, David Cowie and Miss Jenny Murray were presented with gifts after completing 25 years long service with the company by works manager, Charles Brown. The presentation took place at a small dinner at the Mill of Tynet on Friday 26 September. The ladies each received column clocks while Mr Cowie a gold watch. **There is a photograph**

Nov 4 **Fochabers filling station** - The future of the Esso Filling Station in Fochabers remains uncertain with no one yet having come forward to take it over. The closure of the filling station evoked strong reaction in the local community as it was felt that the transfer of the facility from Fochabers to Mosstodloch was made with little regard for the feelings of the public in Fochabers and also caused them inconvenience.

Hanover – Burnside Court opens - The second Hanover Housing Association Development in Buckie, Burnside Court, Buckpool, was opened on Friday afternoon by Moray MP Alex Pollock. The warden is Mrs Anne Kennedy who moved to Buckie from Corpach with Ann Hay a local woman as assistant.

Nov 11 **No beer here** - Moray District Council turned down the application made by RAF serviceman Stephen Argo and his wife Jacqueline to turn the empty shop next door to their home at 20 Commercial Street, Findochty, into a public house.

Portgordon oilman lost in helicopter crash - George Brodie 13 Crown Street, Portgordon and offshore mechanical technician was among 45 men who perished when a Chinook helicopter plunged into the sea without warning on Thursday morning only a mile and a half off land. There were only two survivors, the 45-year-old pilot and a 20-year-old trainee technician.

On at the Picters this week - The Moving Picture Show will present Tom Cruise in 'Top Gun' in the Fishermen's Hall on Thursday at 7.30pm. Note there is only one house.

Boys' Brigade Photograph - A large, clear photograph on page 8 shows the whole company of officers and boys of the 1st Company Buckie Boys' Brigade taken at their enrolment parade on Sunday October 19.

New tape from Doric master - Ian Middleton, Arradoul, local Doric poet and bothy balladeer has followed up the success of his first recording with a new release in time for Christmas. The new cassette is titled *Tatties Milk and Meal* on the Ross Records label and comes a year after the release of the well received *Tatties Throu the Bree*

Closing down - Cluny fashions at 7 High Street is to close down. A closing down sale begins on Thursday 13 November.

Nov 18 **Christies of Fochabers buy farm** - With much of the land they use for the growing of young trees being on Crown land and unsure of what plans the Crown might have for the land in the future Christies have taken a step to ensure that they would not find themselves short of land. They have just bought the farm and steading at Easter Bogs amounting to 105 acres. Over the next two years the use of the land will change from agricultural crops to the growth of young trees. Easter Bogs had been in the Grant family since 1928. **A fuller report is given on page on.**

New building taking shape - Balfour Beattie, the contractors on the construction of the half million two storey office property for the Property Services Agency on East Cathcart Street, which began a month ago are already showing good progress with the work. It is expected that the building will be ready by April.

Cullen clock tower - The work on the restoration of the clock tower on the former church building on Seafiel Street, Cullen which was begun in May is due to be completed this week, wrote Jeannie Price nee Lobban

Advert – Candy Box – 17 West Church Street, open Monday to Saturday from 9am till 10pm and on Sunday from 10am until 10pm.

Portgordon oilman's body found - The body of Portgordon man George Brodie, offshore technician, who died as a result of the helicopter disastrous crash off Shetland has been recovered on Friday along with 6 others. All told 45 men and crewmembers died when the plane came down in the sea one and a half miles off the coast. It has been found that the crash was due to mechanical failure giving the pilot no chance of saving the machine.

Boat launch at Jones' Shipyard - When the 65 fee long dual purpose fishing vessel built for David Findlay, Whitehills, took to the water on Saturday this was the third launch by the shipyard this year. The boat was launched by his wife Brenda who named her Destiny. In partnership with David Findlay in this new venture are his brother Allen and MDM, Buckie. The Destiny is powered by a six-cylinder turbo charged 435hp British Kelvin diesel engine and for secondary electrics has been fitted with a 60hp Lister auxiliary engine. **A fuller report is given on page 9.**

Boat building locally chronicled - Local man Ron Stewart has had his book **Sail and Steam** published by Moray District Libraries. It details the development of boatbuilding in the Buckie area. The new book is the product of one and a half-year's research and attempts to list the various boat builders in the local area from the earliest days of steam to the era of the steam drifter. He received £2,500 from the Buckie Common Good Fund to cover printing costs. The book sells at £2.50. **A fuller report is given on page 17.**

Note - The first edition of the Banffshire Advertiser appeared 105 years ago today

Nov 25 **Flats for single people** - Elgin based building firm Grant Construction have begun work on a half million pound contract to build 18 flats at Buckpool for the Langstane Housing Association. The one time bank and manager's house, later boarding house, at St Peter's Terrace will be converted into 8 flats on four floors and a four storey block containing ten flatlets are to be constructed in the garden area along with an associated parking area.

On at the Picters this week - The Moving Picture Show this week will be showing the Karate Kid. The programme will begin at the earlier time of 7.10pm. Coming for Christmas will be David Bowie in Labarinth also Walt Disney - The Black Cauldron.

Buckie District Fishing Heritage Society - are to stage a film evening in the Town House hall on Friday 5 December 1986 at 7.30pm. The film to be shown is The Herring Fishing. Admission £1 with children and OAP's 50p. There will also be a photographic display.

Another load from Hamilton Brothers - On Thursday the cargo boat TNT Lion arrived in Buckie harbour to pick up two steel towers made for oil giants Shell UK by Hamilton Brothers in Buckie. This was the third oil supply vessel to visit Buckie to collect steelwork from Hamilton Brothers and for the same customer.

Clochan Community Association plans a party - One of the first activities of the newly formed Clochan Community Association will be children's party on Sunday 21 December.

The party is being organised by the following Jo Jones, Susan Durno, Jenny Smith, Linda Campbell, Lorna Thomson and Margaret Thomson, all married women, for children of primary school age and under who live in the Clochan telephone area.

Buckie Lyric Opera - This year's presentation was Snow-white and the Seven Dwarfs. The report was written by Jeannie Price nee Lobban.

Fochabers wanderer returns home - Inveterate Fochabers adventurer Bill Forbes is back home safe but skint after his latest excursion into the African bush having been abruptly curtailed by the chance meeting with some less than friendly Ugandan natives anxious to relieve him of the contents of his money belt.

Buckie women's outstanding service recognised - Mrs Jessie Bain (77) who now lives at 5 Hanover Court has received an elaborate scroll from the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society in recognition of outstanding service and loyalty in maintaining the aims of preserving the standards of Scottish Country Dancing. Mrs Bain who many will remember playing the piano for different dance bands said: " You could say my whole life is music, it keeps you active and interested in what is going on and it is a way of meeting people. Mrs Bain's talents as a musician, piano player, were in demand all over the area for Highland, Tap and Ballet. The president of the Society said of Mrs Bain she gave years of tremendous service to the Society both as an official and as a musician. **Report is given on page 19**

Dec 2 Thorn Pull the Plug on Bulb Factory – The worst fears of the workforce at thorn EMI Lighting at Marchmont Crescent were realised on Friday when the company announced that the factory would close on March 27 1987. 190 workers were left stunned by the news as the prospect of redundancy and loss of wage packets sunk in. The closure will mean a major blow to the economy.
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Daylight robbery at Cullen shop - A masked raider robbed a Cullen bakery shop at knifepoint last Friday morning only fifty yards from the Police Station. The shop assistant who was challenged could not be certain if the robber was a young man or woman by the way they were dressed but she was left in a distressed state, The owner of the shop said that it was early in the morning and the sum stolen was of the order of £30.

New signing - Buckie Thistle signed a new striker in 18 year old Gary White who previously played for Aberdeen Junior side East End.

Dec 9 **Grants for shipbuilding may be forthcoming** - Fisheries Minister Mr John Mackay is hopeful that Sea Fish Industry applications for grants for new boatbuilding will be resumed early in the spring. This may, however, be too late for a number of workmen employed at Jones' Shipyard and is already too late for Thomson's Shipyard, which ceased operations in June on the completion of the fishing vessel Moray Endurance.

Big fire at Jones' Shipyard - A major fire that took place at the shipyard on Tuesday morning December 9th threatened to engulf the whole yard. As soon as he had gauged the ferocity of the inferno Station Officer at Buckie Mr George Mackay immediately sent out a call for four more tenders. Later he was to say that it had been the most major fire they had had to tackle for some time.

More houses planned - A planning application has been lodged for the construction of 67 local authority dwellings and roads at Netherha, Buckpool.

Advert – Bin Hill Brewery - beer 70/- and 80/- strong.

Killed on her wedding day - Miss Fiona Farquhar (26) 24 Kind Edward Terrace, Portknockie was killed when the van she was driving skidded on black ice and crashed off the road on Saturday morning only hours before she was

due to marry Malcolm Smith (24) a fisherman of 13 Millbank Terrace, Buckie. Fiona was on her way to Macduff to collect her young nieces who were to be flower girls and take them to the hairdressers.

Launch on Saturday - Skipper Gordon McKay saw his first brand new 65 foot long fishing boat, named Hope by his wife Gaye take to the water on Saturday morning from the Buckie shipyard of Herd and Mackenzie. The Hope cost £550,000 to build.

Instead of the usual champagne a bottle containing water from the River Jordan was used instead to launch the ship. Gordon McKay, a religious man, brought the water back on purpose when on holiday in the Holy Land. Prior to the launch Rev Bill Taylor, minister of the North Church gave a short prayer. The Hope is a dual-purpose vessel built with a transom stern it is rigged for seine netting but can easily be converted to trawling. Power is provided by a 310 hp Gardner engine, the latest and most powerful engine produced by the company. The auxiliary engine is also a Gardner of 127 hp

Death of retired skipper - George Murray died at his home 8 Baron Street on Sunday November 30. He was 68. He is survived by his wife Elsie, three daughters and one son.

Christmas Lights - The town centre of Buckie took on a festive appearance when its impressive new Christmas lighting display was switched on Saturday. Buckie Chamber of Commerce members had been hard at work since last Sunday putting the new decorations around Cluny Square up High Street and along East and West Church Street with the electrical work being overseen by Chamber member Frank Slater. Councillor Eddie Aldridge, threw the switch to turn on the power.

Former school at Clochan - Scottish Secretary Malcolm Rifkind has given his approval for the Richmond Special School building at Clochan to be given for the use of the local community at a nominal rent of £1.00 per year.

Advert - Jamieson's Radio and TV, 47 West Church Street.

Advert - R. Cruickshank, 32 West Church Street, Radio and T.V also electrical work.

Advert - Walker and Smith, Electricians - 20 West Church Street. All kinds of electrical goods.

Inchgower visitor centre now unlikely - It would seem that the promised visitor centre at Inchgower Distillery, to cost £1 million pounds and give work to 20 people when disclosed in March appears to have been dropped following re-organisation within the parent company Guinness.

Fire at Jones' Shipyard - A number of pictures of the inferno is to be found on pages 1 and 4 with a **full report on page 1.**

Supermarket planned - Planning applications have been lodged for the erection of a supermarket, car park and service yard to the south of Newlands Lane.

Cullen's skyline restored - Cullen's skyline was finally restored last week with the long awaited completion of the repair work to the steeple of the former church on Seafield Street.

Clochan Crossroads fatality - A Clochan man, 44 year old Gavin Petrie was killed as he crossed the Buckie to Keith road at Clochan Crossroads on Friday night. He was cycling home from his work as a technician at Milne's High

School , Fochabers and facing into a strong wind when he was struck by a car. He was single and lived at Cuttlebrae Cottages.

Facelift for the Catbow - The Seatown area of Buckie (The Catbow) is to get a face-lift The plans for this were first mooted nine years ago.

Scout Post - Buckie Scout Post, first started in 1985, has again had an overwhelming response being snowed under with cards. The cost of delivery is 5p and this includes to Portgordon this year.

Advert - Homes and Gardens (Prop. Alex Mair) 25 West Church Street.

Minister finding her feet - Rev Christine Jones is busy settling in as the new minister of Portessie Methodist Church.

Advert - Moravian Motors - Calor Gas - South Pringle Street.

Dec 23 **An eyesore and waste of money** = David Peuple a new member of the community council who stays in the Lodge at Strathlene claimed at the recent meeting that Moray District Council was wasting money filling in the entrances to the changing rooms at the old, disused swimming pool at Strathlene. Money instead should be spent demolishing the whole of the building that still stands , landscaping the area and planting grass seeds. The pool was just a hang out for undesirables. (It was not until 2004, 18 years later, that what he suggested eventually came to pass.)

Advert - Hang Hing, Chinese Carry out, West Church Street, Tai Fong and family wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Advert - Raymond Cardno, Homewise Agents and Insurers now at 21 West Church Street.

Advert - Natalie's Baby Clothes, 31a West Church Street.

Advert - Peta Hair Fashion P. Lees , 31a West Church Street.

Dec 30 **Christmas baby at Seafield** - The first Christmas baby born at Seafield Hospital for two years - Jemma Louise Campbell was born to Anna and John Campbell, 19 Craigbo Terrace. The new baby was born 6 minutes past midnight . The couple already has two sons, George who is 6 and Gordon 3.

Headmaster to retire - Findochty Primary School Headmaster, Mr David Porter is stepping down after 17 years in the position. He was previously headmaster at Lady Cathcart School, then at Bothriphnie before taking up the post at Findochty. He is to retire in the village. **Report is to be found on page 6.**

