

March 7th 1918

Mar 7 :- 'Tee-name Smith 'Laird'.

War Memorial meeting - A public meeting was to take place to listen to the report back from the committee on what action ought to be taken concerning the 'Fallen Heroes Memorial'

They were married - Report on the wedding of Mr Alex Mclean, Cuttlebrae and Miss Louie McWilliam. Eskdale, Cathcart Street. May 4 1916.

Tattie seed o mony kinds - Seed tatties were being offered for sale with the following varieties - Earliest of All, Sharp's Express, Golden Wonder, Kepplestone Kidney, Challenger and Arran Chiefs.

They died for the cause - The photographs on page three this week showed pictures of men who had 'Fallen in the Fight'.

Pte Alex George Sutherland, MA BA , Gordons, who had been killed in action. He was a son of George Sutherland, Boot Warehouse, 21 West Church Street. He was a graduate of both Aberdeen and Cambridge Universities.

Lance Corporal Robert Stewart, Gordons, 56 Main Street who had died of wounds. In civilian life he had been a mason with Dawson, Builder, Buckie.

Pte. George Peter Peace, M.M. who was killed in action. He was a native of Orkney but prior to the war had worked in Buckie as a joiner with Geddes and Sons, Portessie.

Alex Geddes 137 Main Street who was lost off the 'Willing Boys'.

March 14th 1918

Mar 14:- Notices - 1) Butter and margarine rationing scheme 2) Meat rationing, This was to come into operation on Sunday April 7. J.L. McNaughton.

Lost at sea - A number of local; men were lost off the sailboat, 'Sweet Hope'. They were - James Cowie, of 47 New Street; George Coull, 32 New Street, both married, and Alex Jappy, 12

West Street.

The trial trip took place of the motor boat Strathlene, BF954 and owned by William Geddes, Portgordon. She was fitted with a 75 Gardner engine.

Fochabers were early on the go - Before they had electric power in Fochabers they had gas. This was told when the former gas man, who had moved to Fochabers from Buckie, Mr John Mann died at the age of 80. He left a number of children.

Front-page news - The Banffshire Advertiser carried a big notice on the front-page advertising Scottish Week from April 8- 13. A special effort was called for to increase the sale of war bonds and war savings certificates. Each parish, village, town and city in Scotland was being asked to provide an instrument of war - machine gun, aeroplane, tank or battleship.

Trees on Queen Street - The town council had trees planted on the west side of Queen Street and on the banks of the Buckie Burn. The Parish Council had given these.

We cwid be deein' wi this bit o grun - The town council agreed to put it to Mr Hosie, factor with Cluny Estates, that the ground to the west of Queen Street might be let to the town council at a reasonable rent on a yearly basis and to be used as a public park for the benefit of inhabitants. Mr Hosie, on being approached, agreed to put the idea to Lady Gordon Cathcart.

The photographs on page three were of the following - Sub Lt. William McCurrach, RND, died of wounds. He was the only son of Mr and Mrs George McCurrach, Boness and grandson of Mrs McCurrach, Woodhead, Muir of Clochan. He left a widow with two children.

- **Pte. John Winchester Taylor, HLI, youngest son of Mr Alex Taylor, Shoemaker, 20 Bridgend. He died of wounds in France.**
- **His brother William Taylor, RNR, was discharged through injuries sustained on board HMT King Herring. His wife was living on Duguid Street while he was now on government service in Norway.**
- **A poem is found on page 3 column 4 titled the 'Hielan Division' and written by a 'Buckie Loon' in France.**
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March 21st 1918

Mar 21 :- For sale - The fishing boat Lily, BCK 218, presently on Admiralty service was for sale. At present the boat's income was £732.

Lost off the 'Sweet Hope'- The following men were lost off the fishing boat - Sweet Hope - Alex Cowie, 45 Yardie. He was 62 and married, George Coull, 6 James Street, married and aged 47, George Coull, 6 James Street, an only son, aged 16, their photographs are shown on page three.

Major John Greenlaw was home on furlough and occupied the pulpit of the Parish Church on Sunday.

The house at 121 Main Street, was sold to Mr Charles Mackay of Bowies Lane.

Hall for the Salvation Army - The property known as the old Good Templars Hall on Baron Street (near the Coastguard Station) was sold by William Hendry, Cabinetmaker, to the Salvation Army.

Buckie Harbour in print - An article that had been previously written in the Christmas Magazine of the B. A. on the Buckie Harbour extension had been copied into the Building Industries Magazine for March.

Killed in action - Pte John Gauld, MM 6th Gordons, youngest son of Mrs Gauld, Geddes Buildings, Newlands Lane was reported killed in action. he was 22 and formerly was a clerk with Herd and McKenzie, Shipyard, Findochty.

The photographs on page three of this edition showed the following - Pte Peter Cowie, 6th Gordons, 50 Gordon Street. He was previously a fisherman. He had been wounded four times the last due to fragments from an aeroplane bomb.

Pte James Thain, Gordons, second son of Mr Thain, Inkerman, Drybridge. He was 33 and had recently been wounded. He was a farm servant at Cuttlebrae, Clochan before the war.

- Pte. Peter Mitchell, Seaforths, son of Mr and Mrs Mitchell, Auchiefow, Clochan, He was a brother in law of Pte Thain. He had recently also been wounded and was meantime in hospital in England. His brother, Andrew was killed in action earlier in the war. Peter Mitchell was a farm servant in the Forres area before the war. He was 29.

- **David Reaich RNR, died from the effects of injuries received whilst on board a burning ship. He was 23 and married with a young child. He lived with his wife at Cathcart Street with his family home being Hysker Holme, Gordon Street.**

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March 28th 1918

Mar 28 :- Missing presumed killed in action Pte Alfred Carrington Royal Scots, husband of Minnie Horne.

The Richmond Arms Hotel, Portgordon was for sale. The owner was Mrs Anderson.

The first list of subscribers for the Scottish Week were given on page one of the B.A.

Wanted to purchase a house in Easter Buckie, Gordonsburgh or Ianstown.

George McKenzie, Butcher, was giving notice that all intending customers would oblige if they would hand in their meat cards to any of his three shops.

A poem is found on page 3 titled 'To The Conscientious Objector' written by Pte William Cumming, 3rd Bat. Black Watch, and 44 Land Street, Buckie.

Scottish War Weapons Week - The B.A. carried a big advert. The Buckie target was £20,000

Poem 'The Gordons at Loos'. Suggested by the description of Lieutenant Wood's great skill and gallantry in leading his men . Lt. Wood 8/10 Gordons was the fifth son of James Wood, Fishcurer, Mayfield, Cullen. By Max Philpot.

The photographs on page three of this edition were of - Pte. James Duncan, Canadians who was killed in action. He was the only son of Mrs Brown 13 A East Church Street and was a baker with James Mitchell before being called up. He was 28.

Corporal William Cowie, Gordons, 87 Seatown had been reported missing since September, 1917. He was 23 and was previously a fisherman. His father, Skipper James Cowie, of the same address, was stationed at Larne, Ireland with HMD Maryland.

Banffshire's Third V. C. Sergeant Colin Barron, Boyndie, Banff, serving with the Canadian forces was presented with the V. C. medal at Whitehills by the Duke of Richmond and Gordon. On behalf of friends and the people of Boyndie, his native parish, Sergeant Barron was presented with a gold watch and a wallet of Treasury notes. Sergeant Barron had hopes of winning a prize of 11,000 dollars and a free house offered by the city of Toronto, his adopted home, to the first V. C. who came home alive.

£3000 to erect a memorial - The sum it was proposed to gather in Buckie to pay for the erection of a memorial to Fallen Heroes' was £3,000.