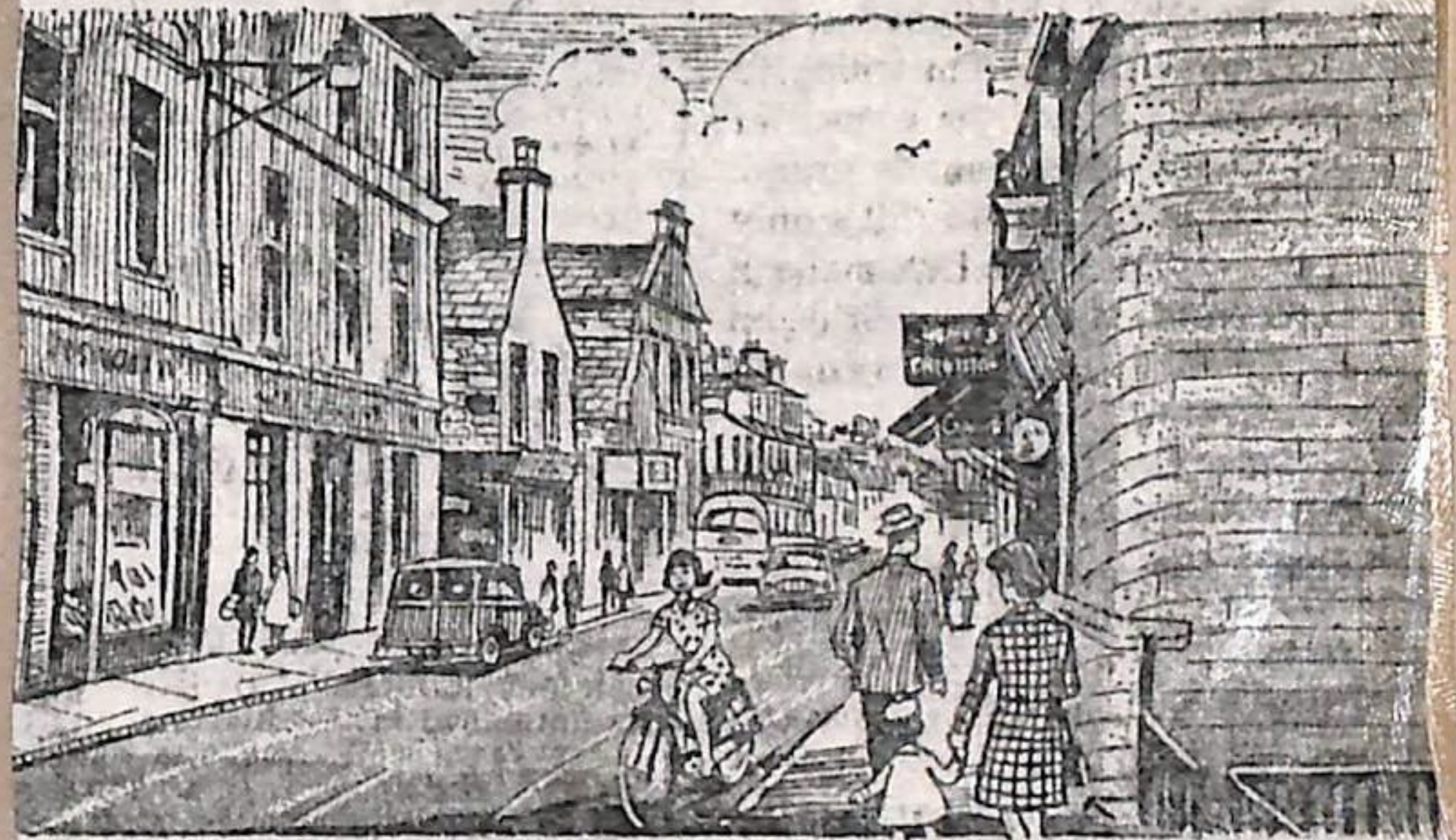


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OUT AND ABOUT IN DINGWALL



The High Street.

DINGWALL, the county town of Ross and Cromarty, derives its name from the Norse "thing valr," meaning field of meeting.

Throughout the centuries the town kept its importance, and in 1226 Alexander II. made it a royal burgh.

Although it has no large industries Dingwall is the administrative centre of the county. Quite a number of its people are employed in local government.

As it is situated in the centre of a rich agricultural district it is also a well-known market town. Because of the tremendous crops of cabbage once grown, it earned the nickname "kail town."

GENERAL SIR HECTOR MACDONALD was born in Dingwall in 1852. In his early days he was apprenticed to a draper. He enlisted in the army as a private and rose to nation-wide renown as Fighting Mac.

The people of Dingwall erected a handsome tower in his memory in 1905. It is built on a hill to the south of the town and stands one hundred feet high.

Another link with Macdonald is the Dingwall freedom casket and sword. They were presented to him, by the people of his native county and have now found a permanent resting place in Dingwall.

In spite of Dingwall's long history the town still strives to keep its place in modern Scotland.



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PIONEERS WERE PART part of the 125 anniversary celebrations at the Ripley Knox Presbyterian Church last Saturday. The program included a performance of the history of Ripley.