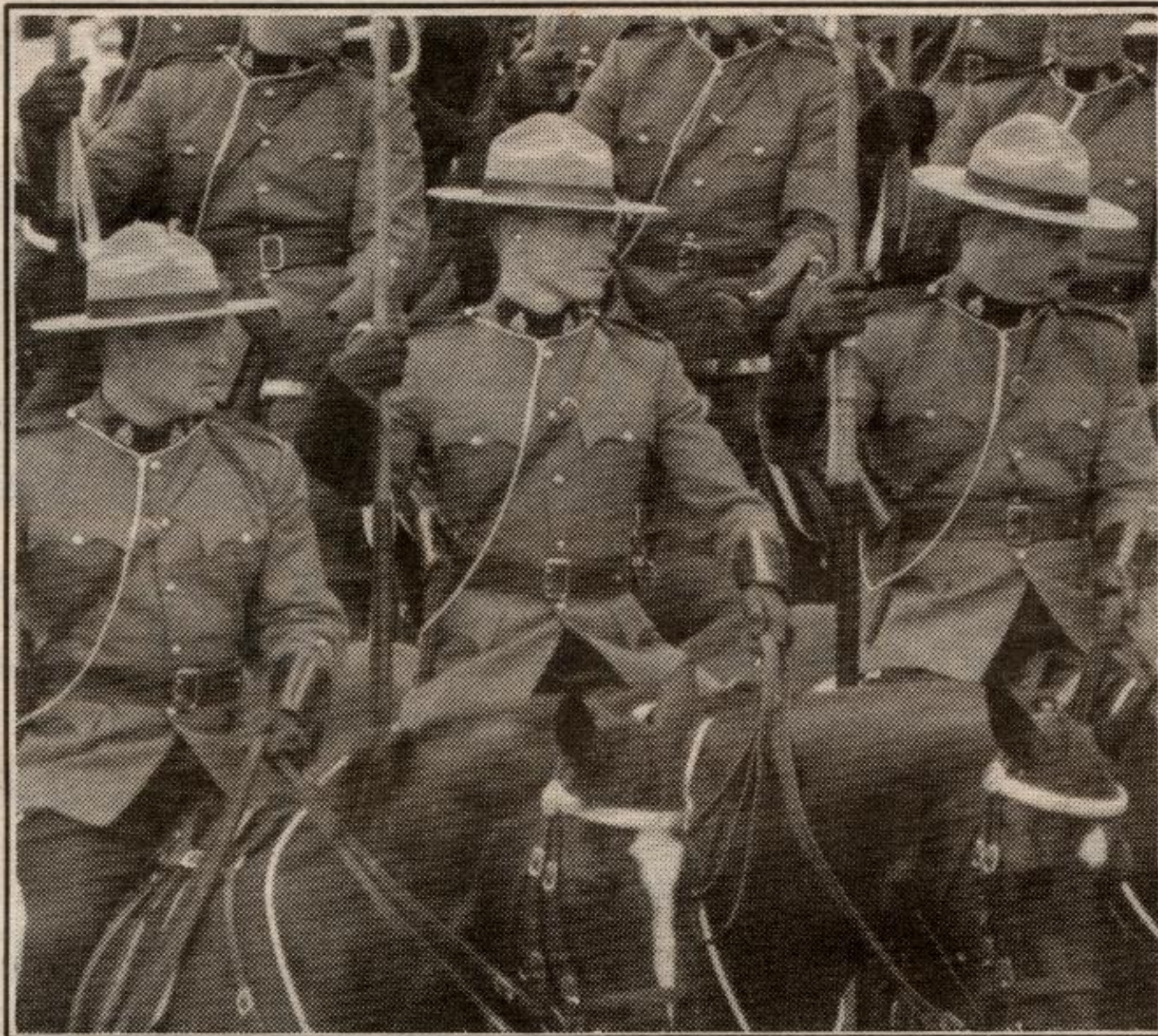


Year sees birth of The Gem, McGaw off to Atlanta Games

BY JAMIE HARRISON
It's been an exciting year in Georgetown, as this year in review proves. Looking back on the events of 1996 can prepare us for what's to come in 1997.
Continued from last week.



THE HORSEY SET: Despite a hurricane, The RCMP Musical Ride was a highlight of the 150th Fall Fair.

JUNE

BD. OF ED. RESCINDED LAY-OFF: The Halton Board of Education rescinds layoff notices to 460 elementary and secondary school teachers, leaving 112 secondary school teachers in the lurch.

The layoffs were originally announced as part of the provincial government's education restructuring plan.

JUST ONE LOSS: The GDHS Rebels girls softball squad lost just one game all year. Unfortunately, it was for the whole enchilada.

The squad was dumped by Bishop Reding in Milton, ending an otherwise perfect season with a 9-7 loss.

JULY

PIPE BOMB DAMAGED HOMES: A Calvert Drive resident awoke to find someone had tossed a pipe bomb into his backyard. The bomb damaged two houses and left a 2' crater in the yard, but no one was injured.

Police had no suspects in the bombing.

BINCE IS BACK: Rick Bince returns to the Raider fold as he is hired on as coach and general manager of the Jr. A Raiders.

McGAW HEADED TO

ATLANTA: Olympian Kara McGaw prepares to accompany the Canadian Women's Softball squad to Atlanta to compete in the summer Olympics. Despite a prediction that the team would take the gold, some bad bounces and some suspect umpiring left the squad without any medals.

HOLD THE PRESSES!: Georgetown welcomes *The Gemini* to the media scene with our first edition on July 31. Letters and phone calls of congratulations flood *The Gemini* newsroom.

AUGUST

HUNGRY HOLLOW BRIDGE OPENED: The opening of the much anticipated bridge connection Georgetown South and the rest of town opened over Hungry Hollow.

The bridge allows for two lanes of traffic - one each way - until the other lanes open later in the year.

SKATEBOARDING IN THE HOT SEAT: Skateboarding becomes front page news in Georgetown after continual clashes between residents, youths and police. Const. Keith Bennett starts the ground work to find a peaceable solution to the problem.

ACCIDENT DELAYED CONSTRUCTION: No one was injured when a pile driver toppled over on the newly opened Ninth Line bridge. Construction was delayed as Ministry of Labour officials investigated the scene.

ARTIST WAS A HIT IN JAPAN: Local artist Leslie Harvey found great success overseas, selling his miniature watercolour paintings in Japan.

Harvey's work has be-

come very popular for two reasons - they are small enough to fit cramped Japanese living quarters and they often depict rural scenes.

BREAD BASKET WAS SLOWED BY BUREAUCRACY: Red tape proved to be an obstacle for Colleen Brown in her attempt to help feed the needy in Georgetown.

Georgetown's Bread Basket was mired in bureaucratic shuffling before finally getting off the ground.

MUSIC MONTAGE WON HER A DIAMOND RING: Kelly Jacob's sharp ear earns her a \$10,000 diamond ring in a radio contest.

The Georgetown woman named snippets of ten songs on radio station Q107's Mystery Music Montage.

SEPTEMBER

RAIN AND MUSICAL RIDE HIGHLIGHTED FALL FAIR: After eight straight weekends of zero precipitation, Georgetown was blasted by Hurricane Fran just in time for the Fall Fair.

Dampened but undaunted, the RCMP Musical Ride was on hand to help Georgetownians celebrate the 150th edition of the fall classic.

TERRY FOX RUN WAS FINALLY A GO: Despite fears of not being able to host a Terry Fox Run this year, the community pulled together to help Bonnie Covert organize the annual event to raise money for cancer research. *Next week: October through December.*

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