

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Taxes Still Sensible

That Georgetown is holding its tax rate increase to a nominal amount this year speaks well for the efforts of council to economize wherever possible while trying to provide as many major services which the public demands consistent with good financing.

This is no easy task, when one realizes that of the total tax budget less than a third comes under council's direct control, and of the 30 per cent which they control, a good share is already fixed in debenture debt charges, building maintenance, salaries, necessary road work and the cost of fire and police protection, garbage and dog control, etc., etc.

A rate of 78.46 for home owners and 86.27 for industries and commercial establishments is not out of line with neighboring municipalities and should not scare away any potential industrialists.

Certainly our municipal administrators have used more common sense than those in higher branches of government where anything seems to go nowadays. A small town appears to be the last stronghold of democratic common sense where a budget is adopted and an earnest attempt made to

stick to it without ending the year miles in the red.

Compare it with Expo, for example, where original cost estimates have more than tripled, and our senior politicians shrug it off with what fine advertising this is going to be for Canada. It sends shudders up your spine when you read that the experimental hillside housing is going to have to rent for \$1,000 a month to break even.

But to get back to Georgetown, 1967, is not going to be a spectacular year as far as public business is concerned. We will have a new ambulance and a new fire van, town employees have had salary increases to put them in line with other industries, the police force has been gradually increased to take care of an expanding population, and some form of extra accommodation is to be found to relieve overcrowding in the town offices. A new Mountainview bridge will be one of the major improvements, and one which residents will be happy to pay for, as it is long overdue.

We can expect that ordinary civic services will be supplied to the best of council's ability with the money they have allocated, and there will be no legitimate beefs about the physical operation of the town.

Warn Your Children

Writing this on the week-end prior to leaving for holidays, we can only hope that the disappearance of a young Kilbride schoolgirl will have a happier ending than it would seem at present.

Tragic or otherwise as time will prove, this should give every parent an impetus to keep reminding their youngsters about the dangers of talking to or accepting gifts or automobile rides from strangers.

The fact is that there are people among us who might seem entirely normal, yet have psychological quirks which make them dangerous given the proper set of circumstances.

History in Pictures

A series of 'Turning Back Time' pictures in the Herald, one of a number of features of centennial year, is an interesting addition to recent Herald's.

Over the years the Herald has acquired a number of these and will be featuring them during the year.

We would appreciate any help which residents could give in adding to the files. Sometimes during a house cleaning bee, valuable keepsakes go into the bonfire which

It is known that the sex urge takes many bizarre forms from what is considered normal between male and female, and the urge which drives some men to young children is a terrifying one.

Repeated warnings and explanations should be given frequently at home to children, and should any incidents, even minor, occur, the proper authorities should be immediately notified.

Today every resident with children is placing themselves in the position of the distraught Kilbride couple. Perhaps out of their tragedy, other young lives may be protected from harm.

should be preserved.

If you are destroying any historical materials, whether in pictures or printing, the Herald will be happy to add this to its collection.

If you have a picture which you treasure, perhaps you would like to loan it to us for rephotographing and reproduction in The Herald. This will then be returned to you, and you will be sharing your treasure with the whole reading public.

tion, and many valuable tips that they will be able to use when they proceed to employment at the end of this year. We hope that you will participate in this plan again in the future.

Your sincerely,
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HARLEY TO HALTON

Weekly Observations by
Dr. Harry Harley,
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THE HOUSE OF Commons recessed until Monday, 8th May, 1967, on the morning of 8th May the First Session of the 27th Parliament will be resumed and that afternoon the second Session of the 27th Parliament will open. This means a new Throne Speech, new Budget and all the other features which make up a new session of Parliament.

THE PRIME Minister has stated in answer to a question in the House of Commons, that the Opposition would find the contents of the Throne Speech "astonishing". I personally interpret this to mean that there will be many things in the Throne Speech which will bring about changes in our way of life and particularly as they relate to the individual. I look for changes in the laws governing marriage and divorce, birth control, capital punishment and the laws governing the Bank Act. These are matters which can be dealt with or without an expenditure of money to the taxpayer and will bring about in Canada a more humane and realistic way of life.

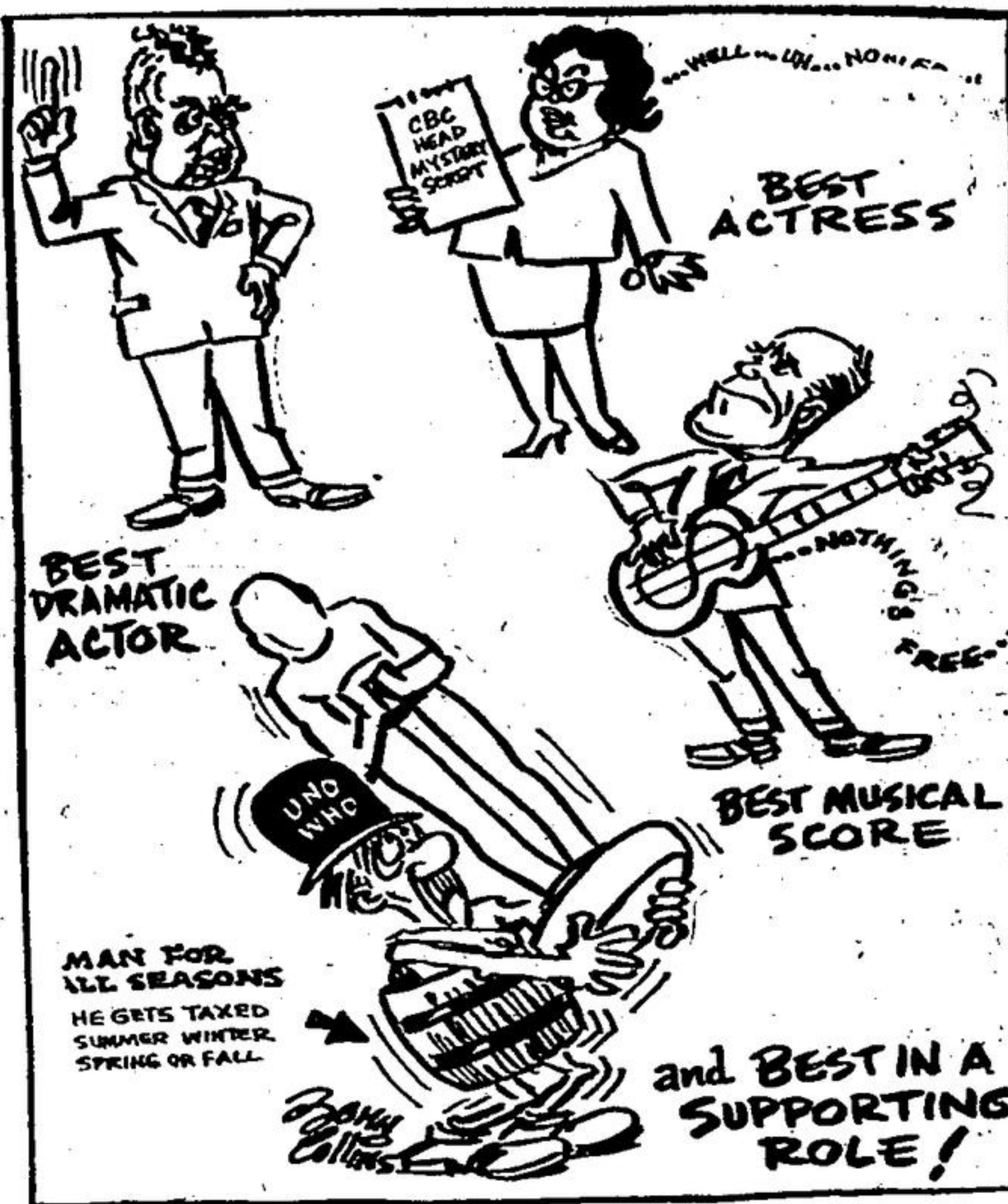
THE BILL TO UNIFY Canada's Armed Forces has passed the House of Commons and there will now be gradual unification of the Armed Services. I think it erroneous to assume that there will be tremendous changes take place immediately

School, Rotary Pleased With Careers Program

Georgetown Herald,
22 Main Street,
Georgetown, Ont.,
Dear Sirs:
The Rotary Club of Georgetown and the Georgetown District High School would like to express their appreciation for your participation in the Work Program for the Grade 12 Commercial students.

This was the first year in what we hope will be a yearly event. We have studied the assessment forms as sent to the high school by the companies, and from these we feel that the companies have been quite satisfied with the quality of the students sent out. We have also discussed these in class in considerable detail with the students and they stated that they were very interested in the program and feel that they had received a great deal of information.

Let us know.



THOSE OTTAWA OSCARS

SUGAR AND SPICE

by Bill Smiley

Remember the Battles? There's nothing like a good, old-fashioned family fight on Saturday night, to relieve the built-up tensions of the week, clear the air, and get everybody squared around for a quiet Sunday.

For centuries, this was a tradition in many families. But, like so many of our other fine old customs, this one has been virtually destroyed by television.

Don't get me wrong. I don't mean the kind of thing in which the brutal, drunken husband lurches home, beats up his wife and kids, robs the sugar bowl and piggy banks of their pennies, and staggers back to the pub and Pearl.

This happened, of course. And still does. But I mean the ordinary family fight. The father, a decent working man, has gone up-town Saturday afternoon with his \$1.50 allowance. He has bought a pack of fags and had three or four beers. He's mildly merry.

His wife has done the week's shopping. She has lugged four bulging bags of grub a block to the car. She has slaved to prepare a good supper. The baby is crying, just for the hell of it. The teenage daughter is whining about going to a dance with a known hoodlum. The 12 year old son is still out fishing. It's almost dark and he's probably drowned. And her feet hurt. And the dinner is ruined. Because the old man is late. Twenty minutes late, already.

Well, there's a dust-up. Pa comes in with a happy smile and the old lady peels the hide right off him. The boy comes in grinning, with two speckled trout, and gets a cuff on the ear. The daughter whines out and is sent to her room. The baby, no slouch at the game yells like a banshee to get some attention.

And it's all over, like a summer storm. Pa is ashamed for cuffing the kid. Ma is ashamed for blasting Pa. The boy gets doubles on dessert. Ma and Pa lead with the girl to go out with the hood, who really isn't a hood, after all. The baby gets a bottle right in the mouth and shuts up.

The kid cleans his fish. Ma does the dishes dreamily. Pa goes out and roots around the rospush. Sis flies out, at the head of a horn. Baby burps and smiles in his sleep.

That's the way it was, not too long ago. But television has wrecked it. Nowadays, instead of taking out our aggression on each other, we huddle before the Great Soporific on Saturday night, dinner balanced on our knees. We put all our aggressions into a stiff body-check or a saloon brawl in a Western.

As a result, the fine old family fight on a Saturday night has degenerated into a querulous quibble about who's going to get up and fetch a beer during a commercial.

However, I am glad to say, although the family fight is dying, it is not quite extinct. The other day I read, with growing fascination, of a Christmas Eve squabble that has to rank among the great ones. It took place last December 24th, and the legal aftermath is now in progress.

As the newspaper reported it, this young fellow admitted he drank between 30 and 40 bottles of beer during the day. That is some beer drinker. You try putting down about four gallons of beer the day before Christmas, or any other day, and I guarantee you'll have a belly the shape, and a nose the hue, of S. Claus himself. Not to mention the beers coming out your ears.

It gets better. The Champ, as we shall call him, had an argument with his brother, who threw him out of the house. Imagine the glug and undaunted, the Champ climbed a tree. Maybe he thought it was a pear tree and he was a partridge. Who knows.

Anyway, brother stepped outside with a shotgun. He claimed he fired a shot in the air, not knowing the Champ was up a tree. But several pellets entered the latter's anatomy.

The champ testified that he couldn't remember swinging his mother-in-law around by her hair, although he did admit having a fight with her.

It sounds like a swinging par-

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NEWS ECHOES

From the Herald's of 10 and 20 Years Ago

1957

- Lions Club of Georgetown held their regular meeting Tuesday night at the McGibbon Hotel, their last here after a quarter of a century. Don Barrager presented Gladys McGibbon with a bouquet on behalf of the club stating the club's regret at having to leave the McGibbon Hotel where meetings have been held since the club was chartered in 1931.
- Douglas R. Wilson, municipal engineer for the past two years has resigned his position in Georgetown for a new one in Montreal.
- Members of the Roxy Theatre staff and guests were invited by Roxy manager Bill Leslie to a get-together of employees of the J. Arthur Rank organization held in the Odeon Theatre, Guelph, last week. Attending from here were Miss Florrie Alcott, Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. W. Langebeck, Bill Leslie Jr., Paul Prust and Don Souther.
- Georgetown's band ended a long affiliation with the Lorne Scots last week when members voted unanimously to become a citizens' band and operate independently. It will be known as Georgetown Brass and Reed Band.

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- Cooperating with the Ontario Campaign for British Flood Relief committees in Georgetown and Esquimaux have announced the opening of a two week campaign. Under the direction of a committee headed by Arnott Early, Georgetown people are asked to bring clothing and food donations to the Old Town Hall, which will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

ty. I'm just as glad I wasn't there, but it proves that the family fight still has a little steam left, even though it is disappearing from our way of life.

"This must stop," he said. "It can be stopped if only adults would realize their responsibilities in training young children to avoid danger. This training," he added, "is best done by example."

Next Sunday is Child Safety Sunday

The League and the Canadian Highway Safety Council are sponsoring a nation-wide one-day campaign against child death and suffering from accidents, in Child Safety Day. The Day will be observed across Canada on Sunday, May 7th.

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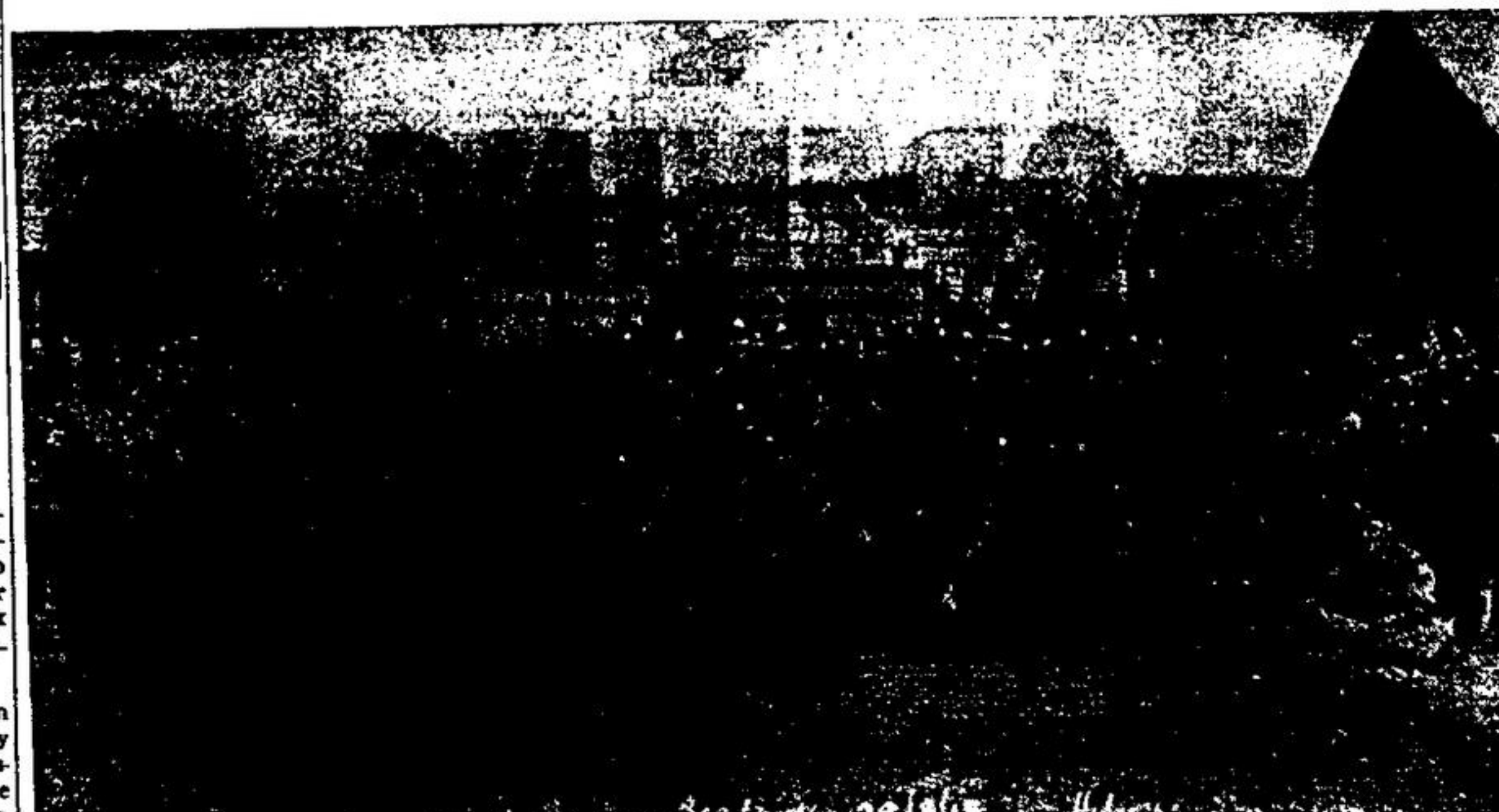
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TURNING BACK TIME SERIES



WENT OVERSEAS WITH THE 164th
SOME OF THE GEORGETOWN BOYS who went overseas with the 164th Battalion at the start of WWI, gathered for this photo taken in Brighton, England, in 1918. Recognizable are Henry Preston, Fred Weaver, Jack Fry, Percy Graham, Bob McWenery, Fred Armstrong, Walter Louth, Andy Hunter, Orby Herrington, Billy Hartshorn, Bert Hunter, Bob McMaster, Charlie Ruddy, Fred Wagstaffe, Tom Allen, James Ballantine, T. Dobbie, H. Goldham, Bob Addy. Can you identify any others? Let us know.