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THANK GEORGETOWN MEN FOR AID TO LISTOWEL DISASTER FUND

Orangeville, Ont. March 13th, 1959.
Dear Mr. Editor:
Through the medium of your paper I would appreciate the opportunity of conveying the thanks of the Orangeville Recreation Commission and the Legion Minor Sports Committee to the players, coaches and supporters of the Georgetown All-Star Minor Hockey Support group for helping us promote our Listowel Benefit night.

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LEGION NOTES

by Les Clark

We have been asked by a number of members to give a brief description of the officers in the Legion "High Command", so we will try. This week we will deal with the Ontario Provincial Command.

First, a word about the new office of provincial command, which is located at 218 Richmond St. This move was made necessary a year ago, when District D, Toronto, wished to take over their office at 22 College St. This has been the headquarters of Provincial Command for a number of years, being leased them by Toronto Dist. The new building is modern one, and certainly gives the Legion officers a great deal more space, as well as making for a much more efficient system. Offices are located on the main floor with the various departments in adjoining offices.

President, of course, is Fred O'Brecht, of Durham. Incidentally he is just recovering from a broken leg. He is a dairyman. Harold Eaton is first vice president and comes from Newmarket, where he is top executive with Dixon Pencil Co. Command no longer has a "chain of command" but vice president, 2nd vice, etc., inasmuch as there are now regional commanders, who in effect are vice presidents. As memory serves us, Leo Troy, Scotty Broughton, Clarence Wood and Roly Fell. These men each look after a number of districts, which allows for a greater accessibility to the branches of senior officers, as well as making their job less onerous. Then you have the district commanders, who are heads of a number of zones. Hugh Lamb of Streetsville is District B commander. Then the zone commanders with a number of branches to look after.

In our estimation the hardest working man in the whole setup, is the full time secretary, Patrick Biggs. To him falls a majority of the work, ironing out details, and keeping things running smoothly, arranging conventions, clearing matters with Dominion Command, etc. We have known him reasonably well for a number of years now, and feel very strongly that the Legion is lucky to have such an officer. Assisting him is Reg Cleator, provincial organizer in essence "trouble shooter" for the province, another excellent organizer, with world of experience in Legion work. To most people, the word "Legion" and "Poppy" are inseparable, and this important department is headed by Maurice Searle, who is a pension advocate with DVA, and is one of Canada's top experts on pensions. His success in obtaining pensions for vets in appeals, and in doubtful cases has been phenomenal. Poppy work has been a lifetime work with him, and takes a great deal of his time and one to which he gives heavily. Incidentally, as well as his work in Legion, Maurice is well known throughout Canada as this is his second term as head of Royal Arch Masonry, and only recently he visited Georgetown as such. Bob Reid is service officer and has been for many years, and is conscientious and always on call.

The full executive meets once a year, and consists of all officers zone commanders and up. This meeting took place in Toronto last Saturday and Sunday. The regular business is carried on by the executive council, consisting of district commanders and up. The board room, used for larger meetings, was furnished complete with a number of our members.

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pliments of John Labatt, and is worth any one's while to see. It is really a lovely room.

The administration of the various committees and overall directions are given when the committees meet, at various times. All told the whole picture is integrated into a smooth functioning organization, run on a sound business basis. Again we urge anyone interested to drop in and "look the place over." You'll be welcome and will find it worthwhile.

Two representatives to Dominion Council are past president Henry Harvey of Ottawa and Bill Beech, of Toronto, who spends a great deal of his time in the capital city, as a member of parliament.

We'll give a rundown of Dominion Command at a later date.

Rifle shooting is getting to be quite the sport, with some very good scores shown each Monday night. The boys are really enjoying this.

The regular meeting will be in two weeks, Thursday March 26th.

Congratulations are in order to Gob Collier for the excellent work he has braced sports shaping up. Certainly he's been getting right at it, and has everything in fair shape. He's delegating authority to various "specialists" in their own sports and giving them a relatively free hand, as long as they are doing a job. Mind you, he certainly doesn't want to take all the credit himself, but asks particularly that we mention that open hearted, generous chap, our treasurer, who is only too happy to write him out magnificent expense checks for the various teams. Just last Saturday, for instance, the treasurer insisted on presenting the bowling team with new shirts, and in this in the face of the fact that the others are hardly worn! (If memory recalls correctly, they were only purchased in 1947.) But such is the generosity of the man.

It's a far cry from the day, still, though, when Gord King was the sports officer and he sent Scotty Patterson, Ken Nash, Harv Chappe, et al., to a golf tournament with the largest expense fund in history! When Scotty, who was team captain, worked it out, it came to the grand total of 75c apiece, but that wasn't all clear profit, of course because they had to pay Gob's gas out of that and buy their meals.

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have gone into business for themselves since the Avro layoff, and we wish them the best and hope the members will remember to patronize them when possible. They are to be congratulated on the initiative they have shown, it's certainly an amazing thing to realize how many skilled tradesmen that we have in the branch, ranging from photography to shoe repairing.

We listened two weeks ago with a great deal of interest to a talk by Lorne Manchester, the assistant editor of the Legionary. As readers know, we have not always agreed with the Legionary as far as format, content matter, etc., and feel that we have every right to do so as a private member, yet after listening to Lorne, we feel that they are making a great deal of headway.

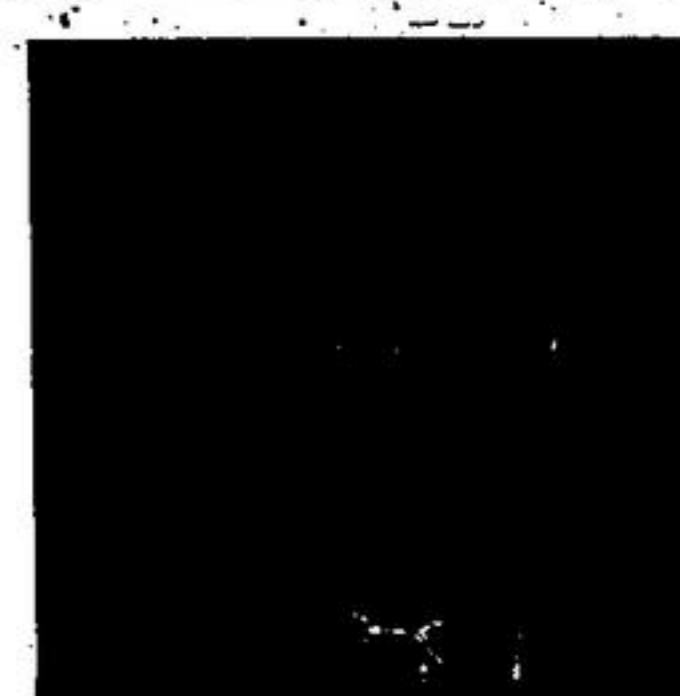
For instance, one of our largest complaints was that of the cheap newsprint-type of paper it used, but on investigation it appears with the large circulation, it would cost about \$50,000 to use a coated stock. This they hope to accomplish in the coming year. Advertising wise, the ad content is picking up, and it is expected that it will be much larger this year. Indeed, indications are that this is already taking place. Comrade Manchester also explained how the various proportions of material are arrived at, and also explained why certain pictures are useless. Ontario is receiving about forty per cent of the news and picture space, and as the magazine grows

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in size, they hope to see this grow as well. Colour is being introduced in the magazine for the first time and it is hoped to use this much more extensively, particularly for advertisers. With a paid up circulation of almost 300,000, the members can expect to see many new improvements in their magazine. One of the new features of course will be stories of the type currently featured, "Knights of the Air" a story of the first war ace. This coupled with more professional items and a sincere effort to contain the type of news sent in by many branches of purely local interest will help make it a bigger and we hope, better magazine.

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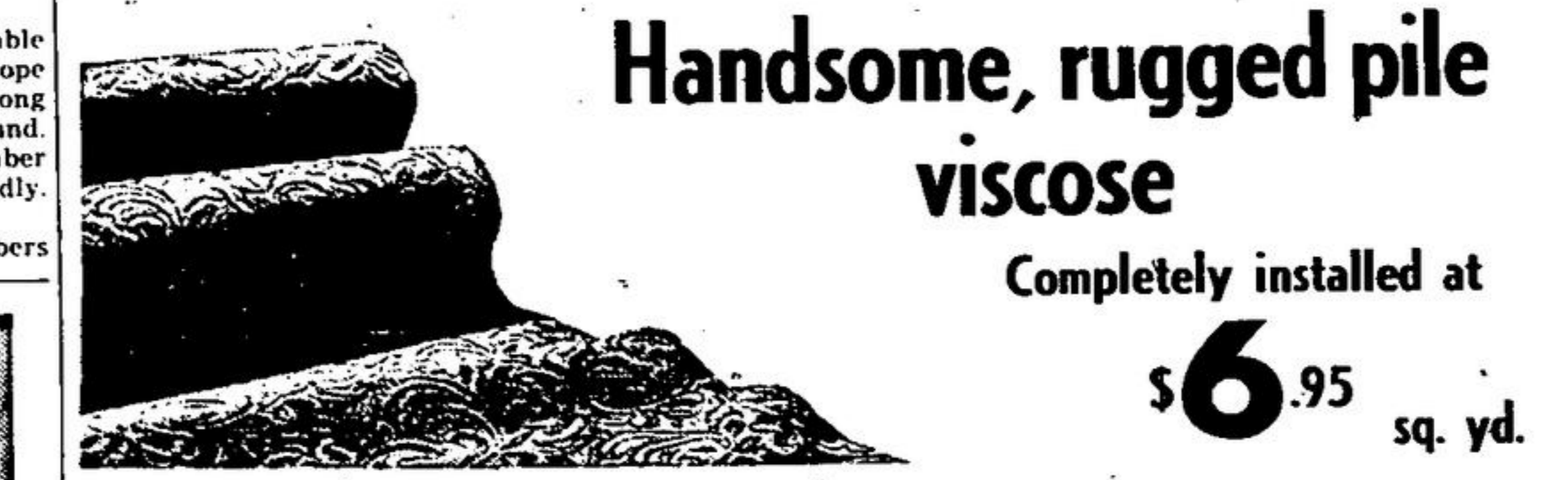
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