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Bobby Hull, the dynamic Golden Jet of the Chicago Black Hawks, temporarily shed his image of a National Hockey League superstar here last night.

Hull reverted to the simple home-and-family loving boy at the testimonial dinner given in his honor at St. Michael's Auditorium.

Some 325 fans and admirers from the district paid standing tribute on several occasions to the handsome native of Point Anne.

He received a thunderous ovation when presented with the colorful gold trophy symbolizing his record-breaking feat of 54 goals.

Nor was the applause less when he presented the Belleville Minor Hockey Association "Squirtsmanship Award" to wide-eyed Stephen Gray of 614 Sidney Street.

Bobby as "guest speaker" literally stole the show with the sheer force of a personality that reached out and beyond the head table to the farthest corners of the auditorium.

JUST TALKED

Any resemblance to the conventional "after-dinner speaker" was conspicuous by its absence. There was no affectation or flowery eloquence.

Effortlessly Bobby just talked. He was as much at home before the dinner assemblage as he is talking to the family over the dinner table.

There was nothing unnatural about the fact that not once did he mention his sensational record-breaking feats.

His only reference to these came when he described his emotions when he scored goal "51" and the reaction of a frenzied Chicago crowd.

And only once did he refer to the Black Hawks and their unsuccessful efforts to win the championship and the Stanley Cup.

He may have had tongue-in-cheek when he said "I do not know where I or the Hawks will be next year. We did not have a good series. The most of us were tired. I know I was."

"But we gave it a good shot" Bobby said "and we were not disgraced. The Montreal Canadiens had a well-balanced club and won the honors by being the best team in the league."

A smile swept across Bobby's face when he said "Maybe if they add six teams to the league next year, they will keep me a little longer."

He drew rounds of applause when he said "We should have had Dennis up there with us to give us some added spark. He played as well as the rest of us — and I hope we will be together again next year."

Bobby paid tribute to the work for crippled and re-

tarded children being done by the dinner-sponsoring organizations the Belleville Alhambra Islam Caravan and the Belleville Shrine Club.

"These fine organizations," he said "are putting a great effort to great causes. I have helped do things for other efforts — but this is the greatest."

"They are doing a wonderful job for children less fortunate

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than others. Joanne and I are truly thankful our children are healthy and strong."

Family roots are deeply embedded in the Hull structure.

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the Hull personality. "The city pays its respects to a man who has done so much to bring sports fame to this district. He is an excellent young man besides."

Bob Wilson said briefly, "I thank the good Lord who directed me to the trail of this great hockey player, a member of one Hull of a family."

Mr. Grills said, "as far as security goes I feel a lot more secure here than I do in Ottawa, Canada has a population of some 20 millions and today 20 million people are proud of Bobby Hull and his family. Bobby is a fine example of a good citizen, grand sportsman and an outstanding Canadian. We are all proud of the inspiration he has given to young and old."

Telegrams of congratulations were read from the Supreme Commander of the Alhambra and from Chicago Black Hawks coach, Billy Reay. "I'm sorry I cannot attend your function for the greatest hockey player" said Reay.

Bobby was presented with a huge bag of potato chips by the W. T. Hawkins Ltd. through Miss Shirley Woodcock while a Coca-Cola representative told Bobby he will receive 100 cartons of the soft drink.

The Ven. Archdeacon McConnell asked the blessing with Monsignor Sullivan pronouncing the benediction.

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