

Stray shots . . .

Champions are made of good stuff whether it is Cassius Clay, Northern Dancer, the Toronto Maple Leafs or the Junior "C" champions. Tributes were paid the teenagers of the Lindsay Lions Thursday night including one from coach Gus Bodnar when he called the players "young gentlemen on and off the ice".

Town of Lindsay crest cuff-links can be found in Japan as well as other parts of the hemisphere and now "Red" Sullivan, coach of the New York Rangers will wear them when he takes in the World's Fair. In a free and easy talk "Red" mentioned the days when he played in Lindsay for Peterboro against such players as "Sixty" Coombs and Al Burns and in softball against "Hattie" Aikens, all of Lindsay.

One of the senior citizens present at the banquet was Dunc. Sinclair, who hasn't missed a hockey game in many seasons. He was honoured with a place at the head table.

Chairman Councillor John Eakins, who literally curled many a player's hair in softball reported he played several times against "Red" Sullivan when "Red" played for Peterboro and he was always a keen opponent.

Presentations were the order of the evening. Plaques were handed out to those who helped the team. Austin Street who was introduced as the "best talker" was happy to receive a plaque. Not too many years ago Austin played hockey and baseball with the Cambray stars.

The founder of minor hockey in Lindsay was present. He is Howard Williamson and this was in the year 1934 when the Kiwanis Arena was opened. He was the first president of the old Lindsay Athletic Club and he was also one of the founders of junior baseball in Lindsay. "H. J." when in his

prime was a speed ball artist on the diamond and a star goal tender.

Barrister Mel Cunningham, who is well remembered for his fine contribution to hockey in the days of the Lindsay Muskies was introduced as the Manager of the Junior "C". His mother was present as a guest.

The line-up of the Lions team included one player from Little Britain, one from West Guilford and three from Minden.

Kent Douglas of the Toronto Maple Leafs stressed team work as the key note to success more more efv with any hockey team and Mayor Joseph Holtom went a step further and said team work was the trend of success in any business, particularly in that of the town council and other civic bodies.

"Red" Sullivan emphasized the need for checking in the game of hockey. It was essential to have players who could score goals, but it was just as necessary to have players who checked and stopped the opposition from scoring goals.

Mayor Holtom predicted the seating at the Kiwanis Arena would be increased to 1200 next season.

Gus Bodnar, hotel proprietor and former National Hockey League star and coach of the team was on the receiving line and appreciated the gift from the players.

Many parents of the players were present. They have supported the boys through thick and thin.

"Rags" Raglan and Cyril Gerster who played important roles with the winners were not forgotten when the presentations were made. Herbert Simpson, chairman of the Recreation Commission added his tribute to the team and management. Also present was Percy McCrimmon, a retired farmer from Woodville who attended every home game during the season.