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"Rocket" Orbits

Acton Arena



—Staff Photo

AUTOGRAPHED STICKS bearing the famous name of hockey "great" Maurice "Rocket" Richard of Montreal Canadiens will be cherished by Mike Vale, Ken Owen and Casey Harkley. The "Rocket", now goodwill ambassador for the Quebec team, obligingly signed hundreds of autographs and talked with as many

thrilled boys and girls as he could. A sports celebrities dinner for 200 and special hockey matches at the arena for an enthusiastic crowd of 1,000, sponsored by the Lions Club, highlighted Minor Hockey Week for the biggest sports spectacle ever seen here. More pictures and news stories inside.

Sports Firmament Stars at Blast-off For 'Rocket' Friday

"I never thought I'd see the daw Maurice Richard would come to Acton," one wide-eyed youngster confessed as hockey's top ambassador was piped into the Legion auditorium with five other personalities at last Friday's sports celebrities dinner.

Close to 200 other dinner guests shared his enthusiasm and broke into spontaneous applause as the retinue headed by killed hero, Michael Joe, paraded to the head table signalling the start of one of the biggest nights in Acton sports history.

Held in conjunction with minor hockey week in Canada, the dinner preceded a hockey program in the community centre immediately afterwards, that attracted over 1,000 spectators.

Both events were sponsored by Acton Lions Club who took the occasion to present a set of new Art Ross goal nets to the community centre.

52,000 Voters
An estimated 52,000 Halton voters are expected to be eligible to vote in the federal election scheduled for April 8.

County Returning Officer
Richard West received a telegram from Ottawa Wednesday instructing him to prepare for the election.

In the federal election last June, Halton was divided into 252 polling subdivisions. This time there will be 282, the Returning Officer reported in an interview Wednesday evening.

Enumeration of the county, in preparing the voters' lists will begin on February 12. In the last election 58,358 voters were listed as eligible and this time it is expected that figure will climb to 52,000.

the biggest sport spectacle Acton has ever seen.

He introduced Mayor George Barbeau who thanked the Lions Club for their interest in the community and traced the history of the community centre. Formed by a group of community minded citizens in 1959, the Lions had their sights set on artificial ice right from the start, said the mayor.

Envious
The dream mushroomed into the community centre drive and the result is a \$160,000 building as a recreation centre. "I feel sure we are the envy of other communities," the mayor concluded.

Recreation director Jim Casbun introduced by Allan Lauder, presented the head table. Included in the galaxy of sports personalities were Alec Johnson, one of the prime movers behind the dinner, former mayor and new recreation commission chairman John Goy; Barry Incoe, coach of Acton Lions Juniors; Father Holmes, manager of St. Michael's juveniles; past Lion president Ray Arbie; president A. Lauder and the recreation director.

A question period followed the round of brief remarks from head table guests. Paramount subject of remarks was appreciation

for the "sumptuous banquet the Legion Ladies' Auxiliary prepared. Maurice Richard, on the receiving end of some frank and lively queries from the audience, bore the brunt of the question period. Attending to the influence of TV on youngsters, one minor player asked the Rocket — "Do you really use Vitalis?"

Head Shrinker
Sharing the spotlight were Tim Geohagen, a wrestler who confessed he had never seen a hockey game until he was 18. A psychology professor in Ireland, Geohagen turned to the grappling game. He enlightened his listeners with anecdotes and reminded dinner guests that we must educate the body as well as the mind to have the makings of a good citizen.

Danny Nicolovk, former employee with recreation director Jim Casbun in Scarborough, was tossed a hot potato when someone asked "What did happen to Angus?"

Guests were escorted to the Community Centre following the dinner where a minor hockey program was already underway. Jim Casbun put his half a hundred hockey school tykes through their paces for the benefit of the 1,000 spectators who delighted in the demonstration and gave loud applause to the participants who ranged all the way from the novices on skates to slick little hockey players.

Pounding Palms
Thunderous applause greeted the guest celebrities as they were introduced and never subsided until Lion president Allan Lauder, assisted by Mayor Barbeau, presented recreation chairman John Goy with the new Art Ross type nets for the community centre from the Lions Club.

The applause was deafening when Maurice Richard was spotted in a referee's uniform signing autographs and preparing to officiate at an exhibition game between Acton-Businessmen's Pee Wees and the Legion town league All Stars. The Businessmen's kids won 3-2.

Goy Goal
As a finale Toronto St. Michael's Juveniles met Acton Lions Juniors in an exhibition and came out on top 10-1. At the head of the league in Toronto, St. Mike's had too much hockey knowledge for the Acton club who skated with them for the first 20 minutes. John Goy Jr. tried the only Acton goal assisted by Merv Marshall.

Autograph hounds had a field day at the expense of Rocket Richard and the other celebrities who were besieged most of the night by youngsters and their parents eager to take home some souvenir of one of the biggest sports events in Acton's history.

145 Glenlea Ratepayers Oppose Project Committee Rejects Apartment Building

Committee of Adjustment on Monday evening granted the minor variances requested by Kurt and Erna Heffner to allow the construction of a one-storey brick house with attached garage at the corner of Arthur and Wellington Streets. The lot with a 60 foot frontage on Wellington Street has an area of 5,412 sq. ft. Zoning by-law requirements are for an area of 7,500 sq. ft. The secretary prevailed the committee with the list of property owners notified of the application and the one objection received. It was pointed out that the proposed dwelling would comply with all requirements of the zoning by-law except for the area requirements.

The committee rejected the application by G. Gitto for variances to allow the construction of an apartment building on Lots 10, 11 and 12 on Longfield Road with the following decision: "Although the application by G. Gitto to the committee of adjustment could possibly be considered a minor variance in view of the opposition from the Town Council of Acton and the ratepayers in the surrounding area we have rejected the application."

The revised application by Mr. Gitto presented by his solicitor Mr. Ford, requested variances of six feet in the rear yard set back, possibly 100 feet in area requirements and permission to have a road to the rear parking lot through the side yard and planting strip. The solution pointed out that the 100 sq. ft. area is not required after a survey of the property.

Mr. Gitto informed the committee a retaining wall would be built at the rear of the lot to provide a parking area next to the Railroad right-of-way. He suggested that since the apartment building would be set back from the street 10 feet further than the neighboring homes the building would not appear too high from the street.

The proposed apartment would have 10 units, with a parking space for each unit. The building would be of solid masonry, of fire resistant materials.

A delegation of 24 ratepayers from the area attended the hearing and presented the committee with a petition, signed by 145 ratepayers, objecting to the construction of the apartments in the area.

Tom DeVries, 107 9 Longfield Road, acted as spokesman for the group and in presenting the petition said:

"Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee of Adjustment. To-

night we are together for a public hearing on the matter of the application of Mr. Gitto to per-

mit him to build a two storey apartment house on Lots 10, 11 and 12, Plan 599, Longfield Rd., and the variances he requests to be granted to him from by-law 1128, the Zoning By-law. As spokesman for a rather large group of ratepayers in the immediate vicinity of this proposed apartment house site, I like to present this committee with a petition signed by ratepayers for your kind consideration.

Furthermore, I like to add to the text of this petition the following personal remarks which I also like to leave with this committee for your kind consideration.

If Mr. Gitto is allowed to build the apartment house on this lot which is actually too small, then immediately he is going to run into parking problems for his tenants and their guests and visitors. Subsequently cars will have to be parked on the road and because this building is proposed in the bend of Longfield Road

Smash Door, Dishes At United Church

Trinity United Church was the target for vandals Tuesday night when dishes and glasses were smashed and glass littered around the basement and church sanctuary.

Organist George Elliott discovered the damage a few minutes before 8 p.m. and called constable Bruce McArthur of the Acton O.P.P. Detachment. Police reported the door to the minister's study had been smashed to gain entrance and dishes from an adjoining room smashed into the floor in the downstairs area.

Normally the front door to the church is kept locked but Tuesday had been left open to accommodate church groups holding meetings.

North Submits Counter-Proposal In County Voting Power Hassle

Esquimaux Council on Monday agreed to join the four other north Halton municipalities in appealing the Burlington and Oakville private bill to change county council's voting power. Councilors agreed to share the cost of a lawyer to fight the

South's proposal and present a new counter proposal.

Under the plan advanced by Burlington and Oakville, the voting power in Halton County Council would be revised to give the south 17 votes and the north 16 votes.

18-12 for North
The north's counter proposal would see vote in county council based on municipal elections in the various municipalities, and would give the five northern towns and townships 18 votes to the southern two towns 12. It would also see a municipality limited to six votes. The south's plan would allow a municipality a maximum of 12 votes.

Variances would be distributed as follows under the north's proposal: one vote per 1,000 electors (two for up to 2,000 three for up to 3,000) four for up to 5,000 five for up to 7,000 and a maximum of six for over 7,000 electors.

O.K. School Sale
The township approved in principle the sale of the Martin St. high school in Milton to the Milton Public School Board, at \$60,000. Esquimaux was one of the owners under the old North Halton High School Board system.

Rotarians Learn Of South Africa
Rotarians received first-hand information on the Republic of South Africa's business right when Dr. Rhoderick Gough of South Africa was guest speaker. The doctor is attending the Orit also Verman College at Guelph taking a post-graduate course and is being sponsored through the Rotary Foundation Fellowship.

He spoke on the advancements made during the past few years and stated the Republic had more than 70 per cent of the cars and more than 60 per cent of the hospitals in the continent.

Pull Belts Up
The speaker was of the opinion the so-called race in South Africa under the present system has an opportunity to pull themselves up without pulling the white people down. Many native Africans immigrate into South Africa in order to raise their standard of living.

More Soon
The new post-office is nearly ready and the "big move" is waiting for two things — final inspection and official word to pack up. Just odds and ends remain to be done on the Bowler Ave. building.

A dozer and snowplow were sold for \$600 to a Georgetown resident. A satisfied when his bid was the highest of five tenders received.

Council approved a \$2,500 grant to the Ballinatal Hall Board and received word the official opening would be held on March 8.

Parties Gird For Action Election Here April 8

Although Canada's 25th Parliament was dissolved Tuesday evening and a federal election is scheduled for April 8, Halton Liberals are not planning to hold a Federal nominating convention until mid-March. Peter W. Seelton, president of the Halton Liberal Association said Wednesday.

At an executive meeting held in Milton last week, the party decided to hold a joint federal-provincial nominating convention in Milton's town hall on the middle of March. Following the Parliament's Tuesday dissolution, local Liberal executive members were contacted by this newspaper, and they said that although attempts were being made to hold the meeting earlier, the mid-March date still stands.

Halton County is represented federally by M.P. Dr. Harry Harley of Oakville, who took the seat following the June 18, 1962 election when he defeated incumbent P.C. member Sandy Best. Provincially, the party has

no candidate although a provincial election has been rumored this spring as well as possibilities of a by-election to fill the seat of the late M.P. Stanley I. Hall Conservative, who died last August.

Dr. Harley's renomination is not expected to be opposed, but party members feel a nomination convention is necessary as a formality.

Meanwhile, Halton Conservative has nominated Sandy Best as their federal election nominee, and Carl P. Rouleau of Oakville is expected to be re-nominated New Democratic Party candidate for the next federal election. Social Credit supporters said they are seeking a candidate.

Burlington Mayor Owen Mullin this week announced he would seek the Liberals' nod for the Ontario race, and George Kerr of Burlington has already been chosen to represent the Conservatives. N.D.P. is reportedly attempting to launch a candidate.

Committee, Recreation Director Told Duties, Program by Government Rep

The newly-formed 10-man recreation committee received a clear-cut picture of its responsibilities and duties expected from the recreation director during a meeting Thursday, January 31, with Lloyd Minshall, district representative from the recreation branch of the Department of Education.

"The days of the broom wielding, sweat-soaked, white-tooting director are over," stressed Mr. Minshall as he informed the committee the director's main job is to administer, counsel and guide. In comparing the director with the principal of a secondary school, he said, "You cannot expect to hand him a broom to do caretaker's chores and administer properly a quarter of a million dollar business? If he is doing this, then he is not concentrating on the proper aspect of his job."

The recreation director is important, he said, urging members to appreciate his work. "His job can become very demanding but it must be remembered he is only one man. He cannot be expected to work 24 hours a day, seven days a week."

Role of Committee
Next, the committee members learned their role.

Making money is not the main function of the recreation committee. "Make as much money as you can but don't rent out ice time during the prime hours to out of town teams if this means sacrificing public skating periods."

Mr. Minshall suggested since council approved building the community centre, it has also accepted the fact it would be used for a recreation centre and

he believed council was also free to underwrite any unforeseen deficit.

"It amazes me to see recreation directors in my district counting and rolling money. If they are doing this, it could mean they are neglecting their main duties," he said.

One Liaison Man
Only the chairman of the recreation committee should be the liaison man between the committee and the recreation director and single members shouldn't approach the director with problems or suggestions.

Mr. Minshall pointed out recreation is not confined to sport alone but encompasses activities involving people of all age groups. He advised that all avenues of recreation be explored through the club. It is impossible to follow the

same pattern laid out by other communities as Acton would have to establish a program for older people on a basis of what they should have, as much as what they want.

Grant for Secretary
Chairman John Goy informed Mr. Minshall the committee along with parks board was seriously considering hiring a secretary to handle duties of both bodies, on the basis of two hours a day or over, and considered if grants were available to offset a secretary's salary. Mr. Minshall said the secretary would have to work at least 30 hours per week before any grant would be given.

In conclusion he strongly advised the committee members not to get lost on petty quibbling during their meetings as they might get so close to the woods they'd overlook the good trees.

Board Parleys Four Hours Decisions Take 10 Minutes

During a four-hour session Monday night, Acton district high school board approved salary increases for teachers and for secretary William Middleton in a 10 minute regular session after sitting in committee of the whole for three and three-quarter hours.

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GUEST SPEAKER at the Rotary Club meeting Tuesday, Dr. Rhoderick Gough of the Republic of South Africa is pictured above centre, with Rotarian Paul Neilson left, and president Tom Shields right. Dr. Gough is taking a post-graduate course at the Ontario Veterinary College at Guelph under the Rotary scholarship plan.

Water's Pure Says Report

The Ontario Water Resources Commission notified town officials this week the town's water supply is not contaminated despite rumours circulating last week.

On Thursday of last week the Ontario Water Resources Commission was asked to take tests when rumour of contamination reached the mayor's ears Friday morning. Clerk Jack McCreache was contacted by the commission and told the water report was zero and showed no sign of bacteria.

Spot checks had been taken throughout town and these samples taken to the O.W.R.C. laboratory and checked out immediately.

Mr. McCreache also reported the water does not have a normal supply of fluoride now. During test borings for the well on Churchill Road North occasional tests indicated an amount of fluoride equaling that which is added in some centres to reduce tooth decay.

Killed Fox Feared Rabid

Charles Thompson, R.R. 2, Acton killed a fox at his garage and veterinarian Dr. Frank G. Oakes saw the head to the Dominion Laboratory at Hull for examination.

It is believed the animal was rabid as other rabid foxes and skunks have been killed in the area prior to this. This is the first case in three weeks reported to Dr. Oakes.

The crowds have not been too big at Sunday evening adult skating.