

Targets For Many Questions  
Guests Deftly Parry, Thrust

Prominent members of the sporting fraternity, targets for questions from diners at the Lions Club sports celebrities dinner here, Friday night, shed a new light on their own particular field for the nearly 200 present in the legion auditorium.

Maurice (Rocket) Richard proved to be as adept at parrying thrusts and dangling participles as he was scoring goals in the livery of Montreal Canadiens. After a recital of the difficulties and injuries he suffered in his climb to the top of the hockey world including a broken ankle, a broken wrist, a broken leg, another broken ankle, fractured cheek bone and innumerable abrasions and stitches, he answered such questions as:

Rocket's Replies

Should goalkeepers wear masks? Yes, said Richard. Jacques Plante was the first to wear one and it saved him many injuries.

Who is the best hockey player now that he has retired? Gordie Howe, said the Rocket, modestly denying he was the best in the N.H.L.

Who has the hardest shot in the N.H.L.? Many hard shots, said Richard, including Boom Boom Geoffrion, Jean Beliveau, Bobby Hull, Gordie Howe, Tim Horton.

Who is the best goalie ever played against? There are three, said Maurice. Terry Sawchuk, Frank Brimsek and Bill Durnan.

Who is on your all-time All-Star team? Frank Brimsek in goal, Jack Stewart and Red Kelly on defense, Milt Schmidt at centre and Gordie Howe and Ted Lindsay on the wings.

Will your brother Henri ever be as good a hockey player as you were? He's better now said the Rocket, though it's unlikely he'll score as many goals.

Will Gordie Howe surpass your all-time scoring record? Yes, I think so, said Maurice.

Vive Les Canadiens

The Rocket named sleep, slating and working as the three prime requisites for a successful hockey player and urged his listeners not to neglect their education. He also asked them to think more of the Montreal Canadiens like his No. 1 fan in Acton, George Beatty did, singling out George to applause from the audience.

Tallest of the visiting sports celebrities, Danny Nikoluk also urged the boys and girls not to neglect their education in furthering their sports careers. He pointed out that most football players attend university so that when playing days are over, they will have the education to land a job.

Anyone for Boxia?

Carl Madgett, president of the Ontario Lacrosse Association said

he hoped Mr. Casburn would find a few lacrosse sticks around to round out sports in Acton.

President Ted Elmes of the O.M.H.A. praised minor hockey officials in Acton for their effort. Four hundred players registered in a community represents a tremendous effort, he said.

Timothy Geohagen, fresh from the mild sud, praised the sponsors of this minor hockey night. The people who arranged it certainly had the good of youth at heart. He rated hockey as the fastest game in the world and thought adolescence was a time for mental and physical discipline.

Appearing for Toronto baseball manager Bill Adair who was called home to Alabama to the bedside of his seriously sick wife, public relations director Spiff Evans of the baseball Leafs compared Maurice Richard and Joe Dimaggio. Both suffered many injuries during their careers and both persevered.

Recreation committee chairman John Goy told the diners that he was convinced recreation has a real place in Acton. With 400 young hockey players, we may produce one Richard. If they learn to be citizens first, however, we will have done our job.

"Recreation planning is being done for you right now," said the former mayor.

A HELPFUL HINT

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TCA STEWARDESS Joan Garside was the first to receive the autograph of Maurice "Rocket" Richard when he alighted from the plane at Malton for his trip to Acton Friday afternoon. On the ramp of the Viscount are Lions Club members who were on the reception committee, Ray Arbic, Alec Johnson and Eddie Owen, with Miss Garside and "the Rocket". To mark Minor Hockey Week, the Lions club held a sports celebrities dinner and a series of hockey matches at the arena afterwards. "Rocket" Richard is the former Montreal Canadiens' hockey star and is now goodwill ambassador for the team.

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**Convener of Month  
Knox Ladies' Aid**  
Knox Ladies' Aid met in the Sunday school room, January 29 to begin the work for the new year, introducing a new plan with a convener for each month of the year to conduct all the projects for that particular month. Mrs. A. M. MacPherson was convener for January, assisted by Mrs. C. Hansen and Mrs. F. Cole. The worship service included the hymn O God Our Help in Ages Past and the scripture lesson from John, the 15th chapter, was read responsively led by Mrs. Hansen. Mrs. Fred Cole led in prayer.

Mrs. George Somerville, secretary, read the report of the last meeting and many thank you notes in appreciation for Christmas remembrances. Mrs. Stan Matthews gave the financial report for 1962 showing a favorable balance in the bank and paying the ladies had a very busy year.

Mrs. MacPherson reported her group had already convened two dinners in January. Mrs. Cole gave a delightful reading, New Year's Resolution by Nancy Phillips, and Mrs. Hansen read a poem How Old Are You? Many decided they were not as old as they thought. A contest on various animals was enjoyed with Mrs. A. J. Buchanan being the winner.

Mrs. William McLeod is the convener for the month of February. She already has a quilting and the annual dinner meeting to arrange for.

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**LEGION NOTES FOR BRANCH 197**  
By George Ware

One of the poorest turnouts for a general meeting was seen Monday as four new members were initiated. The new members are George Barbeau, Eric Johnston, Lloyd McEnery and Christian Schults.

A meeting such as this is not a very good start for the new year and it is to be hoped much better turnouts are experienced in the future.

At the meeting it was decided to purchase the shuffle board game. We are sure this will be a very sound investment for the branch.

George Musselle was very disappointed at the small turnout of volunteers Sunday, Jan. 26, in support of a Legion male choir. It is to be hoped another attempt will be made to form a choir in the near future. This could be another first for Branch 197.

The January winner of the Legion Minor Sports, 50-50 draw was Frank Hallett, 179 Oakcrest Ave., Toronto. The proceeds of this draw go to a very worthy cause, minor sports in Acton.

**SPORTS**  
Saturday, February 9 is the date of the zone cribbage tournament at Acton Legion. We all know the boys will try to keep those trophies in the branch for another year.

Steak takers at Friday night's supper were Bill DeVries first, Harvey Lambert second, Bill Marshall third, with Frank Smith taking home the bacon.

**Industrial Cribbage Standing**

Legion A	89
Bond	81
Hotel	81
Legion B	78
I.G.A.	73
Farmers	70
Legion C	70
Firemen	70

**Inter-County Dart Standing**  
(as of Jan. 21, 1963)

Georgetown	46
Burlington	42
Acton	36
Oakville	35
Milton	26
Waterdown	11

Seems as though quite a number of cutting members are brushing up on their technique via the shuffle board in the games room. Anyone who hasn't yet seen the game of tried their skill, should make a visit to the branch.

The faithful few are keeping their eyes glued to the TV these cold winter nights watching the hockey games in the lounge room.

Zone sports will keep the branch busy for the winter months, so if interested get your name on the board now. Next on the list is Snooker.

Ping pong, which faded for awhile, seems to be coming back into popularity.

Spring cleaning will get in early start at the branch when volunteers invade the auditorium Sunday afternoon.

No doubt the lounge room will be buzzing with voices in the Grays and Tomes discuss up to date news.

Lists of captains and teams for the duty roster have been posted on the bulletin board. Check and see which month you are expected to help.



SOLID MUSCLE is admired by two excited young wrestling fans as Timothy Geohagen flexes his muscles before the very successful sports celebrities dinner. On the left Herbert Brookhoven marvels at the bulging muscles while Michael Vale taps the mighty chest of the grunt and grouch artist.

**Good News From Churchill**  
**Birth of Twin Lambs Proves Spring's Just Around Corner**  
(Intended for last week)

Spring is just around the corner. Mr. Joshua Thompson reports the birth of his own gay pair of twin lambs in the chute last week.

The annual meeting was held on Friday evening, January 25 in Churchill Church with a fair attendance.

A few cases of mumps are reported in the district.

A group of Mrs. Spruell's supporters attending the Friday evening nomination meeting at Milton returned to a social gathering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Turner. Nearly 50 of Mrs. Turner's friends and friends enjoyed a most enjoyable evening. Funds were raised for the end of a year on hand after the church had been visited and new windows added making it easier to beat.

At the conclusion of the meeting the ladies' social lunch and social time was enjoyed by all. Mrs. A. Damm received a phone call from her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Stephens saying they had arrived safely in Santa Monica, California where the weather was lovely, temperature at that time being 72.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Don Anderson on the birth of a son, Andrew David on Jan. 1st.

Samuel R. Griffin attended the Ontario, Scotland, Loop Improvement meetings held in Toronto at the Royal Winter Fair Coliseum last week.

Mr. Flemming opened with prayer and was chairman for the meeting.

**1962 Improvements**  
The minutes of the last annual meeting were read by the secretary, Frank Freeman. The treasurer, Harold Griffin, gave the financial report showing a most successful year. The church had been visited and new windows added making it easier to beat.

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