Andrews Local Speaker

Mike Andrews, second baseman on last year's championship Red Sox was a guest Monday night at the Lafayette club at which time the film of the 1967 World Series was shown. Pictured are, from the left, Club Director Rudolph Ouellette, program chairman, Ronald Picard, president; Andrews, and Club Director Maurice Chateauneuf.

Fraternal Activities

Red Sox Star At Lafayette Club

LAFAYETTE CLUB — Members and guests of the Lafayette club filled the meeting hall to capacity Monday night to view the showing of the film of the 1967 World Series and to hear a talk by Red Sox Second Baseman Mike Andrews who made a hit with his audience and spent considerable time signing autographs and baseballs for sons of members, and others. Club President Ronald Picard introduced the speaker and, at the conclusion of his talk, and the question period which followed, presented him a life honorary membership in the club.

Andrews' talk, mostly in answer to questions, covered last year's campaign and expectations for the 1968 season. He termed last year's success due to team effort, unity, and a terrific desire to win. He said that, with last year behind him, he hoped to do even better than his .263 batting average. He said that the lack of 300 hitters could be caused by twilight games in which players have to go to bat before the lights go on, causing a fear of being hit under these conditions, followed by the lights going on. He made a suggestion that the ball should be either red or green, so as to be seen better by the batters.

In answer to a question regarding the expansion of the league, he asserted that it should help in that many of the older players will find openings on new teams, giving opportunities to younger players and that, certainly, the caliber of baseball will not be lowered by the expansion.

Andrews leaves Friday for spring training in Florida.

PRESIDENT Picard thanked program Chairman Rudolph Ouellette for the evening's program and noted the presence of City Manager Charles Gallagher, City Councillor Thomas L. Crowley, City Councillor Armand LeMay, a member; City Assessor Arthur Keenan; Public Works Commissioner George LeGrand, a member; former Mayor Raymond Lord, a member; Armand Mercier of the Lowell Housing Authority; Rev. Charles Aubut, a native of Lowell, now at St. Joseph's parish in Waltham, and Rev. Leo G. Cormier of Our Lady of Lourdes parish in Jamaica Plain. Rene Prew, a club member, served as projectionist. Coffee and doughnuts were served.