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A well-known Lewiston educator was among the dignitaries who received honorary degrees yesterday from Rhode Island College as the school celebrated the birthday of Jean-Baptiste Donatien de Vimeur, Le Comte de Rochambeau.

Madeleine Giguere of 35 Orange St., and a professor of sociology at the University of Maine, was presented an honorary doctorate in humane letters at ceremonies held in the auditorium of the Fogarty Life Science Building.

Along with Miss Giguere, Remi-Nelson Gilbert, president de la commission nationale de genealogie de l'association Quebec-France and Robert Fournier, consultant in foreign languages and bilingual-multicultural education for the New Hampshire State Department of Education became honorary doctors in humane letters and pedagogy respectively.

The convocation, which featured Roger Establie, consul general of France in Boston as the guest speaker, was being held in conjunction with the state's observance of "The Year of the French." The American Band, under the direction of Dr. Francis Marcinak, associate professor of music at RIC, performed during the event.

Miss Giguere received her BA degree from the College of New Rochelle in New York in 1947 and her MA from Fordham University three years later. She is a member of the Lewiston Historical Commission, a member of the Maine State Advisory Committee to U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and a member of various Franco-American organizations including, Centre D'Heritage Franco-Americain, Unite Franco-Americain, Federation de femmes Franco-Americain and American-Canadian Genealogical Society of New Hampshire.



MADELEINE GIGUERE

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