

Up To Now

By Bill Thomas

No more powerful editorial has ever been published than the mute, but terrible message of the twisted pile of junk standing in the lot at Gord Leonard's service station.

Neither has any editorial ever brought a warning to more Highland Parkers. All week long a steady stream of crowds has filed into the lot to look at what is left of what was once a new automobile, a new automobile which, in the process of becoming a twisted pile of junk, took two lives, seriously injured two other passengers and, capriciously, let one escape with minor injuries.

It is always sad to know that a life has been snuffed out—even sadder when the life is that of a youngster—and still sadder when the loss is useless and for no purpose. The twenty-year-old lad and the sixteen-year-old girl who died in that crash, died because of speed, speed for no particular purpose.

And even though the message being brought to Highland Parkers by that wrecked convertible is a powerful and moving one, the price of bringing was too high.

Certainly all of the fault doesn't lie with parents, police, schools, the youngsters themselves, or even with cars that are built to go faster than we are built to drive them. Perhaps the answer lies in a combination of these factors. Wherever it lies, we must bear in mind that if we don't find it, the price just paid will be paid again—and more than once. And it could happen in your family.

Mary Law Leimert To Address Fall Meeting of ORT

North Shore Region of Women's American ORT announces that the first meeting of the autumn is set for Tuesday, September 11th, one o'clock sharp, at Beth El Synagogue, 1175 S. Sheridan Road, Highland Park. Mary Law Leimert, distinguished psychologist, will spotlight the program. She will speak on "How to Live with Children". A dessert luncheon will precede her talk.

The second program is set for Tuesday, October 30th at 8:00 p.m. sharp at the Winnetka Community House. ORT joins with organizations throughout the land in celebrating the sixth anniversary of the birth of the United Nations. Many phases of ORT's program are related to such United Nations specialized agencies as UNESCO, IRO, ILO, and others. ORT is privileged to present Lois Fisher, popular lecturer and television personality. Here is a unique approach to serious topics. She illustrates them by on the spot cartooning. In this manner she will present "You and the United Nations." Specifically the subject is related to the accomplishments of the United Nations to date, and its hopes for the future.

The North Shore community is invited to share with ORT's membership the opportunity to listen to these two outstanding women.

The Program Committee consists of Mrs. Rose L. Manasse, Chairman, Mrs. William Lytton, Vice-Chairman and the Mesdames Philip Fuchs, Evelyn Ramis, Leon Ehrenburg, Samuel Weiss, Morton Goldsholl, Henry Stine, Sol Gerstel, Glenn Seidenfeld and I. M. Greenberg, all residents of North Shore villages and towns from Evanston through Waukegan, inclusive of Niles Township.

Condition Of Donald Berkley, Crash Victim, Reported Fair

The condition of Donald Berkley, 19, of Lake Forest, injured in the early Friday auto crash, in which George Freberg, 20, of Highland Park and Margaret Cooper, 16, of Lake Forest, lost their lives, is, at this writing, reported as "fair", with little change. According to medical report, Berkley suffered lacerations of face and shoulders and possible fracture of shoulder and collar bone.

Mary Dunn, 17, of Lake Forest, also a victim of the accident, who suffered knee injury and concrete burns, is reported to be in good condition.

Donald Duffy, 16, of Highland Park, also injured in the crash, was dismissed from the hospital after treatment for ankle injury and concrete burns.

Women Participants In Ravinia Flower Show. Announce Awards

With two special awards to the staging committee and the properties committee of the Ravinia Garden club, who worked many hours last week setting up their part of the 12th annual Garden show held at the Lincoln school on Saturday and Sunday, in conjunction with the Men's Garden club of Highland Park, the judges voiced their approval of the show.

The judges were nationally accredited judges and flower show school instructors, also members of the state council and state garden clubs of Illinois and Indiana. They included the Mesdames W. A. Park, Fred Maybrey, Wallace Johnson, R. K. Butts, A. Fritz and A. Jackson. Mrs. McAllister, president of the Garden Club of Illinois, was a guest.

Mrs. Arthur Strubel also won a special award for her conservation exhibit and the Highland Park Library won a blue ribbon for its exhibit.

Following are the prize winners in the arrangement and table classes:

Arrangement with zinnias predominating: 1. Mrs. J. M. Maxwell and Mrs. L. J. Stirling 2. Mrs. W. M. Buchreeder, Jr. 3. Mrs. L. LeMar.

Arrangement in green and white: 1. Mrs. Marvin Anthony 2. Mrs. Hugo Hartman, 3. Mrs. M. J. Klee and the Highland Park Garden Guild, Mrs. T. J. Aylward.

Mother and child team arrangements: 1. Mrs. Willard Ewing and Lynn 2. Mrs. Wyatt Jacobs, Bethany and Jay 3. Mrs. James Ewell and Christopher, Mrs. Henry Fordtran, Ann and Nancy.

"Come Autumn in the Country" 1. Mrs. Willard Ewing 2. Mrs. Mary Hardin, Lake Forest and Mrs. Willard Ewing 3. Mrs. James Ewell.

Practical arrangement: Mrs. Willard Ewing, Mrs. James Barton 3. Mrs. George Straub.

Complimentary arrangement: 1. Mrs. Arthur Strubel 2. Mrs. Mary Hardin, Lake Forest, Mrs. Wallace, Winnetka 3. Mrs. Willard Ewing.

Arrangement copying or complementing a floral picture: 1. and special award, Mrs. Mary Hardin, Lake Forest, 1. Mary Lawton, 1. Mrs. Willard Ewing, 1. Mrs. William Riddle, 2. Mrs. James Ewell.

"Just For Fun": 1. Mrs. Mary Sanders 2. Dick Harza 3. W. C. Wenninger.

Arrangement of a plant stand: Mrs. Allan Wallace, Winnetka 2. Williams florist 3. Garden Guild, Mrs. J. M. Maxwell and Mrs. L. J. Stirling.

Kitchen breakfast for two: 2. Mrs. Frederick Mudge 3. Mrs. James Barton 3. Mrs. Venette Slusarczyk, A. 1. Mrs. L. F. Harza, B. 1. Mrs. Lewis Lepman, Jr.

Sunday brunch for two: 1. and special award, Mrs. Allan Wallace, Winnetka 1. Mrs. Jay Simon 2. Mrs. Willard Ewing 2. Mrs. Alfred Colling, Evanston.

Supper for two after the theatre: 1. Mrs. Alfred Colling, Evanston. 2. Mrs. S. Becker, Glencoe. 3. Mrs. L. F. Harza. 3 Mrs. Wyatt Jacobs.

Veterans Of Foreign Wars Vote To Create Benefit Fund

At a meeting of VFW Post No. 4737 Thursday, August 24, it was decided, on suggestion from Hugo Schneider, that a Polio Benefit Fund be organized. With several cases of Polio now in Highland Park, and the ever present danger of more victims of the disease, it was decided to create a fund-raising drive to raise money enough to finance equipment to combat it.

Income received from the Post's social activities in the coming months will be turned over to this fund. To start things off, John Sorsen post entertainment chairman, stated there would be a Polio Benefit Dance held in the latter part of September. The time, date, and other particulars will follow at a later date.

Committee for the Polio Benefit Fund are: Hugo Schneider, Chairman; Don Cameron, Publicity; John Sorsen, Entertainment; Stanley Pankman, Nick Tomei, William Moran, Raymond Schneider, Jerry McCaffrey, Allen Gerkin, Ted Arnswald, Norman Brugioni, and Frank Moroney. The committee will welcome any outside help in the form of suggestions, support, and of course finance—as all of the community will benefit from it.

VOTE HIGH SCHOOL ISSUE FRIDAY

Board of Education Interprets Chart And Tabulation

This Friday, August 31, from 12 noon to 7 p.m. the polls will be open for the residents of school district 113 to decide whether they want to vote a new "tax maximum" to permit the high school to meet the increased costs resulting from inflation and increased enrollments.

The rates upon which the citizens vote are not the tax rates for next year. They are the customary rate limitation which the Board of Education must operate in future years until this limitation is revised by another special election and referendum.

Irl H. Marshall of Deerfield, President of the high school Board of Education, says: "The board has had several people ask why the chart and tabulation published last week in the Highland Park News can be interpreted as higher education costs for Highland Park schools when the actual 'tax per pupil' for our high school is less than in similar neighboring school districts.

"The charts do not reflect relative school costs. They merely show for each district the ratio of all school taxes to municipal taxes and all of the other various taxes. There is a tremendous variation in these 'other' taxes in the cities used in the chart with the result that where these other taxes are much higher than in Highland Park to total tax bill is higher and therefore the school tax is obviously a smaller portion of the total.

"The figures shown in the tabulation likewise are not a comparison of operating costs of these various schools since they include the variable factor of assessed property valuation. The school tax rate is determined by dividing the annual school budget by the assessed property valuation of the school district. In a school district where the value of homes throughout the entire district is high, this of course spreads the school cost over a much higher property valuation and results in a lower tax rate.

"Then too, in a school district where many of the sons and daughters attend private schools or where the average number of school age children per family is small, the number of students in the high school in proportion to total property valuation is reduced and the school tax rate is automatically lower.

"The cost of education per student in the Highland Park high schools of like educational standards. In the tax bill of that year, the tax payers of our district 113 actually paid a somewhat lower tax proportion to the number of residential high school students than our neighboring tax payers of New Trier township and Shield Township which also have efficient and economically operated high schools.

"The budget approved by the Board for the operation of the Highland Park High School next year will permit the same standard of education as in the past. A 'yes' vote at the polls this Friday will tell the Board of Education that you favor the continuance of the present level of education."

Voting Precincts

PRECINCT NUMBER 1
All that part of said District lying within the boundaries of Deerfield Township except that portion hereof within the City of Highwood. The polling place of said precinct will be at the High School Building in the City of Highland Park.

PRECINCT NUMBER 2
All that portion of said District lying within the City of Highwood. The polling place of said precinct will be in the grade school in the City of Highwood.

PRECINCT NUMBER 3
All that portion of the District in Vernon Township and all that portion of said territory within West Deerfield Township except that portion thereof within the Village of Bannockburn and that portion thereof of said School District Number 106. The polling place of said precinct will be in the grade school in the Village of Deerfield.

PRECINCT NUMBER 4
All that portion of said District lying in the Village of Bannockburn and all that portion of said

H.P. Kiwanis Club To Stage 1951 Home Show September 7, 8 And 9

Deerfield Township Voters Association Endorses Referendum

At a special open meeting at the Highland Park Library last Thursday evening, the Deerfield Township Voters Association decided by an overwhelming majority to endorse a "YES" vote on the High School tax special election to be held Friday, August 31st. This referendum will permit an increase in the revenue of the high school to make it possible to meet current operating costs.

Representing the High School, so that complete information might be heard, Mr. A. E. Wolters, Principal; Mr. Irl Marshall, President of the Board; Mr. Samuel Rosenthal and Mr. Emilio Cadamagnani, Board members; and Miss Lillian Tucker, Secretary, were present.

In his talk Mr. Marshall explained that in comparing the operational expenses of schools in similar communities many varying factors had to be considered. Many feel that one important measuring stick is the cost per pupil. Even this comparison must take into consideration transportation, vocational training and domestic science departments not offered by all schools. Our services in this sort of thing are high, yet our per pupil cost is lower than other schools in this area. He also stated that it was difficult to compare the percentage of our tax dollar that was spent on educational services because it proved not that our school costs were high, but that our government costs were low.

Mr. Wolters told the meeting that we must maintain a comparable level of salaries for our teachers or risk the danger of losing them to other schools. Should the referendum fail, the high school would be forced to curtail these salaries.

Mr. Rosenthal, in his talk, explained that the increased tax limit would make it possible to meet current expenses and allow for increasing costs that may arise during the next few years. Discussing the relationship between the budget and the tax limit requested, he said that the budget now was based on 70.6 cents per \$100 assessed valuation, based on the latest known figures, and that the referendum would put a 90 cent limit on future budgets. This would allow for increased costs due to inflation and increased enrollment. In figuring the budget every precaution was taken to assure maximum economy. Competitive bids on supplies and services had been checked back to the source until the Board was satisfied that costs were minimum. All possible maintenance and repairs have been deferred into future years because the Board realizes that the building is of secondary importance to the teaching and maintenance staff. He stressed that in order to maintain the level of education of previous years the budget is an absolute minimum. Should the referendum fail at least \$70,000 would have to be trimmed from the budget. Since the budget is now a minimum, severe sacrifices jeopardizing the standing of high school would be forced.

At the conclusion of the talks there was a question period at which many enlightening views were given. A condensation of some of the discussion follows:

Q. Can the \$1,400,000 in District 108's building fund be made available should the referendum fail?

A. No. Being a building fund it can only be used for this purpose. The present need is for salaries and supplies.

Q. Is there any other reserve or source of funds available to the educational fund?

A. No. Funds can only be raised through the power to tax.

Q. Was the budget meeting open to the public?

A. Yes, and public notice was

District lying in School District Number 106. The polling place of said precinct will be in the grade school in the Village of Bannockburn.

Proceeds To Benefit Youth Program Of Highland Park

On Friday, September 7 at 7 p.m. the doors of the Highland Park Recreation Center at 1850 Green Bay road will open on the second Home Show to be sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Highland Park. The entire building will be in use for the exhibition, and the show will be presented continuously September 7, 8 and 9.

Purpose
Each year the Kiwanis club donates considerable time and revenue for the benefit of Highland Park youth. The object of this show is two-fold: To raise funds for this worthy project and to bring to the community a worth-while event.

Features
There will be many interesting features to the show. Among them are the style show to be presented Saturday afternoon. At intervals during the three days pictures will be shown in the auditorium of the Center, including one presented by the High School in connection with its Building Trades activities. The show has donated space to the High School for a worth-while exhibit of the activities of the Arts and Building Trades classes. There will be an exhibit of local art, photography and amateur paintings. The Muntz Jet, latest word in custom built autos, made in Evanston by the Muntz Car Co. will be on display. In addition to this there will be the usual attractive prizes.

Hours
The hours are as follows: Friday, September 7, open at 7 p.m. Saturday, 1:30 to 10 p.m., Sunday, 1:30 to 7:30 p.m.

A small admission fee will be charged.

Presbyterian Women To Serve As Hostesses At Service Club

The Armed Services club will hold its official opening the weekend of Sept. 15 and 16 in the Highland Park American Legion Memorial building, corner of Sheridan rd. and Park ave. Under the general chairmanship of Gen. William H. Wilbur, plans for the opening have been completed.

With members of the Woman's association of Highland Park Presbyterian church serving as hostesses during the entire weekend, the club will open its doors Saturday-night. An orchestra from the Great Lakes Naval Training center will play for dancing at 8 p.m. and refreshments will be served. Mrs. Charles Bletsch is chairman of the church group and Mrs. J. M. Maxwell heads the club's program committee, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Livingston, Mrs. Bowen Schumacher, John Dille and Mrs. Lee Ostrand. A group of Highland Park girls will be invited to the dance, as well as servicemen from Fort Sheridan, Great Lakes and Glenview Naval Air station.

An open house is planned for Sunday from 3 to 5 p.m. A small orchestra will entertain. The public is invited to attend and to inspect the center, which is a community-operated project.

Anyone who served in the USO during the last war or who is interested in helping in the Armed Services club is asked to call Mrs. David Pasquesi, Highland Park 2-0286, vice chairman of the operating committee. Persons are needed to act as hosts and hostesses and to provide entertainment for the servicemen.

On Furlough

Sgt. Enrico Fontana, a veteran of Korean warfare, is home after 27 months overseas for a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adeodata Fontana, 835 Central. He will report to El Toro, Calif., September 6.

Given. The C.N.W. R.R.'s tax agent examined the budget in advance of the Board's adoption and was satisfied.

Q. What alternative plan can raise money if the referendum should fail?

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