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3 HURT IN SLINGERLANDS CRASH

2 BCHS Boys Die As Car Rams Tree



WILLIAM HAMMOND

PETER J. LEISENFELDER



DEATH CAR WRECKAGE — Troopers Joseph Heslin, left, and Raymond L. Cure inspect the wreckage of the car in which two teen-agers were killed and three others were injured last night. The door and a seat, foreground, were wrenched from the car in the crash on Font Grove Road, Slingerlands.

The plans of eight Town of Bethlehem high school boys to spend a night in a hay loft ended in tragedy last night when two were killed and three injured in a one-car accident on Font Grove Road, Slingerlands.

The dead:

Peter J. Leisenfelder, 18, of 376 Wellington Road, Delmar, the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Leisenfelder and a senior at Bethlehem Central High School.

William Hammond, 17, of 1 Magee Road, Glenmont, an orphan, who was a junior at Bethlehem Central.

The injured, also students at Bethlehem Central, are:

Daniel Poillon, 17, of 13 Magee Road, Glenmont, who was in critical condition today at Albany Medical Center Hospital. He suffered internal and head injuries.

Robert Cleary, 16, of 5 Rackerfeller Road, Delmar, who was in serious condition with a fractured right wrist and other injuries.

John Newell, 18, of Wemple Road, Glenmont, who was in serious condition with a possible fractured back.

State Police said a car driven by Leisenfelder went off the road and smashed into a tree about 11 p.m. It was being followed by another car with three high school boys.

Planned Night In Barn

All of the youths were going to spend the night in the hay barn on the farm where the Newell boy lives. It is one of the three farms in the Three Farms Dairy.

The troopers said Leisenfelder's car was going south in Font Grove Road and "took a turn too fast" about a half-mile south of Krumkill Road. The vehicle, a 1961 compact, stayed on the right shoulder of the road for 60 feet, then tipped steeply to the right and hit the tree.

The tree ripped the metal



Cleary

Newell

top off the car and the impact threw two of the five youths out.

The car which was following sped down the road to the home of Frank Cicero, a Spanish and Latin teacher at Guilderland Central High School.

The youths honked the horn wildly and asked him to telephone for help.

'Terrible Sight'

Cicero returned to the accident scene with the youths. "The sight was terrible," he said. "The passenger from the front seat was almost in the middle of the road, and face down. The driver was thrown out on the other side."

"The other three were in back. One of them was screaming to God because he couldn't breathe. . . . We had to wait until the ambulance men arrived before we could lift the roof and get the others out."

According to the Cleary boy's sister, Mrs. Bryan Roberts of Snyders Lake, the youths had planned to help the Newell boy "redecorate a barn" at the Newell Farm in Glenmont and then spend the rest of the night there.

Left Home at 6:30

Mrs. Roberts said the Cleary boy had supper at home about 5 p.m. and left home about 6:30 p.m. Cleary's father, Richard H. Cleary, is a construction laborer who is unemployed at present.

Leisenfelder was the son of Peter J. and Madeleine Leisenfelder. Mr. Leisen-

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felders is a bottler at the F. & M. Schaefer Brewery in Albany.

Hammond, an orphan, had lived with an aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent E. Rehbit, 1 Magee Road, Glenmont, since he was 6 years old.

His father, William, died of a heart ailment at 35 and his mother, Eleanor, died of a heart ailment when she was 26. He was an only child.

Surviving are aunts and uncles: Mrs. Raymond Z. Velten, 66 N. Allen St.; Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Caimano, 89 Forrest Ave.; Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Maxwell, 279 Second Ave.; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Tomasso, 26 Davis Ave.; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Capasso, 807 Washington Ave., and Robert Hammond, 63 St. Clair Drive, Delmar.

The Poillon youth's father, Robert, is a foreman at International Harvester.

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