

# Tragic Death of Leo Faust



Mooseheart was deeply shocked when the news was received on Sunday of the tragic death of Leo Faust, a graduate of the class of 1928. Leo's death occurred in an automobile accident near Eau Claire, Wisconsin, Saturday night. He had been with us for so many years and had left our city of childhood so recently, that we still thought of him very much as one of us. His fine manly character and his interest in and devotion to many activities at Mooseheart endeared him to all, and the grief felt was shared alike by students, faculty and administration. Special sympathy was extended his two brothers, Clement and Robert, who remain as students at Mooseheart.

Leo in company with Thomas Mulligan of the class of 1927 and Nick Francisco, his classmate of 1928, had left Loyola University, where the boys were students, to drive to Duluth, Minnesota, to see our Mooseheart team play football on Saturday afternoon. Due to motor trouble, they were compelled to give up the trip at St. Paul. They began their return in the early evening and had reached Augusta, a few miles west of Eau Claire, at 10 P. M., when in making a detour from the highway over the railroad track and around a new viaduct, they found themselves, suddenly in the path of a train.

Reports received by the Superintendent from the coroner, and others, who investigated the accident, shows the boys were not at fault and gives the following facts:

The boys were driving at a reasonable rate of speed and in making a sharp turn on the detour, were suddenly confronted with the blinding lights of other cars, who had stopped at the railroad crossing and were on the tracks before they realized that there was a crossing at hand. The onrushing train struck the small car, completely demolishing it. Nick was thrown clear of the wreckage and miraculously escaped injuries of any consequence. Thomas, who was driving, received a severe cut above the right eye and other abrasions. He was removed to the Sacred Heart Hospital in Eau Claire and is recovering. Leo who had just changed places with Nick, was sitting in the rear seat. He was caught in the wreckage and met death instantly. The reports indicate that the railroad company may be held responsible for the accident.

The Eau Claire Lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose soon learned of the accident and rendered wonderful service to the boys.

Accompanied by Nick, Leo's body was shipped to the home of his sister in Negaunee, where the funeral was held on Thursday morning at 9 o'clock. Father J. J. Laffey, Leo's two brothers at Mooseheart, Clement and Robert, and Edward Mulligan, were in attendance at the funeral. Father Laffey conducted the funeral service. Beautiful floral tributes were sent from the students of Mooseheart and friends. In the Assembly on Thursday afternoon, the Superintendent led a short memorial service.

Leo entered Mooseheart January 1, 1921, from Negaunee, Michigan, with his sister Viola and brothers, Clement and Robert. Both Viola and Leo graduated in the class of 1928. Clement and Robert are still students at Mooseheart.

Leo was very active as a student at Mooseheart. He played on all the athletic teams and was Colonel of the Cadet Corps. He chose for his vocation printing and made a real contribution to the work of his vocation at Mooseheart. He was manager of the Mooseheart Weekly for three years and was editor-in-chief of the Senior Book for 1928. He entered Loyola University this September and had ambitions to become a journalist.