

# The Al Schmitz Tourney, In Memory of a Full Life

By JOHN DASH

The way his friends talk about him, Al Schmitz must have been one heck of a man.

And that's why a bunch of them are getting together for a golf tourney August 9 at Brooklea Country Club: to remember their friend and to raise a little scratch for the Al Schmitz Memorial Fund for The Leukemia Society of America.

Leukemia took Schmitz' life five years ago. That was a life lived to the full.

He graduated from Aquinas Institute in 1948. Harry Wright was at AQ then too. Schmitz played center for the Little Irish.

He also held the heavyweight Mission Bout title for two years running.

He was a line backer at Boston College, and after college he served a stint in Army Intelligence.

He married Joan Peartree and they had eight children, four girls, four boys.

He was president of the Christ the King Men's Club, worked for the Cursillo movement, belonged to the Rochester Club, the Knights of Columbus and pitched in to help with a number of civic and religious fund raisers.

Leukemia, when it first hit him in the later part of 1967, didn't stop the Al Schmitz drive. "He was a fighter right up to the end," a good friend told me recently. "He didn't lack the determination to keep on." His friend said his whole life was like that.

"Bull, in a china shop."

Leukemia finally took its toll on April 9, 1968.

"Did you ever know him?"

"No, and I'm kind of sorry I didn't."

"Yeah."

For further information on the tourney call John Canepa at 266-5225.



## Award Winner

Miss Joan Stadler, a graduate of Nazareth Academy, is a winner of the Jay B. Nash Leadership Development Memorial Scholarship. The award was recently announced by the New York State Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation. Miss Stadler is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Stadler of Argonne Street.

## Eleven States Seek Abortion Ruling Reversal

Washington, D.C. [RNS] — Since the Supreme Court decision in January liberalizing most state abortion laws, 11 state legislatures, plus the Montana House of Representatives and the West Virginia Senate have asked Congress to enact a constitutional amendment that would override the ruling.

Rep. Lawrence J. Hogan (R-Md.), a leading opponent of the controversial abortion decision, in advising his colleagues on the House floor of this development, also reported that 13 states asked Congress to adopt an amendment that would protect the unborn. The states are Maine, Minnesota, Oklahoma, Utah, West Virginia, Idaho, Louisiana, Maryland, Montana, Nebraska, New Jersey, North and South Dakota.

"Certainly," Hogan said, "for such a significant number of states to have already responded, it should clearly indicate to Congress that the people of the United States expect Congress to face up to this issue and do something about it."

## Business In The Diocese

James R. Breese, operations manager of Morris Distributing of Rochester, Inc., was elected president of the Rochester Credit Center, Inc., at a recent meeting of the board of directors.

Breese is a Monroe County legislator from the 13th District, and resides with his wife, Mary, and five children at 33 Red Lion Road, Henrietta. He is a member of Good Shepard Parish.

### NURSERY SCHOOL

Auburn — A nursery school for children three and four years old, will open in September in the Holy Family school building. Msgr. Joseph J. Sullivan, pastor, said he soon would announce details on staff and curriculum. Children may be enrolled by telephoning the rectory.



## SCHOLASTIC NOTEBOOK John Doser

Here's part of a recent sports column by Bob Dahncke in the Sandy Creek News, an Oswego County weekly newspaper.

"A current dispute which is building to a boil throughout the state deserves comment . . . In the past . . . the NYSSWA (N.Y. State Sportswriters Association) has come under direct fire from state-wide coaches' associations for the 'adverse effects' of their state-wide polls, particularly in football.

"In short, what the gentlemen of the whistle are trying to imply, and rather badly, I might add, is that some nasty coaches and teams are directly running up scores in games in order to attract the eye of the NYSSWA pollsters, thus enhancing their squad's weekly positions.

"In the words of some favorite radio philosophers, 'poppeycock' (sic) and 'balderdash.'

"Why is it the coaches, most often those who have been beaten badly by a rated team or one which is gaining recognition, always have to seek an alternate scapegoat? We all know how scores are run up . . . and for the variety of reasons they are . . . as different as the individuals and personalities involved in the contest . . . be they runner or runnee.

"One doesn't need a Masters in physics to know scores soar because of a 'hot day' on the part of certain performers; when a certain coach hates another coach's guts; because one side has everything go right while the other suffers total disaster . . . and on and on and on.

"I recall my final high school football game when by team beat an arch-rival, 72-0. We had five touchdowns called back, the first string was pulled at the end of the first quarter and the

## Religious Journalist Dies

Don Laoghaire, Ireland [RNS] — Funeral services were held at Sacred Heart Catholic church here for Thomas F. Doyle, a native of Ireland, who spent the major part of his career in religious journalism working in the United States.

"He dedicated his life to fighting injustice through the written word," said Father Patrick Connolly in a eulogy. "His devotion to the truth and his fervent devotion to God, the Catholic Church and the brotherhood of man underscored his every action."

third string tallied the final four touchdowns. We felt we had New York State's number one team in that year, 1958. Only difference, no poll. So, they had only us to blame, I guess."

**CORRECTION** — When Section 5 voted to permit Catholic and private schools to join in on a two year trial, it became the third section in the state to do so, not the eighth, according to Neil Kerr of the NYSSWA. The other sections are 3 (Syracuse) and 4 (Southern Tier).

Rochester Press Radio Club is preparing for its first annual Celebrity Golf Classic in conjunction with Kodak, Saturday, Oct. 5, at Oak Hill. Participating will be Allie Reynolds, Bob Davies and Dave Wottle, among others. Proceeds go to PR Club charities.

Bob Wanzer, former NBA coach of the Rochester and Cincinnati Royals, finds a few holes in the upcoming film "Maurie," the story of Maurice Stokes and his 12-year illness prior to his death.

Wanzer believes the film doesn't acknowledge some of Stokes' Rochester friends who helped and comforted Stokes after he collapsed during the Royals' first season in Cincy.

Omitted from the film are references to Wanzer, Royals' owners Les and (the late) Jack Harrison, and teammates Richie Regan and Dick Ricketts, all of whom volunteered time and money on Stokes' behalf.

Wanzer said the Harrisons paid Stokes' early hospital bills which must have been incredible. It was Les Harrison, Wanzer said, who took responsibility and gave permission for a tracheotomy which saved Mo's life.

Mr. Doyle died here July 10 at the age of 71, and funeral services were held July 13.

At the time of his death, Mr. Doyle was serving as a correspondent in Ireland for RNS. He had previously worked as Catholic news and foreign news editor for Religious New Service in New York for 20 years, serving from 1942 until 1952 and then from 1956 until his retirement in 1966. During the four intervening years he was on the staff of National Catholic News Service.

## IN THIS CORNER George Beahon



The timing may have been accidental, but at the same moment that 99 lady professional golfers were scraping around the Country Club of Rochester for a first prize of \$6,000 in the U.S. Open, an announcement came out of Forest Hills.

Starting with next month's play, female tennis champions would receive the same size purses as the men. In this case at Forest Hills, it meant that Billie Jean King or some other net jumper would receive \$25,000 if she wins the top prize. Up and down the line, the money would also be the same as the men's.

It was, women's libbers decided, a team victory, thanks to libber B.J. King.

Now here were the lady golfers, viewing the headlines with dismay. The Men's Open pays \$40,000 to the winner. The Men's Open purse total is \$225,000, against about \$38,000 for the gal golfers.

One of the first to register her opinion was Donna Caponi Young, whose golfing credentials include winning both the 1969 and '70 Opens.

"I didn't make an extra dime either time I won," complained Donna. "You'd think you could make a bundle like the men, but it's not so. The Open is a good tournament, but financially it's a flop. Something should be done about it."

Marlene Hagge, the sex symbol on the tour, agreed the women are underpaid. "The Open would mean a lot more if they put some bucks on the line."

Two ranking LPGA members, Cynthia Sullivan and Kathy Whitworth, president and vice-president respectively of the touring pro organization, reacted quickly to the Forest Hills item.

"More power to the tennis players," they both said. "It's progress, even if it's tennis, not golf. We are making great forward motion ourselves. Just look at the record."

Marilynn Louise Smith is fifth on the all time money winning list, a vivacious, blond, blue-eyed 43-year-old charmer who has reason to love the tour. Like winning \$29,910 last year.

A three-time past president of the LPGA, Miss Smith is a one-woman public relations gang for her group.

"The galleries are up for women's golf. Two years ago our total purses were only \$750,000. This year we will share in \$1,500,000 prize money. We've got 20 of our players doing TV commercials for Colgate. I've been around the world doing exhibitions and clinics.

"And I've become the first girl to work on network TV in something other than gymnastics or ice skating."

In addition to that, she pointed out, more and more girls are being hired by men pros as teaching pros. "When you consider there are only about 100 of us on the tour, I don't think the difference in purse structures is all that bad," said Marilynn.

"We don't have any libbers in our group. No Billie Jean Kings. On our tour, and in our rookie schools, we try to emphasize one thing: ladies first; golfers second.

"In the past, we've had the stigma of being amazons. We're striving to change that image. We teach our new girls to dress with some flair. We emphasize better relations with press and galleries. We push for improving relations with the amateurs in the pro-am tournaments, some of the things men have been criticized for. I know some men pros who play a pro-am round without speaking a word to the amateur host, who's really the one who pays the freight.

At the Open at the CCR, the host club went all out to make the women pros feel more relaxed. All out. The girls were given the men's locker room for dressing quarters throughout the week of practice and competition. A thoughtful tournament consultant contacted a florist and ordered a rack of potted geranium plants. They were used to plug the urinals.

## Crossword Answer

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## Shrine Rites

The Fatima Shrine at Lewiston will be the site of solemn services for the Feast of the Coronation, Sunday August 12. A highlight of the services will be the coronation of the statue atop the shrine's dome.