

Boy's Injury Ends In Suit

Trucksville Parents Ask Heavy Damages

Damages of \$40,000 are sought by Roy and Margaret E. Bratlee, 166 Meadowcrest, Trucksville, for injuries suffered by their child, R. Kent Bratlee, 3, who placed his right hand between the fanbelt and the generator of a farm tractor that was left with the ignition key on during a landscaping project.

A suit in trespass for the amount was instituted at the court house yesterday against Harry Edwards, individually and trading as the Huntsville Nursery, Dallas R. D. 2.

The complaint, filed by Attorneys Thomas C. Moore and John R. Verbalis, alleges the accident occurred on or about August 19, 1952, while defendant was engaged in landscaping of a new housing project known as "Meadowcrest" at Trucksville. The Bratlee child was playing with other children, according to the complaint, about 10 in the morning when the tractor was left unguarded by an employee. It is alleged the child had to have traumatic amputations of the right index and right middle fingers and suffered severe lacerations to the right thumb, right ring finger and numerous lacerations of the back of the right hand and arm.

Plaintiffs allege the injuries are permanent and that the child's parents planned that he become a surgeon. As a result of the injuries, it is alleged, the boy has permanently lost the use of his right hand and the fingers "which have diminished and/or destroyed his earning power for the balance of his life." Medical, nursing and hospital expenditures are shown at \$247. Damages of \$25,000 are asked for the boy's injuries and an additional \$15,000 is asked by the parents in their own right.

Annual Luncheon For Auxiliary

Shavertown Branch Plans May 1 Affair

Shavertown Branch Nesbitt Auxiliary will hold its annual spring luncheon at Irem Country Club May 1, 12:30. Committee on arrangements is headed by Mrs. LeRoy Troxel and Mrs. C. G. Perkins, with Mrs. Theodore Baker and Mrs. William Bond.

Reservations must be made or cancelled by April 30 at noon.

Mrs. Lowther Brown, Mrs. Alta Travis, Mrs. Harold Schappelle and Mrs. Frank Garris serve on reception committee.

Mrs. C. H. Hemenway, Mrs. Raymond Greenwood and Mrs. George Keller comprise the nominating committee. Officers will be elected and installed by Mrs. David Joseph May 1.

Mrs. Marshall Nuntist will give a short piano recital.

Over 100 reservations have already been made from a membership of 132.

Shavertown Branch was founded twenty-six years ago. Third Tuesdays are dedicated to sewing at the Library Annex, with 100 items for the hospital turned out at each session. Regular meetings take place on first Fridays at 2 P.M.

Mrs. William Bond is completing her second year as president.

Farmers Warned On Multiflora Rose

Multiflora rose should be given a red light by farmers and other landowners, say professors of wildlife management at the Pennsylvania State College. In recent years in many sections of the country, multiflora rose has been publicized as a wonder plant for conservation and wildlife plantings. Now many farmers report that this rose has become a serious pest, particularly on pasture land. They also say that it is very difficult to eradicate the rose once it is established.

According to the wildlife research workers, when multiflora rose plantings become about 20 years old, they spread rapidly and are increasingly difficult to destroy. Many native Pennsylvania plants furnish far better food and cover for wild animals in this State than multiflora rose, the experts emphasize.

Mrs. Frances Ada Space Buried At Orcutt

Mrs. Frances Ada Space, 56, died in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital early Monday morning. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon from the home in Noxen, by Rev. Henry C. Kraft, with burial in Orcutt Cemetery.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, Frances Ada Hunt moved to Beaumont at an early age. Her father, George Hunt, was State Game Protector for the vicinity.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, Robert, Johnson City, and George, Philadelphia; three grandchildren; a brother James, California; an aunt, Mrs. Ada Evans, Shavertown.

Arrangements were by Paul Nulton.

Stella Harowicz Will Marry Henry Gusgekofski Tomorrow

Saturday morning at 9 o'clock, Stella Harowicz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Harowicz of Scott Street, Wilkes-Barre, will become the bride of Henry Gusgekofski, son of Mrs. Mary Gusgekofski of Main Highway, Hillside. Rev. Frank Zolcinski will perform the double ring ceremony in St. Stanislaus Church, North Main Street, Wilkes-Barre.

Frances Gusgekofski, sister of the bridegroom will be maid of honor and Mrs. Mary McCormick, New Jersey, sister of the bride, matron of honor. Bridesmaids will be Mary Kotch of Wilkes-Barre and Clara Border of Ashley.

Donald McKee of New Jersey will act as best man and Albert McCormick, brother-in-law of the bride of New Jersey, Carl Wychoch, Wilkes-Barre, and Tony Mislak, Kingston, ushers.

The bride given in marriage by her father will wear white nylon over satin floor length gown fashioned with high neckline, tight bodice, long tight sleeves tapered at the wrist and full skirt on train.

Her finger tip veil of French illusion will fall from a coronet of seed pearls and she will carry a prayer book marked with white orchids.

Miss Gusgekofski will wear light blue nylon over taffeta gown made with tight bodice, full skirt and stole. She will wear spring flowers in her hair and carry a matching nosegay.

Mrs. McCormick, Miss Kotch and Miss Border have selected gowns similarly styled in yellow and nosegays of mixed spring flowers.

Following the ceremony, a reception will be held at the Bilski Hall, North Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre.

Miss Harowicz is a graduate of Coughlin High School and has been employed by the Faith Shoe Factory in Wilkes-Barre. Mr. Gusgekofski was graduated from Kingston High School and is employed by the Lincoln-Mercury Corporation at Metuchen, N. J.

The couple will reside in New Jersey.

Workers Raise Fourth Of Goal

"Pop" Neal Pleased With YMCA Campaign

Twenty-five per cent of the total goal was reported at the first report meeting of the Back Mountain Branch Town and Country YMCA on Monday evening, R. E. "Pop" Neal congratulated the workers on their splendid performance and urged them to "hit the ball" and close the Drive ahead of schedule.

John Churry and O. K. Lamb, who head the Yankee Team, took top honors in production for the first report. The White Sox were in second position and the Cardinals in third. Door prizes were won by Charles Flack, John Churry and Rev. Robert Yost. "Pop" Neal, general chairman of the "Y" Drive presided at the meeting and the Snack Bar which followed.

The next report will be made on Monday night at 8 at Shavertown "Y" Headquarters Building. Many surprises are in store for the workers.

Lehman Cemetery

Residents of Lehman and surrounding territory who have personal interest in Lehman Center Cemetery are invited by Russell Ide, secretary, to attend a meeting at Lehman Methodist Church Tuesday evening at eight, with establishment of perpetual care the goal.

Local Boys En Route

Local boys who left Camp Meade for unknown assignment this week include Jerry Machell, Dallas; Lowell Roberts, Dallas; and Kenneth Martin, Kunkle. The boys started for Camp Meade April 22.

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Book Club Selections For April In Library

Twenty-eight books were received for Book Club shelves during April, volumes were selected by Back Mountain Memorial Library Book Club Selection committee. Subject matter ranges from biography and period pieces to mysteries and light novels, with a heartening volume the religious side. "A Faith for Tough Times," by Harry Emerson Fosdick.

Readers who enjoyed "Drums Along the Mohawk" by Walter D. Edmonds will be glad to know that his new book, "The Boyds of Black River" is now available. It is a family chronicle.

Non-fiction includes "Thunder Hill," by Elizabeth Nichols, a delightfully illustrated book about goats; "Alicia Markova," by Anton Dain, a biography of a ballerina; and "Flamingo Hunt," by P. A. Zohl, about the alarming decrease of flamingoes in Florida.

Geographically speaking, from Alaska to the South Seas, there is a true story of a woman alone during an Alaskan winter, with complications of broken bones and pregnancy; "A Rugged Land of Gold," by Martha Martin; "The Silent Reefs," by Dorothy Cottrell; "The Silent World," an account of the ocean floor by Captain J. Y. Costeau; "US 40," by George R. Stewart, highway from Atlantic City to San Francisco, by the author of "Storm," excellent and unusual reading.

Period pieces are "Buffalo Wallow," by Charles Jackson, account of a prairie boyhood in Nebraska; "The Golden Season," Oriana Atkinson, a picture of backwoods life in the Catskills 150 years ago.

For Whodunit fans: "Funerals Are Fatal," Agatha Christie; "Guilt Edged," Lee Thayer; "Akin to Murder," Kathleen Moore Knight; "Washington Whispers Murder," Leslie Ford, serialized in Saturday Evening Post.

"The Plantation," by Ovid Williams Pierce, shows fine relationship between black men and white. "The Green Man," by Storm Jameson, is a story of twins in contrast. "The Big Heat," by William McGovern is a rough and tough story of the police force and the underworld, serialized in the Saturday Evening Post.

Daphne DuMaurier has a collection of stories, "Kiss Me Again."

"The Colditz Story" is a factual account of escape from an enemy prison during World War II, by P. R. Reid.

"The Swan," by Margaret Stern, depicts English life in the 19th century, by the author of "The Sun is my Undoing." "Stephanie" is an Odyssey of a hospital room. "Happy Rural Seat" is a first novel by George Lanning. "Mary Lincoln" is a biography of a president's wife by P. R. Lincoln.

Light reading includes "Nurse Lady," by A. Humphries, and "The Quest," by Elsie Mack. "The Intruder" is a story of Australia by Helen Fowler.

INDIGO BUNTING



When an Indigo Bunting alights in a fruit tree and nibbles at a few blossoms, it's easy to forgive him, because he is so helpful in destroying insects. A fragrant bud tempts him now and then, but ordinarily he'd rather be eating cankerworms, beetles, grasshoppers, and other pests.

That is why people in the eastern half of the United States are glad to see Indigo Buntings arrive each spring. The small birds are welcome visitors all the way from North Dakota to Maine and south to Texas and Florida. Throughout this area, says the National Wildlife Federation, Indigo Buntings make their summer homes in bushy fields, along hedges, and among small trees.

It is hard to see the female in these surroundings, because she is plain brown all over. And the male seems to be playing the trick of changing colors. In the right light, he is a rich, deep blue, but in a shadow he may appear to be anything from dull gray to coal black.

There is seldom any doubt about who he is, though, because he is almost constantly singing a lively, cheerful song. It is pleasant on a hot summer day to hear him saying, "Sweet-sweet, chew-chew, swit-swit, sweet-sweet, sway-sway, sway-sway."

The Indigo Bunting does his singing from a high perch but he and his mate place their nest in a low bush or sapling, about four feet from the ground. For building materials they use twigs, coarse grass, leaves, hair, and feathers.

After their new home is finished, the female lays three or four small eggs. They are pale blue or greenish white, and they hatch in twelve days. After the first brood is big enough to get out of the nest, the parents raise a second family later in the season.

By the time that the second brood is fully on its own, fall is near, and the Indigo Buntings leave for their winter homes. While it is cold in the United States, they are enjoying warm weather in Mexico, Central America, and Cuba.

Response to "Friends of the Library" appeal shows fifty names of people who have never contributed before, out of 117 who have sent checks. Up to date, \$320 has been received, with every mail bringing a few more returns. Over 800 cards were mailed. Several residents have sent checks in excess of the dollar requested, one for \$25, several for lesser amounts.

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