

Youth Seeks \$100,000 in Injuries Suit

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Oneonta—An Otsego County youth is seeking \$100,000 for injuries allegedly received in a crash, which cost him the sight in an eye, left him disabled, and prevents his return to school.

He is Wallace T. Allen, 15, of Morris, whose negligence action against Michael Tkaczow, Sr., of Garrattsville is being pressed by his widowed mother.

The case is among 61 civil actions calendared for the March term of Supreme Court, opening at 10 a. m. tomorrow at Otsego County Courthouse in Cooperstown.

Defendant is the father of Michael Tkaczow, Jr., 17, driver of a 1952 sedan which left Route 51 and rammèd a tree near Gilbertsville last Sept. 17.

The Tkaczow boy was killed while homeward bound with two companions from a football practice at Morris Central School.

Injured in the crash, which happened about 6:30 p. m., were young Allen and Dennis Bourgeois, 16, of Mount Vision.

The Tkaczow car reportedly left the highway, skidded 450 feet, and bounded off a stone-wall before wrapping itself around a tree.

Chester J. Winslow, Jr. of Hartwick, counsel for the plaintiff, said yesterday the Allen boy lost sight in his right eye and may be permanently disabled.

"The boy was unconscious for two weeks after the accident and it is problematical as to when he may return to school," the attorney added.

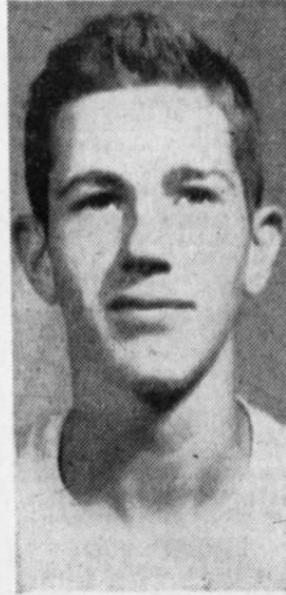
He was taken to Fox Memorial Hospital in Oneonta with a compound comminuted fracture of the skull, laceration of the brain, concussion, and laceration of the right forehead.

During his stay in the hospital, the boy underwent brain surgery for removal of a fragment of bone from his fractured skull, according to Mr. Winslow.

Complaint in the case contends that young Tkaczow was driving at "an excessive, unlawful and dangerous rate of speed," and failed to have the car under "proper control"

before it left the highway and rammèd the tree.

Wallace, who will be 16 Tuesday—St. Patrick's Day—is the son of Mrs. Doris L.



WALLACE T. ALLEN
... Before Crash

Allen of Morris.

Counsel for the defendant is Van Horne & Feury of Cooperstown.

In another case on the calendar, an area woman is suing Briggs Lumber Co., Inc., of Oneonta for \$150,000.

Mrs. Carmen Dubac of Jefferson is asking the amount for injuries assertedly suffered in a fall down a flight of stairs at the Briggs establishment in Oneonta on Oct. 10, 1957.

She is represented by Hector B. Giacobbe of Worcester, while Levene, Gouldin & Thompson of Binghamton are appearing for the building firm.

Supreme Court Justice Joseph P. Molinari of Oneonta will preside during the term, which includes 30 new actions and 31 put over from previous calendars.

An Otsego County grand jury also will convene at the Courthouse in Cooperstown at 10 a. m. tomorrow.

Included among its deliberations will be cases involving more than 14 defendants, according to Otsego County District Attorney Quentin E. Grant of Oneonta.

1959 Tkaczow accident.



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